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2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**From the Neighborhood to the Nation
A YEAR OF RESILIENCE**

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Leadership Message

MEETING THE MOMENT AS WE REMAIN FOCUSED ON OUR MISSION

This past year has been one of profound pain and heartbreak as we’ve borne witness to challenges at home in the US and the violence and displacement that has gripped the Arab world.

Despite the challenges, ACCESS has remained dedicated to serving our communities in Michigan and across the nation, delivering millions of services through more than 120 programs to empower communities to improve their health and their economic, social, and cultural well-being.

Significant progress continues to be made on the ACCESS Recovery Center, which will provide community-focused treatment, recovery, prevention, education, and hope for those facing substance use disorders in Southeast Michigan.

Through the Arab American National Museum (AANM) — the only cultural institution dedicated to preserving Arab American history and contributions — we provided a national platform to educate and challenge the erasure of symbols of Arab heritage and identity.

The Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP) galvanized strategic giving across the nation enabling grants for critical causes, ranging from arts and culture to human services and disaster relief.

The Center for Arab Narratives (CAN) advanced research that empowers advocacy and informs policymakers about Arab American and Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) communities. We also achieved a major milestone through the hard work and leadership of the National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC) - MENA communities will be recognized as their own category in government race and ethnicity data.

Despite all the challenges, we remain steadfast in advancing our mission to build Arab American strength and drive meaningful, lasting change toward a truly just and equitable society with the full participation of our community.



Maha Freij
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SERVING
HOLISTIC NEEDS

From Vision to Reality

ACCESS Recovery Center Update



If you would like more information, or to donate to the ACCESS Recovery Center, please contact:

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Major site work has been completed and the foundation prep is underway.

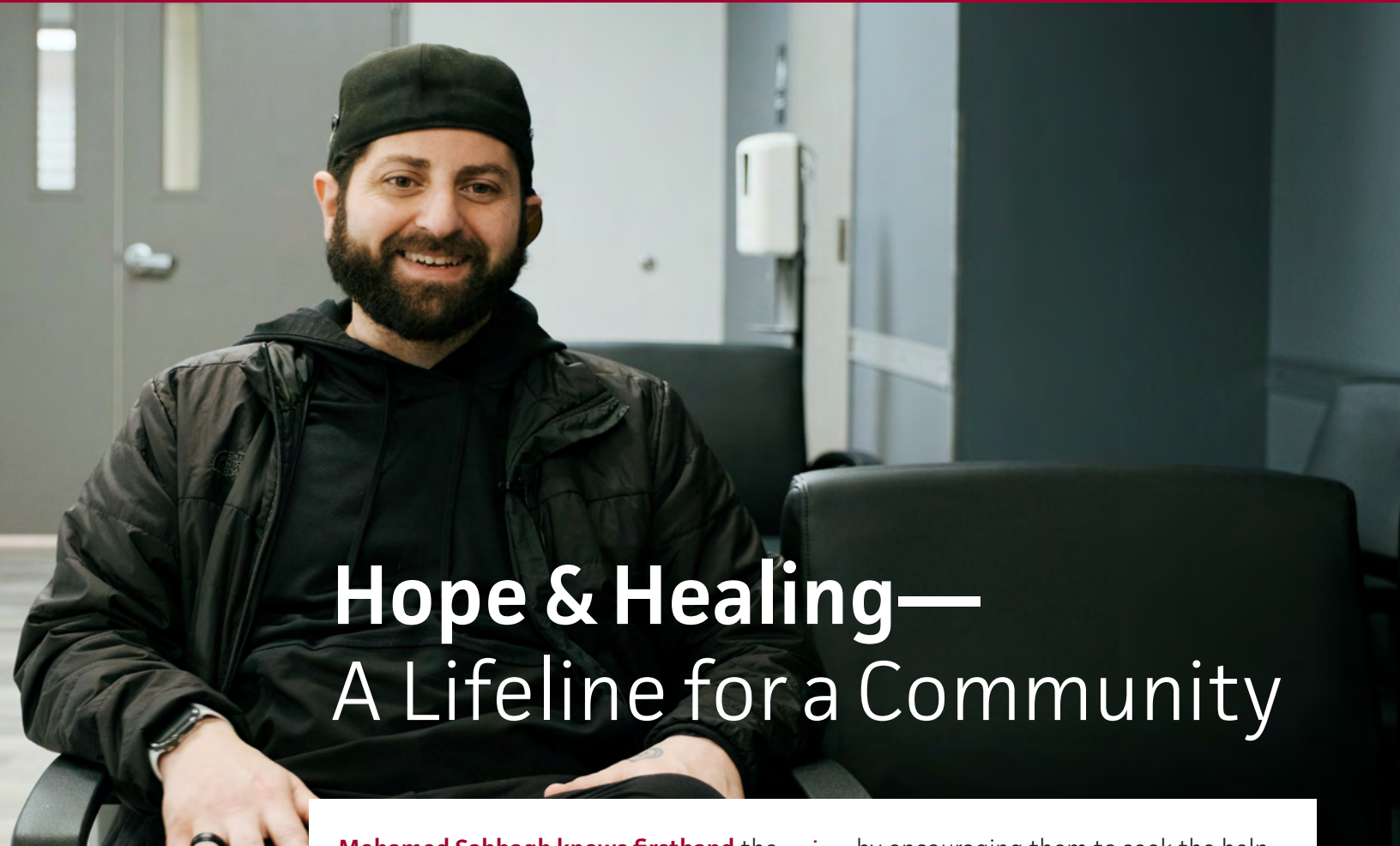
Every day, countless individuals and families in Southeast Michigan face the challenges of substance use disorder. In response to this pressing need, ACCESS has envisioned and launched the ACCESS Recovery Center—a state-of-the-art facility designed to provide culturally and linguistically inclusive care tailored to the needs of the community.

ACCESS is very excited to share that the existing building on the location has been demolished, and major site work — including soil removal, utility installation, and drainage — has been completed, with foundation prep underway.

This groundbreaking facility is set to offer a comprehensive array of services, including a crisis stabilization unit, detoxification, and short-term residential care, as well as wraparound support services to address critical needs like housing, education, employment, legal aid, and transportation. By removing barriers to care and breaking down stigma, the Center will provide a pathway to recovery and resilience for individuals and families impacted by substance use disorder.

This project represents a significant milestone in our ongoing mission to foster healthier, more resilient communities. Together, we are creating a brighter future—one that prioritizes dignity, equity, and access to quality care for all.





Hope & Healing— A Lifeline for a Community

Mohamed Sabbagh knows firsthand the challenges of overcoming a substance use disorder. As a client of the ACCESS Substance Use Recovery Program, Mohamed's journey is one of resilience, determination, and transformation. He came to ACCESS searching for the right

"It's going to save our kids, and we're potentially going to save a lot of lives."

