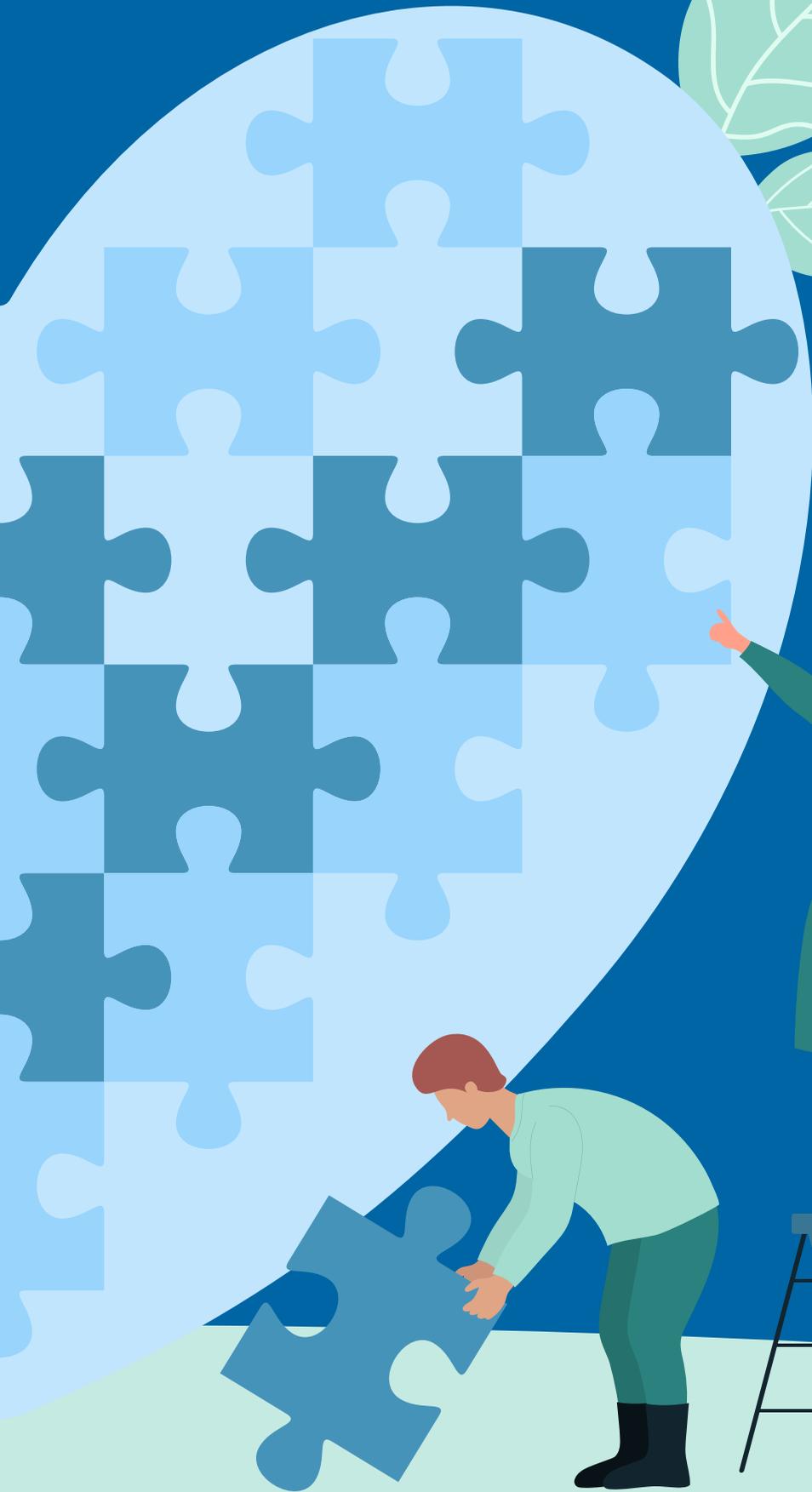




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# 2024

## ANNUAL REPORT



# ABOUT CAAP

## OUR MISSION

Building vibrant societies by uniting and strengthening the collective power of Arab American giving

## OUR VISION

A just and equitable world, nurtured by the active participation of Arab American giving

## OUR CORE VALUES

Improve Communities, Serve Donors, Build Leaders, Shape Perceptions

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# Dear CAAP Community,

**D**ifficult times, such as those many in our community have endured due to the violence impacting communities in the Middle East, raise an important question about what power do we all have to make a difference.

