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The **National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC)** is a consortium of independent Arab American community-based organizations. Established in 2004 as a project of ACCESS, NNAAC currently has 27 members in 11 different states.

NNAAC's mission is to build the capacity of Arab American nonprofit organizations that focus on the needs and issues impacting their local community, while collectively addressing those issues nationally. To support its mission, NNAAC has three main programs:

- **Capacity Building:** A key element of NNAAC's mission is supporting the growth and sustainability of its member organizations. The Capacity Building program helps members through one-on-one technical assistance, identifying local and online trainings, annual capacity building grants and a scholarship fund to attend relevant trainings.

The program also organizes a national conference or training institute annually that offers training, workshops, plenaries, peer-to-peer learning and networking.

- **Advocacy and Civic Engagement:** As service providers and grassroots organizations rooted in their communities, NNAAC member organizations are uniquely positioned to tackle the complex, multi-faceted issues facing the Arab American community. Therefore, NNAAC's Advocacy and Civic Engagement (ACE) program works to address those concerns, increase the civic participation of Arab Americans and increase member organizations' capacity to engage in advocacy and civic engagement initiatives in their local communities.

NNAAC's ACE program focuses on the following areas: immigrant rights, civil liberties and racial profiling, access to human services and the Campaign to TAKE ON HATE.

- **Youth and Community Service:** NNAAC and its members are dedicated to supporting the next generation of leaders and providing meaningful ways for the Arab American community to engage in community service.

The NNAAC *Transformative Leaders Fellowship* program is a nine-month development training program designed for Arab American undergraduate or graduate level college students, or recent graduates, who are placed in member organizations across the country. Developing the next generation of leaders is vital to human service, advocacy, and arts organizations. Not only do these organizations need additional capacity to meet the growing needs of the community, but they need a cohort of young, passionate leaders who understand the issues within the community and the unique role their agencies play in addressing those issues.

Founded on the belief that community service provides a powerful opportunity for diverse individuals to come together for the common good of their communities, the *National Arab American Service Day* connects Arab Americans with their friends and neighbors for a day of giving back. Under its motto, "Serving Communities, Connecting People", Service Day brings together Arab Americans and other communities in 11 states, including 14 major cities, for a day of volunteerism and community building.