~ Mohamed Sabbagh

place to help him through the recovery process and, after completing the program, he feels he is "living his best life."

After his time in treatment, Mohamed became a strong advocate for others struggling with substance use disorder

by encouraging them to seek the help they need, regardless of their financial situation or lack of family support. "It's a life-changing experience," he says. "If you're struggling, don't be deterred by anything."

Mohamed is particularly passionate about the construction of the ACCESS Recovery Center, which he sees as a crucial resource for the local community. "Having one right here at our doorstep is going to save our community."

His support for the center stems from our shared belief that accessible, culturally sensitive recovery services are essential in helping those who need them most.

Saving Lives and Enhancing Care

OVER 1,800 SUCCESSFUL OVERDOSE REVERSALS

In 2024, the ACCESS Harm Reduction Program

made significant strides in improving community health and safety. The team distributed over five hundred thousand sterile syringes to individuals at risk of injection drug use, reducing the spread of HIV, hepatitis C, and soft tissue bacterial infections such as cellulitis, as well as other viral infections like hepatitis B and bloodborne pathogens.

The program also made a life-saving impact by distributing thousands of Narcan (intranasal Naloxone) kits, which were directly linked to 1,844 successful overdose reversals, helping prevent fatalities and support individuals in crisis.

To reduce the risk of toxic drug poisoning, the Harm Reduction team distributed thousands of Fentanyl detecting kits. These kits allow users to test for Fentanyl, significantly decreasing the likelihood of accidental overdose.

515,874

sterile
syringes
distributed

44,390

used syringes
collected
and safely
discarded

12,222

Narcan kits
distributed

1,844

overdoses
successfully
reversed

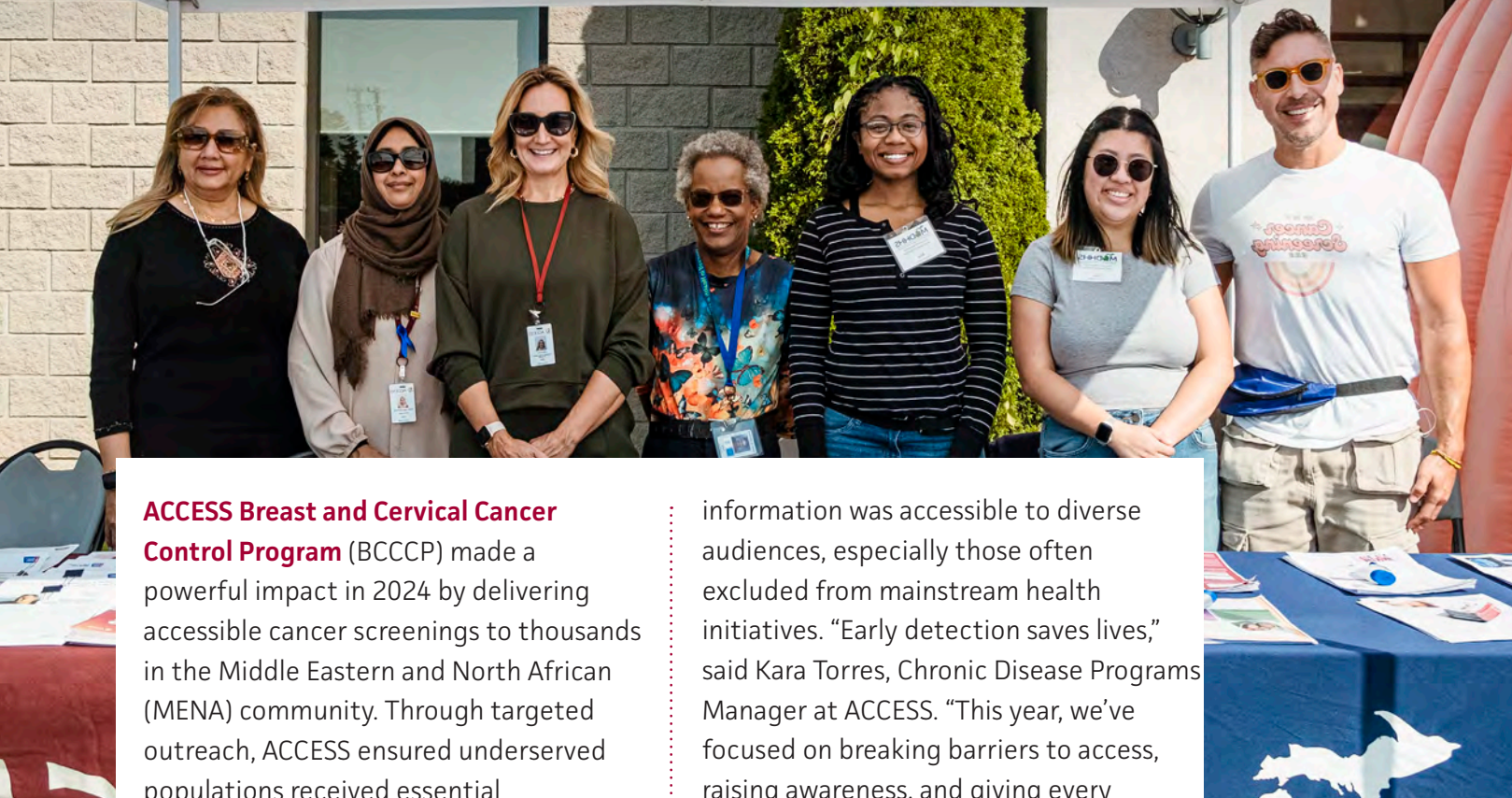
11,061

Fentanyl
detecting kits
distributed

351

intravenous
substance users
actively enrolled
in treatment

Reaching the Community with Life-Saving Early Detection Information



ACCESS Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) made a powerful impact in 2024 by delivering accessible cancer screenings to thousands in the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) community. Through targeted outreach, ACCESS ensured underserved populations received essential early detection services, including mammograms and Pap tests.

Educational campaigns reached over 2,000 individuals via workshops, health fairs, and informational sessions that emphasized early detection, risk reduction, and navigating screening services. Materials in multiple languages ensured that critical

information was accessible to diverse audiences, especially those often excluded from mainstream health initiatives. “Early detection saves lives,” said Kara Torres, Chronic Disease Programs Manager at ACCESS. “This year, we’ve focused on breaking barriers to access, raising awareness, and giving every community the tools they need for prevention and care.”

ACCESS remains committed to reducing cancer disparities and advancing health equity where it’s needed most.