This past year, you have shown us the answer to that question: our ability to create change lies in the strength and consistency of our collective actions. When we embody our highest potential of solidarity and generosity, we persevere and make an impact.

As we enter our 15th year at the **Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP)**, we reflect on the work of the nation's only Arab American community foundation that we've built together, which has given us the muscle to respond to the challenges of the past year.

Thanks to fundholders, donors and supporters like you, in the fiscal year 2023-2024, CAAP granted a total of **\$2,385,910 to critical causes**, from scholarships to humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza and Lebanon, to operational support for fellow Arab American organizations and so much more. This year's grantmaking brings our total funds granted to **over \$19 million since our inception in 2010**.

This collective philanthropy is exemplified through initiatives such as our **100 Arab American Women Who Care** giving circle, which was hosted this year in Michigan, Florida and Texas. This spirit of strategic giving is also being passed on to our youth, as demonstrated by CAAP's **Teen Grantmaking Initiative (TGI)**, where young leaders reached a significant fundraising milestone this year.

Philanthropy puts the power back in our hands, making us the drivers and authors of our own impact and story. We saw this at our sixth-annual **Threads of Giving Gala**, warmly welcomed in Houston this year, where we honored the resilience and generosity of beloved community leaders **Michael and Hoda Kardoush**.

We hope you share in our pride over nearly 15 years of work. None of this would have been possible without your commitment to strategic giving, and we are so grateful for that.



**MAHA FREIJ**  
FOUNDER



**RASHA DEMASHKIEH**  
ADVISORY  
BOARD CHAIR

# CAAP Welcomes New Board Chair Gheed Amara Itani

**I**n September 2024, the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP) proudly welcomed its new board chair, Gheed Amara Itani, following the completion of Rasha Demashkieh's term.

"My time with CAAP afforded me the privilege of helping to nurture our community's philanthropic potential while contributing to an incremental yet important shift in how we give," shares Rasha, who has been involved with CAAP for nearly its entire existence. "I have complete confidence in Gheed's innovative leadership and unique approach to giving, which will help put our community on the map."

We sat down with Gheed for a conversation about the path that led her to CAAP and her vision for our community foundation.

## Where Does Your Love for Giving Back Come From?

I credit my family, especially my Palestinian parents, as the foundation of my dedication to service and giving. My mother was an activist, coming from a politically engaged family in Palestine. I was exposed to different cultures because my father worked for the World Health Organization (WHO).

It took getting seriously ill in my late 20s to energize me to think

more deeply about my legacy. I remember asking myself, "How would I want to be remembered? What and how can I build for my children's future in this country? What do I want that to look like?"

## How Did You Get Involved in Community Work?

I began my journey in philanthropy and community work with the Arab American Educational Foundation (AAEF) in Houston, which mobilized a major fundraising effort to secure the first-ever Chair of Arab Studies at Rice University. Later, when I moved to Boston, my work expanded when I joined friends to help co-found the Center for Arabic Culture (CAC).

In addition to my work with CAAP, I devote my time to teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) to adult immigrants. I also serve on the local chapter of the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF).

## Why Is Giving Back So Important to You?

Giving back is deeply tied to my identity as an Arab American.

Our community has often felt invisible; there was fear of openly expressing who we are or even becoming engaged outside of our community. I'm happy to see this fear shifting.