“Early detection saves lives.”
~ Kara Torres, Chronic Disease Programs Manager

Ensuring Thousands Receive the Healthcare Coverage They Need

ACCESS Health Navigation programs played a vital role in assisting new immigrants and underserved individuals, ensuring they had access to the right healthcare coverage.

ACCESS set – and achieved – a bold goal to enroll 5,000 individuals in Medicaid and 2,500 in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) plans, also known as Obamacare. To successfully reach these targets, ACCESS employed a multi-faceted outreach strategy, including bilingual messaging in both print and social media, along with dedicated representatives conducting outreach across Wayne and Oakland Counties. These efforts helped connect clients—both new and returning—with the healthcare coverage they needed.

A New York Times article highlighting the ACCESS work reported that over 20 million people signed up during this record-breaking ACA enrollment period, showcasing the success of these

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The New York Times

More Than 20 Million People Have Signed Up for Obamacare Plans, Blowing by Record

Rawha Abouarabi, who oversees a federally funded navigator team in Michigan at the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, said many of those signing up were like Ms. Hickman, with incomes just above the limit for Medicaid but without the option to sign up for employer-sponsored insurance.

Ms. Abouarabi said her group had enrolled more than 600 new people in plans since November, while about the same number had re-enrolled in the marketplace. A vast majority of those already enrolled in marketplace plans through her organization had returned this winter to re-enroll. That was a sign of the attractiveness of plans, she said.

nationwide efforts, with ACCESS making a significant contribution in the Southeast Michigan area in expanding healthcare equity.



Ready, Set, Succeed! Unlocking Potential for our Youth

ACCESS youth programs are transforming the lives of thousands of young people in Metro Detroit by empowering them to realize their full potential. Through initiatives like the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, nearly 2,000 students across 25 schools gain critical academic support and creative outlets, equipping them with skills to excel both inside and outside the classroom. Our soccer and

recreation programs engage over 2,000 children across 31 schools, fostering teamwork, discipline, and self-confidence while promoting healthy lifestyles and a sense of belonging.

Together, these programs create a brighter future, enabling youth to thrive in every aspect of their lives.

*“Almost 4,000 children
children are receiving
support for a lifetime
of achievement.”*

*~ Anisa Sahoubah
Director of ACCESS
Youth & Education*



Coming Full Circle: From Learner to Leader

Facing academic and social challenges in communication, Moznah Mozayad set ambitious goals through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers and never wavered in her determination. Since English is not Moznah’s first language, language arts classes presented a particular challenge for her in school.

With guidance from dedicated staff in the program, Moznah found her voice. “My language skills improved, and so did my confidence. I began expressing myself more clearly, connecting with others, and tackling challenges I once avoided,” she shared. This growth wasn’t just about mastering a language; it was about unlocking her potential.

Moznah had such a positive experience with the program that she was inspired to give back to it. In 2021, she joined ACCESS as an instructor. Her story reflects the broader impact of the program, which served 1,868 students this fiscal year, fostering empathy, growth, and community. Moznah’s dedication continues to drive the program’s mission: Building a future where education and compassion thrive, even amid the hardships the community has endured.



*“Having been a student myself, I deeply understood the value
of the program. I wanted to inspire and support others, just as
ACCESS had done for me.”*

~ Moznah Mozayad

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ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



Fueling Dreams, Building Prosperity: Empowering Michigan's Entrepreneurs



ACCESS is helping transform Michigan's economic landscape by empowering entrepreneurs and fostering a thriving business ecosystem. Through personalized coaching, financial support, and innovative programs, ACCESS equips small business owners with the tools to

turn their visions into reality, fueling growth and resilience in underserved communities.

In 2024, ACCESS launched the Capital Ready Program, providing entrepreneurs with expert financial training and loan packaging assistance to secure funding. Other programs like Ignite and Resilient Entrepreneur have further strengthened the business community, helping participants sharpen their skills. These efforts, combined with impactful micro-loans and tailored coaching, are driving job creation, economic growth, and lasting community impact.

ACCESS has supported over 900 entrepreneurs across Michigan, offering culturally relevant workshops, networking and one-on-one coaching that break down barriers and create lasting change.

Vision to Venture: Bringing Business Ideas to Life



"Entrepreneurship hasn't been seamless or easy for me... Every step felt like a risk. But at ACCESS, I found guidance, support, and a foundation when I felt I couldn't stand."
~ Kelli Williams

In a community of driven entrepreneurs, Kelli Williams stands out for her resilience. Facing major hurdles as she pursued her dream of owning a business, she found a transformative partner in ACCESS.

In Spring 2023, Kelli joined the Resilient Entrepreneur Program in the ACCESS Business Development department, determined to rebuild her vision for "ActuallyClean"—a brand dedicated to healthier, cleaner spaces for families and businesses. Embracing the resources ACCESS provided, she honed her business skills, built key partnerships, and actively participated in business development events to strengthen her team and business.

Her hard work paid off at the inaugural "LEADHERSHIP" Summit in 2024, where she participated in the pitch competition and won second place, earning funding to propel her venture forward. This win wasn't just a personal triumph; it showcased the collaborative support ACCESS fosters for entrepreneurs like Kelli.

Her journey highlights the role ACCESS has in cultivating an entrepreneurial ecosystem powered by partnerships with organizations like the Great Lakes Women's Business Council, the Detroit Regional LGBT Chamber of Commerce, Dearborn APEX, and TechTown Detroit. Through these connections, Kelli has transformed resilience into success.

Pathways to Prosperity: Workforce Development and Refugee Support

ACCESS Workforce Development and Refugee

Assistance programs are key providers of the WayneLINC Program, helping some of the most underserved individuals secure meaningful employment.

Through this initiative, ACCESS has supported 167 individuals in completing their career plans, setting them on a path to sustainable employment. For 2025, there are already 120 clients scheduled to begin training, primarily in healthcare and logistics.

During Refugee Assistance Days, ACCESS provided vital services to families. In January, 44 families received support, including 36 new IDs, utility assistance, and help opening bank accounts. By March, 51 families had been served, receiving 39 electronic devices and free immigration consultations. Throughout the year, ACCESS continues to offer additional resources, including water and utility shut-off prevention and assistance, legal support, and more.

Through these efforts, ACCESS has helped 256 refugee households secure the resources they need to build a better future.

WayneLINC Program:

356
applicants

170
referred to training

167
completed career
plans

Refugee Assistance:

256
households helped

44
families supported

51
families received
free immigration
consultancy

Breaking Barriers to Success

*“Each challenge taught me something.
I want others to see that progress is
possible with the right support.”*

~ Mohammad Salim Muradi

Mohammad Salim Muradi’s journey

shows the profound difference support can make in someone’s life. When he arrived in the U.S., he faced significant hurdles—language barriers, limited transportation, and difficulty finding work. His introduction to the ACCESS Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope. (PATH) Program marked a turning point.

Through PATH, Mohammad received critical support with housing, employment, and language classes, which gave him the tools to build a new life.

“ACCESS helped me navigate a system that felt impossible,” Mohammad shares. “Their support was the push I needed to move forward.”

With newfound skills and confidence, Mohammad secured a role in Information Technology and now supports his family while building a meaningful career. He also mentors other immigrants, sharing his experiences and encouraging them to embrace opportunities for growth.

Mohammad’s story demonstrates how targeted resources and determination can create lasting change. His success is a reminder of what’s achievable when we invest in people and their potential.





**BUILDING
COMMUNITY**
ACROSS THE NATION



Galvanizing Strategic Giving to Meet the Moment



Entering its 15th year, the nation's only Arab American community foundation, the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP), a national institution of ACCESS, continues to serve as a vessel for Arab Americans who want to give back to their communities.

In fiscal year 2023-2024, the CAAP community and supporters granted a total of \$2,385,910 to critical causes, ranging from arts and culture to human services and local and global disaster relief, among others.



STRENGTHENING ARAB AMERICAN IMPACT

The CAAP Community Impact Fund and the National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC) collaborated to grant \$110,000 to Arab American arts and culture, human services, and civic engagement organizations across the country.

ENCOURAGING TODAY'S STUDENTS AND TOMORROW'S LEADERS

CAAP houses 16 scholarship funds dedicated to providing students with the resources they need to achieve their academic and professional ambitions. This year, these funds granted a total of \$449,437 to more than 100 students of various degrees and disciplines across the country.

Honoring Resilience and Generosity of Beloved Community Leaders



This year, Houston welcomed the CAAP 6th Annual Threads of Giving Gala, where Michael and Hoda Kardoush were awarded with the Outstanding Arab American Philanthropists of the Year Award. Michael, who is a survivor of Nakba ("catastrophe" in Arabic refers to the forced mass displacement and dispossession of Palestinian from their homeland in 1948) and his wife, Hoda, demonstrate exactly what it means to prevail through challenges and channel that spirit into building a world rooted in equity.

Among their most significant contributions is establishing and endowing the Paul Kardoush Memorial Endowed Lecture Series at the University of Houston's Arab-American Educational Foundation Center for Arab Studies in memory of their son, Paul. The series brings renowned academic, cultural, and



literary figures from the Arab world to facilitate dialogue on critical issues. Michael and Hoda also played a key role in fundraising efforts to establish the Arab American Cultural and Community Center (ACC) in Houston. Their philanthropy is vast, including their work promoting Arab culture through the National Arab Orchestra, providing resources to Palestinian students through the Leonard Education Organization, and advancing life-saving research with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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funds

\$2.4 Million
granted

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funds

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in
scholarships



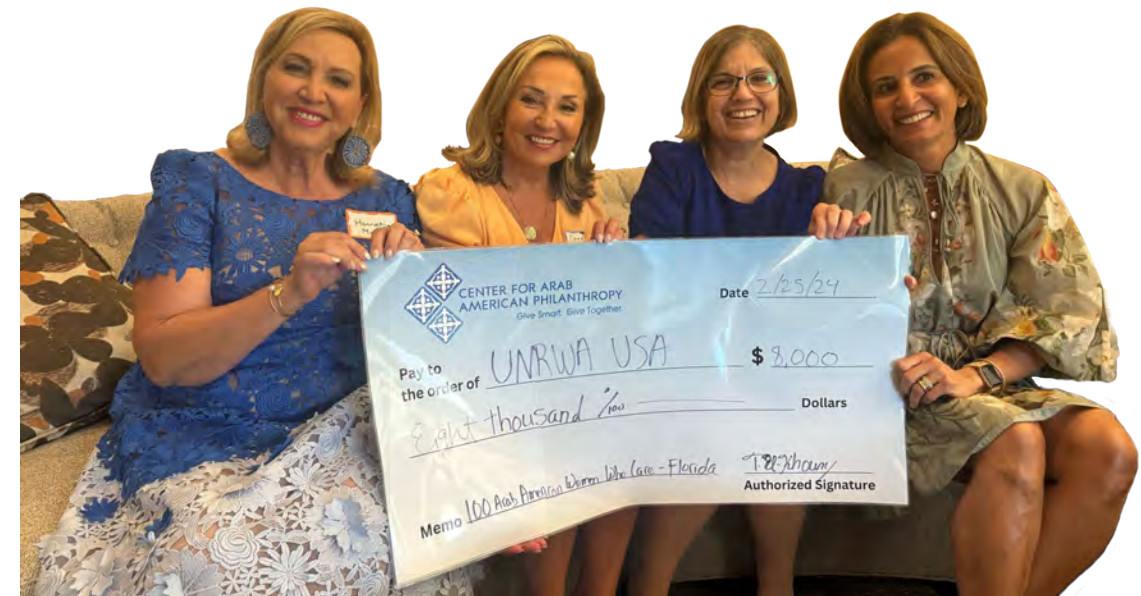
A Light of Relief

As communities around the globe, particularly in the Arab world, face heartbreaking violence, the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP) community stepped up to be a source of support by providing life-saving resources. Thanks to the generous contributions of donors, fundholders, and supporters, combined with CAAP's matching funds, a total of \$536,584 was granted to the United Palestinian Appeal and UNRWA USA in support of humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza. Showcasing the impact of collective giving around the country CAAP's in September 2024, CAAP launched a campaign to support Amel Association International's lifesaving work helping families in Lebanon.

100 Arab American Women Who Care



Showcasing the impact of collective giving around the country CAAP's signature 100 Arab American Women Who Care event brings together Arab American women from diverse communities to pool their resources and collectively support important causes. This year, CAAP hosted three of these giving circles in Michigan, Texas, and Florida, collectively granting over \$25,000 to nonprofit organizations.



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RECLAIMING OUR NARRATIVE



Standing Against Erasure – The Arab American National Museum

The Arab American National Museum (AANM), a national institution of ACCESS, stands as a vital space for resilience and cultural preservation, committed to amplifying Arab voices and reclaiming narratives often silenced or distorted. In the face of increasing censorship and erasure, the Museum provides an essential platform for unfiltered expression and a safe haven for community gathering. Through dynamic programming—ranging from art exhibitions and literary events to discussions on justice and identity—AANM fosters opportunities to share and celebrate stories of Arab heritage, struggle, and triumph.

As atrocities continue to unfold in Gaza and beyond, AANM recognizes the importance of creating spaces where the community can gather to grieve, reflect, and find collective strength.