Reading the poetry collection *Born Palestinian, Born Black* during a difficult time in my life, deeply resonated with me. The book helped me think about and articulate how to effectively represent my Arab American

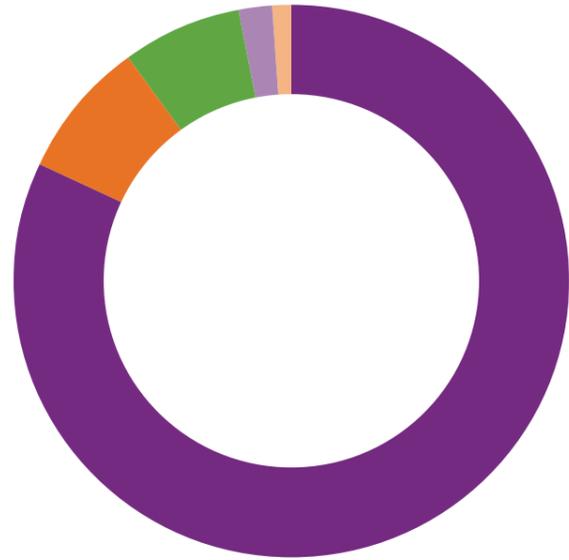
identity. This led me to my work with Arab American nonprofits focusing on art, culture and philanthropy.

## What Is Your Vision for CAAP's Future?

Building on CAAP's incredible foundation, I envision continuing to expand CAAP's reach nationally, encouraging more donors to open funds, and solidifying CAAP's role as a vessel for Arab American philanthropy across the country with an emphasis on outreach to the future young leaders in our community.

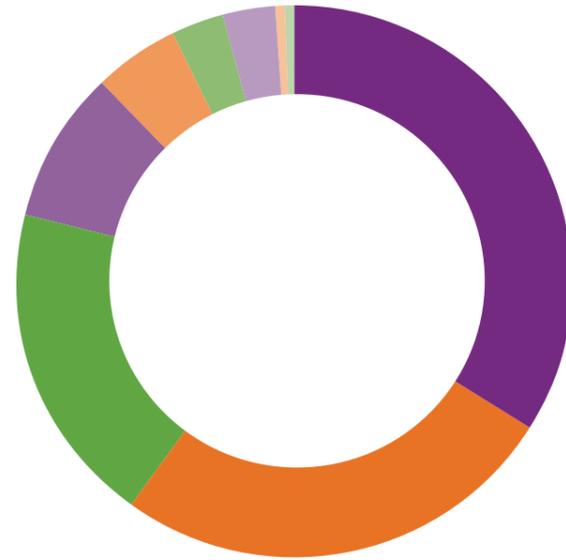


## YEAR IN NUMBERS



### BOARD-DIRECTED GRANTMAKING

■ HUMANITARIAN RELIEF	\$542,584
■ ARTS & CULTURE	\$54,000
■ HUMAN SERVICES	\$46,200
■ ADVOCACY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	\$12,000
■ YOUTH LEADERSHIP	\$6,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$661,284</b>



### DONOR-ADVISED GRANTMAKING BY IMPACT AREA

■ EDUCATION	\$592,431
■ HUMANITARIAN RELIEF	\$447,387
■ HUMAN SERVICES	\$328,824
■ ADVOCACY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	\$159,206
■ ARTS & CULTURE	\$86,803
■ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH	\$50,225
■ RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS	\$47,000
■ YOUTH LEADERSHIP	\$11,250
■ ANIMAL WELFARE & ENVIRONMENT	\$1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,724,626</b>



### TOTAL GRANTMAKING BY LOCATION (U.S. VS INTERNATIONAL)

■ UNITED STATES	\$1,346,682
■ INTERNATIONAL	\$1,039,228
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,385,910</b>



### TOTAL GRANTMAKING BY ORGANIZATION TYPE (ARAB AMERICAN/ARAB VS NON ARAB)

■ ARAB AMERICAN / ARAB	\$1,700,876
■ NON-ARAB	\$685,034
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,385,910</b>

# IMPROVING COMMUNITIES

CAAP AWARDED GRANTS TOTALING

# \$2,385,910

TO CAUSES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING:



## \$449,437

in scholarship support awarded to more than 100 students from diverse fields of study across the country.

## MORE THAN \$1 MILLION

granted by our donor-advised fundholders, who used our giving tools to support causes close to their hearts.



## \$536,584

to organizations providing humanitarian relief in Gaza through our Disaster Relief Fund.

Among our grantmaking initiatives is our **Community Impact Fund**, which provides operational support to Arab American organizations across the country. In collaboration with the National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC), this year, we granted **\$110,000 to support 24 Arab American organizations** in the fields of arts and culture, human services and civic engagement.

## GRANTEE SNAPSHOT



### Majdal: Arab Community Center of San Diego El Cajon, California

The Majdal Arab Community Center seeks to empower all members of the Arab community in San Diego by uplifting Arab youth, workers, families and elders in their pursuits and to support them in overcoming whatever social, economic and political challenges they may face.



### ElMahaba Center Nashville, Tennessee

Elmahaba Center is a grassroots, community-based, community-responsive organization supporting Arabic-speaking people and their neighbors in Nashville, Tennessee through collective care, cultural awareness and knowledge towards liberation and social justice.



### Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Rooted in Arab arts and language, Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture offers artistic and educational programming that enriches understanding and celebrates diversity, while supporting the pursuit and affirmation of Arab American cultural identity and playing a constructive civic role within broader American society.



# MOBILIZING IN SOLIDARITY

In response to the violence faced by families in Gaza and Lebanon, the CAAP community acted quickly and decisively to stand in solidarity with these communities, addressing the crisis on multiple fronts: humanitarian relief, civil rights and community care.

We granted **\$536,584** to support humanitarian relief efforts for Palestinians in Gaza by granting to United Palestinian Appeal (UPA) and UNRWA-USA from our **Disaster Relief Fund**.

CAAP launched a campaign for **Taawon's Gaza Orphan Care Program**, offering immediate assistance to orphaned children, including food and clothing, while also providing long-term support until they reach adulthood at 18.

A group of community members launched a fund at CAAP called the **Gaza Scholarship Initiative for Displaced Students Fund**, helping provide partial tuition scholarships to **6 Gazan students** as they pursue higher education in the U.S.

In September 2024, CAAP launched a campaign to support **Amel Association International's** life-saving efforts supporting families in Lebanon.



To protect the civil rights of pro-Palestine activists in the U.S., CAAP launched a fundraising campaign, including several youth-led events, to raise legal funds for activists. This resulted in a **\$42,456 grant for Palestine Legal**.