Events held at the Museum not only provide comfort, but also encourage community building, creating connections that have the potential to inspire action in solidarity with those enduring oppression in Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Iran and across the world.



"More than anything, our Museum is a rare, yet essential safe space, where expressions of support for Palestinian rights and condemnation of genocide and ethnic cleansing can be made."

*~ Dr. Diana Abouali
Director of the AANM*





A Portrait of Arab America: Insights into Arab and Chaldean American Communities

The Center for Arab Narratives (CAN), a national institution of ACCESS, released a landmark report offering the most comprehensive look at Arab and Chaldean American communities to date. Compiled by leading researchers, the study reveals the diverse experiences and challenges faced by

“It’s about more than data—it’s about telling our story in a way that drives meaningful change.”

~ Dr. Matthew Jaber Stiffler
Director of the Center for Arab Narratives

these communities, drawing on data from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (2015–2019). This groundbreaking effort disaggregates Arab Americans from the broader “white” category, providing a clearer picture of disparities in areas like poverty, education, and access to healthcare.

“This report is a powerful tool for understanding and addressing the unique challenges our communities face,” said Dr. Matthew Jaber Stiffler, Director of CAN.

By shining a light on these issues, the report equips advocates, researchers, and policymakers with the insights needed to address systemic inequities while celebrating the diversity of Arab and Chaldean Americans. It represents an important step in reclaiming narratives and ensuring these communities are seen and heard.

Link to report: bit.ly/PortraitArabAmerica



Celebrating the Storytellers: ACCESS 52nd Annual Dinner Honoring Michel S. Moushabeck as Arab American of the Year



In an evening that will never be forgotten,

ACCESS had the privilege of honoring the renowned Michel S. Moushabeck as the Arab American of the Year. A gifted writer, editor, translator, publisher, founder of Interlink Publishing, and musician of Palestinian descent, Michel has spent his life and career bringing voices of Arab, Arab American, and other international authors to the mainstream. His tireless dedication to sharing our narratives and enriching the cultural tapestry made him an effortless choice for Arab American of the Year.

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**MOBILIZING
FOR IMPACT
AND
SOLIDARITY**

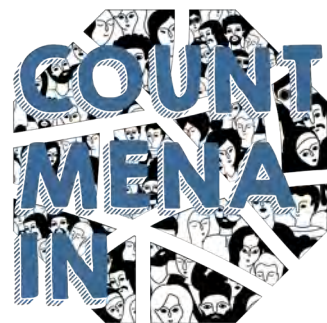


Making MENA Representation a Reality

Until recently, the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) community has been undercounted

in government data on race and ethnicity because there was no MENA reporting category. ACCESS, the National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC), its member organizations and partners have been working for decades to create change on this issue.

Efforts focused on one clear goal: Requiring the collection and publication of detailed data on MENA communities for accurate counting and representation.



In 2024, NNAAC and its allies celebrated a significant achievement: Under newly revised federal standards for data on race and ethnicity, the government will now collect and report data on Arab American communities under a MENA reporting category.

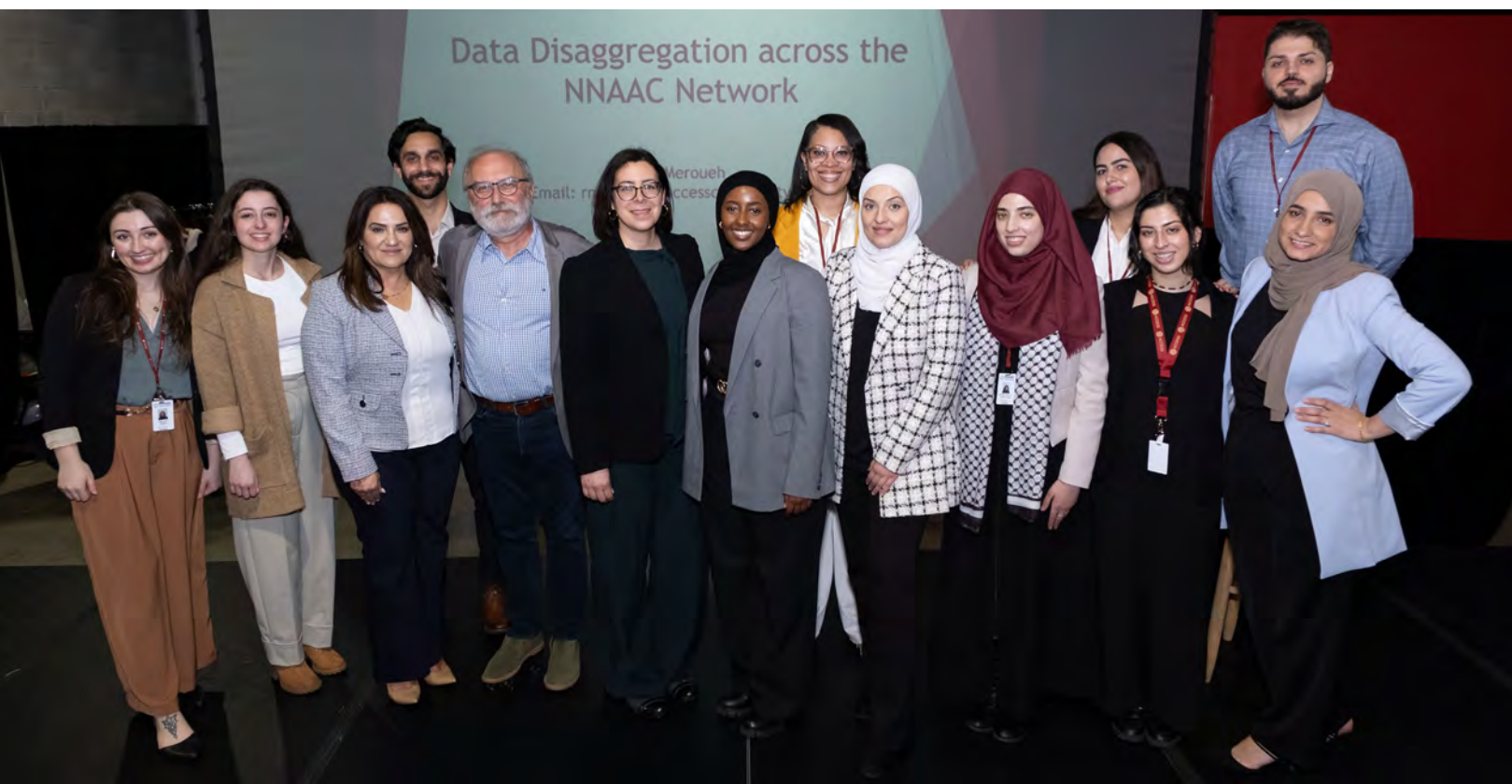
There is still work to be done, because agencies can currently opt out of the detailed data requirement. But NNAAC will

continue advocating for agencies to produce the most valuable and accurate data on MENA subgroups like the Arab American community.

Developing the Next Generation of Community Advocates



NNAAC made an impact with its 2024 National Arab American Advocacy Days, which gathered 55 advocates for training and a visit to Capitol Hill. Trainings covered topics including civic engagement and power-building in Arab American communities, community messaging and strategies to encourage Arab Americans to vote. Increasing voting rates was also a key focus of bi-weekly meetings with NNAAC's advocacy and civic engagement committee, which is made up of 36 member organizations around the country.



NNAAC
NATIONAL NETWORK FOR
ARAB AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

Getting Out the Vote



The National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC) led numerous initiatives to increase voter turnout among the Arab American community nationwide, such as webinars on engaging communities and addressing voter apathy. In response to widespread voter disengagement caused by misinformation and disinformation, NNAAC created several toolkits

for community partners and organizations to promote accurate information-sharing, and worked closely with the media to reach the same objective.

In addition, NNAAC created Get Out the Vote Action Centers for advocacy and civic engagement organizations. These centers served as a central location for community members to register to vote, learn about candidates and voting locations and check their own voting information.

NNAAC also distributed voter pledge cards for NNAAC members to encourage over 400,000 inactive voters to cast a ballot, and worked to pre-register youth who were not yet eligible to vote, but would turn 18 before Election Day.

Throughout 2024, NNAAC recruited bilingual poll monitors, poll challengers, and poll workers to ensure elections were accessible to everyone.



Eliminating Barriers To Voting

NNAAC worked on a variety of projects to ensure that community members received election information in multiple languages, with translation into Arabic, Spanish, and Bengali provided by ACCESS.

NNAAC also ensured that voter information was available in Arabic through a variety of outreach efforts, including attending English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, hosting community listening sessions, and attending citizen naturalization ceremonies.

In addition, NNAAC took part in several ACCESS meetings for senior citizens, providing nonpartisan information on the voting process to help older adults navigate it with ease. This included explaining the general steps for completing ballots in both English and Arabic.



Get Out the Vote

LOCAL:

1,585,138
total engagements

295,465
texts sent

1,574
volunteers

10,400
voters reached through door-knocking

767,089
calls made

600
pledge-to-vote cards

50
classrooms in 10 high schools

88
precincts across 55 locations with election protection volunteers

NATIONAL:

2,389,125
total engagements

502,140
texts sent

63,441
on the ground conversations

13
states covered

479
community events

929,241
calls made

5,701
pledge-to-vote cards

777,686
social media engagements

36
NNAAC Member Organizations mobilized

Defending Rights, Protecting Lives — NNAAC

The National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC), a national institution of ACCESS, is actively addressing the challenges facing the Arab American community amidst crises in the homelands. Their efforts focus on combatting discrimination, advocating for policy changes, and supporting the rights of Arab Americans.

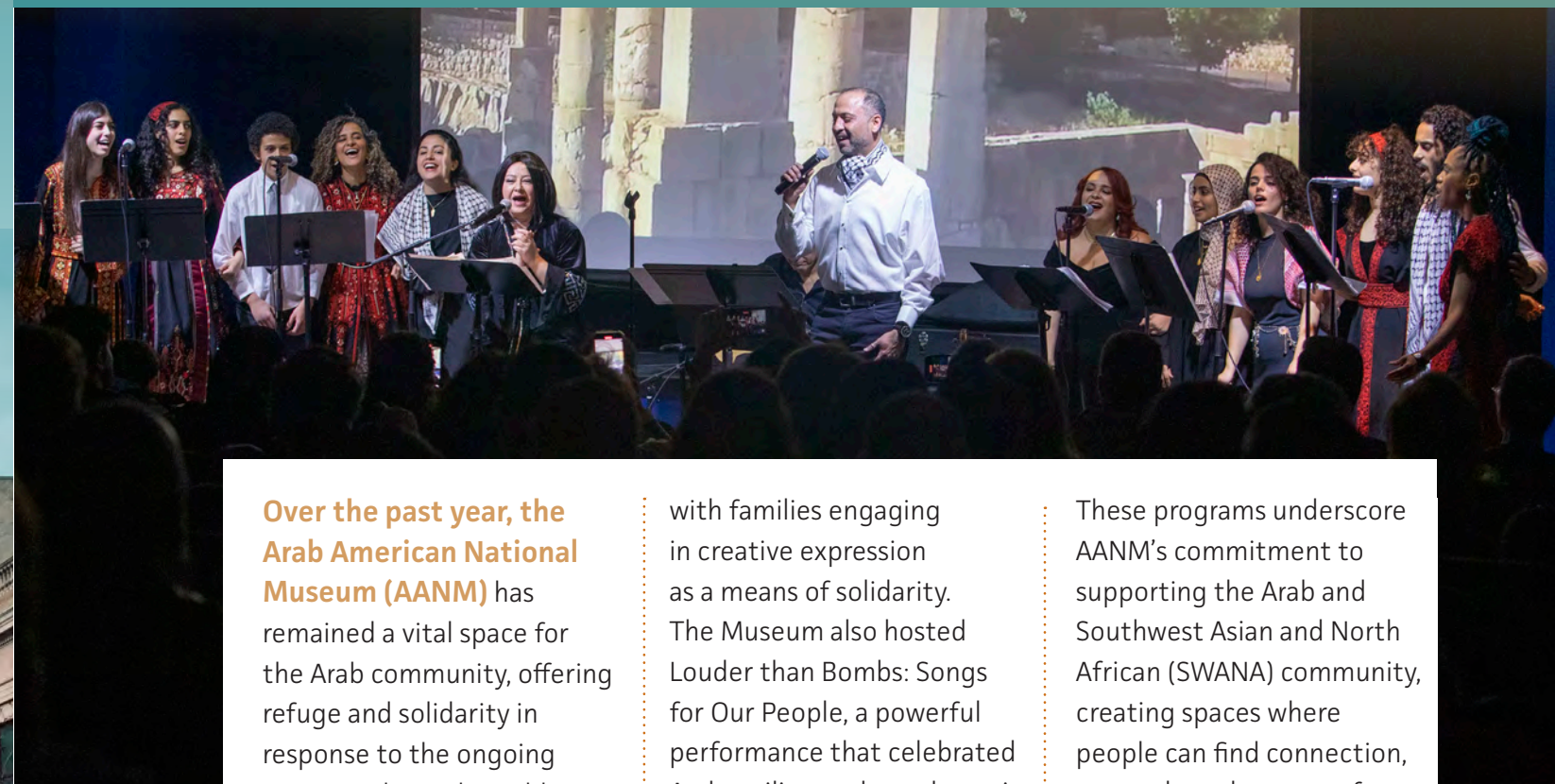
NNAAC successfully urged the U.S. Department of Education (DE) to issue a Dear Colleague letter in March 2024, reinforcing universities' responsibility to protect Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim students from discrimination. NNAAC will continue working with DE to ensure these protections are upheld.

The institution also advocated for the extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Yemen and the implementation of Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for Lebanese nationals, offering crucial relief to those unable to return home due to violence. NNAAC also called on the U.S. government to evacuate citizens from Lebanon and provide vital humanitarian aid.

Finally, NNAAC continues to tackle rising hate crimes and harmful rhetoric targeting Arab and Muslim Americans, including pushing for the retraction of harmful Wall Street Journal op-ed that perpetuates dangerous stereotypes. Through these actions, NNAAC remains committed to justice and lasting change for Arab Americans.



Essence Over Destruction— AANM



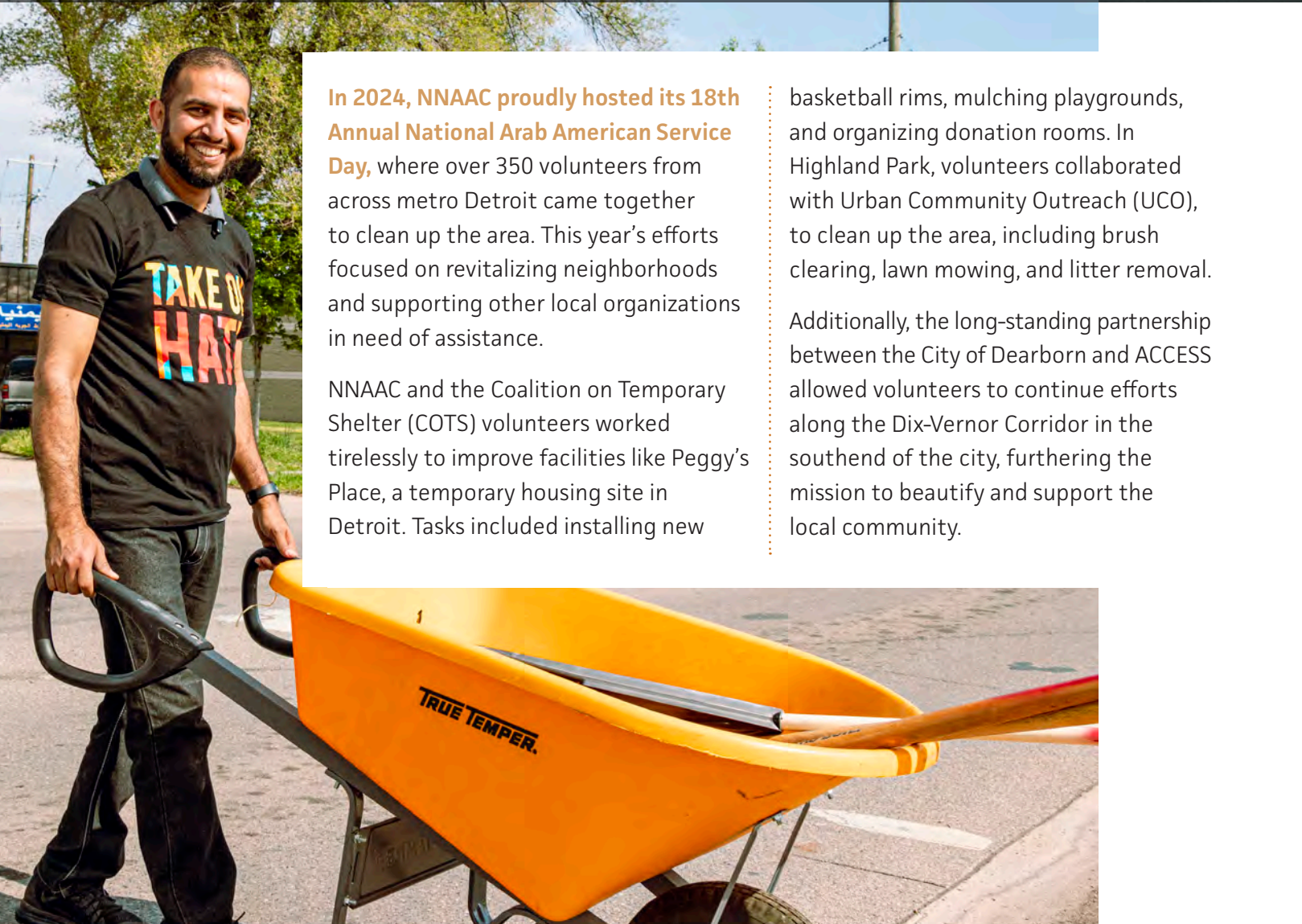
Over the past year, the Arab American National Museum (AANM) has remained a vital space for the Arab community, offering refuge and solidarity in response to the ongoing crises in the Arab world and across the U.S. Through initiatives like Words for Palestine, a monthly series featuring poets and writers speaking up for a free Palestine, AANM has provided a platform for voices deeply affected by the violence, allowing the community to share and reflect on their collective experiences.

Programs like Families for Palestine have fostered intergenerational connection,

with families engaging in creative expression as a means of solidarity. The Museum also hosted Louder than Bombs: Songs for Our People, a powerful performance that celebrated Arab resilience through music, offering a moment of cultural reflection amid ongoing hardship. Additionally, Decolonizing Tongues provided space for important discussions on Indigenous/ Arab solidarity, highlighting the role of language in resistance and identity.

These programs underscore AANM's commitment to supporting the Arab and Southwest Asian and North African (SWANA) community, creating spaces where people can find connection, strength, and a sense of unity amid the devastating events unfolding across the world.





In 2024, NNAAC proudly hosted its 18th Annual National Arab American Service Day, where over 350 volunteers from across metro Detroit came together to clean up the area. This year's efforts focused on revitalizing neighborhoods and supporting other local organizations in need of assistance.

NNAAC and the Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) volunteers worked tirelessly to improve facilities like Peggy's Place, a temporary housing site in Detroit. Tasks included installing new

basketball rims, mulching playgrounds, and organizing donation rooms. In Highland Park, volunteers collaborated with Urban Community Outreach (UCO), to clean up the area, including brush clearing, lawn mowing, and litter removal.

Additionally, the long-standing partnership between the City of Dearborn and ACCESS allowed volunteers to continue efforts along the Dix-Vernor Corridor in the southend of the city, furthering the mission to beautify and support the local community.

Advancing Health Amidst Conflict and Crisis: The 10th Arab Health Summit

"This year, attendees gained valuable insights on rebuilding Gaza's public health infrastructure and improving mental health care for Arab Americans, uniting to shape the future of community health."

~Mona Makki, Director of the ACCESS Community Health and Research Center



In October, over 500 attendees gathered at the ACCESS 10th Arab Health Summit to explore the intersection of health, conflict, and crisis. This landmark event focused on the cultural and social factors shaping health behaviors within Arab communities, especially amid the challenges of war, the COVID-19 pandemic, and substance use epidemics. Health professionals, academic, scholars, and keynote speakers were convened to share groundbreaking research, discuss sustainable health solutions, and collaborate on initiatives aimed at

addressing these complex issues. "The 10th Arab Health Summit brought together global leaders to address health issues affecting Arabs during conflict and crisis," said Mona Makki, Director of the ACCESS Community Health and Research Center.

The summit featured distinguished speakers including Dr. Mads Gilbert, Dr. Ghassan Abu-Shittah, Dr. Rima Affi, Dr. Ali Khan, Dr. Joseph Kolars, and Dr. Adnan Munkarah, offering valuable insights into healthcare challenges and opportunities for change. To learn more, visit ArabHealthSummit.org.



Global Solidarity in Action: Response to Gaza and Lebanon



In response to the crisis in Gaza and Lebanon, the Center for Arab American Philanthropy's (CAAP) community of supporters took action to provide urgent aid as well as long-term relief: CAAP's Disaster Relief Fund granted \$536,584 to support humanitarian relief efforts of UNRWA-USA and the United Palestinian Appeal in Gaza.

CAAP launched a campaign for Taawon's Gaza Orphan Care Program, which provides immediate assistance such as food and clothing, along with long-term support for orphans until they reach adulthood at age 18.

To protect the civil rights of pro-Palestine activists in the U.S., CAAP mobilized fundraising efforts to grant \$42,426 to Palestine Legal.

CAAP funded partial tuition scholarships for seven Gazan students as they pursue higher education in the U.S. through our Gaza Scholarship Initiative for Displaced Students Fund. In September 2024, CAAP launched a campaign to support Amel Association International's lifesaving work helping families in Lebanon.

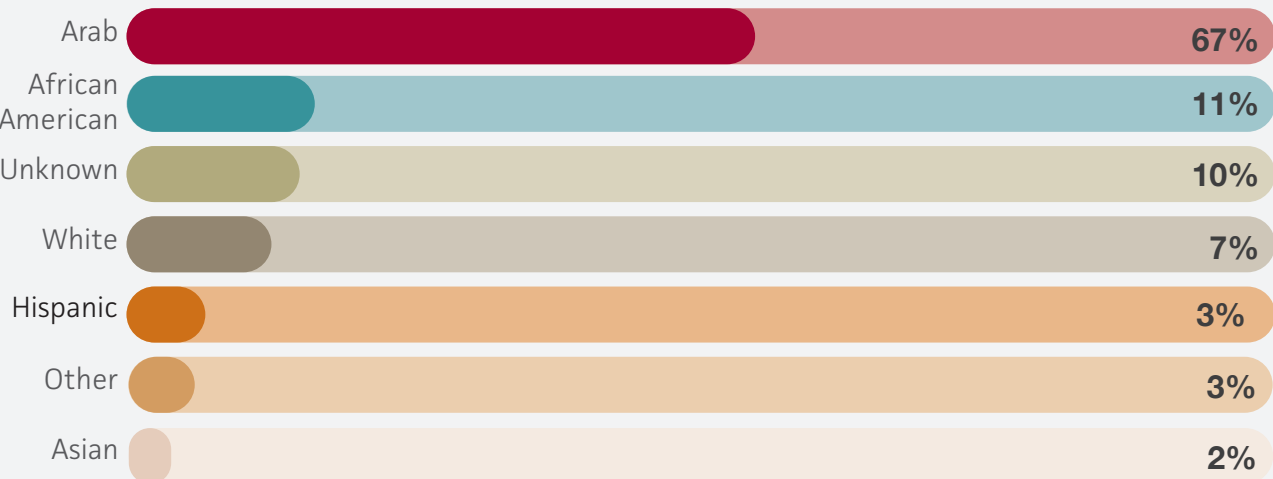
During the 10th Arab Health Summit, ACCESS hosted the All Hearts for Gaza's Orphans gala, raising over \$125,000 to support orphaned children in Gaza. The event brought together hundreds of generous donors, advocates, and community leaders, uniting to make an impact on the lives of those facing unimaginable loss. The funds raised will help provide critical support for Gaza's most vulnerable children, ensuring they have access to the resources they need to rebuild and aspire to a brighter future.

All Hearts for Gaza's Orphans Gala — Over \$125,000 Raised



Demographics

RACE AND/OR ETHNICITY*

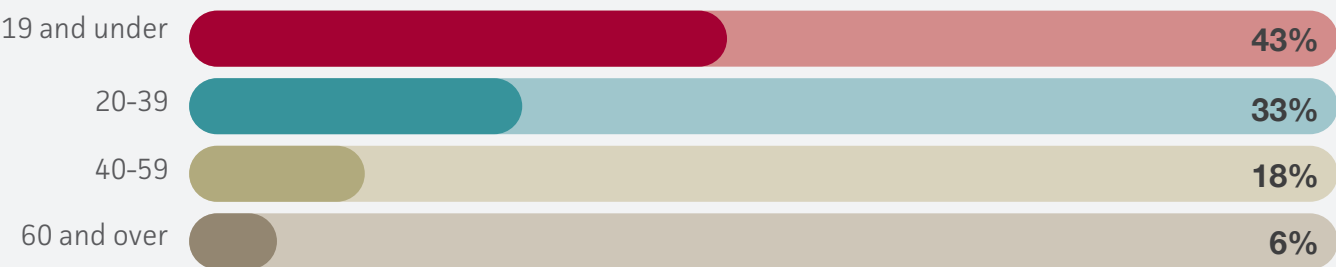


*Total percentages exceed 100% as clients may identify with multiple races and/or ethnicities

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUE FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	TOTAL
Grants & Contributions	\$34,642,357	\$6,192,014	\$757,022	\$41,591,393
Program Fees	\$5,339,482	-	-	\$5,339,482
Rental & Other	\$1,320,231	-	-	\$1,320,231
Endowment Distribution	\$137,404	-	(\$137,404)	-
Change in Value Net of Fees and Distributions	-	-	\$4,046,816	\$4,046,816
TOTAL	\$41,439,474	\$6,192,014	\$4,666,434	\$52,297,922

Release from Restriction \$7,343,456

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