# NURTURING GENERATIONS

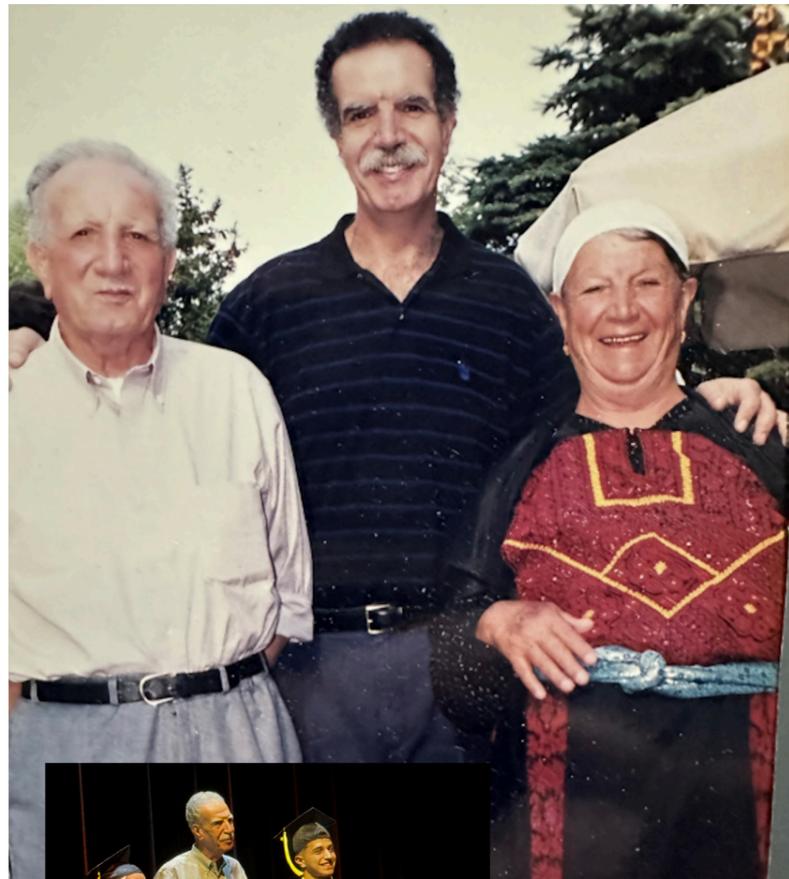
## THE LEGACY OF FATIMAH LUTFI OTHMAN

In 2024, Dr. Mohammad Othman established a fund at CAAP to honor the remarkable life of his mother, Fatimah Lutfi Othman, who passed away on November 28th, 2001.

Born in the town of Abu Dis, Palestine, in 1927, Fatimah's journey was one of resilience. Despite the challenges of living under occupation, she raised six children, instilling in them the value of perseverance.

The **Othman Family Scholarship Fund** at CAAP is a testament to the legacy of a woman whose belief in the power of education continues to inspire generations. The fund provides scholarship support to exceptional college-bound students at Riverside Academy in Dearborn, Michigan.

Reflecting on opening a fund at CAAP, Dr. Othman shares, "I am very happy with the joint work with CAAP to establish a scholarship fund. It's great to have this center of philanthropy to help community members with their goals. The experience made it easy to continue this relationship for years to come to provide funding for college bound students."



In its first year, the fund granted \$3,000 to support the educational journeys of Ibrahim Shatela and Zeinab Aboutaam.

## GIVING THROUGH CAAP DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

**“** We were inspired to open a donor-advised fund at CAAP when we understood that we could contribute to the same causes we have already been supporting, but with the name of the Arab American community empowering our donation. Our impetus to open the fund was when our daughter wanted to request donations in lieu of gifts for a birthday party. Establishing a donor-advised fund allowed us to involve our children



in philanthropy, teaching them the importance of giving back while making a meaningful impact for our community.

**JILL KEBLAWI AND BASEL ALAGHBAR**  
CAAP DONOR-ADVISED FUNDHOLDERS

**“** Donor-advised funds are a good way to streamline one's charitable donations, remove the need to collect individual receipts from each grantee organization and simplify the effort for collecting tax documents of charitable donations. It is nice to have a fund at CAAP directed and managed by our own community. This means it will be free from outside political pressure, as was the case last year when donations to UNRWA and other organizations that promote pro-Palestinian issues were denied.”



**DR. HOSSAM FADEL**  
CAAP DONOR-ADVISED FUNDHOLDER



## STRENGTHENING OUR COLLECTIVE GIVING POWER NATIONALLY

CAAP's signature **100 Arab American Women Who Care** brings together Arab American women from diverse communities to pool their resources and collectively support important causes. This year, we hosted three of these giving circles.

In Michigan, the giving circle pooled their funds

to grant \$10,000 to Covenant House, providing resources to homeless youth. In Texas, the inaugural group granted \$6,320 to Arabic Immersion Magnet School (AIMS). In Florida, attendees combined their generosity to grant \$9,000 to UNRWA-USA, providing life-saving support to Palestinians in Gaza.



# HONORING THE RESILIENCE AND GENEROSITY OF BELOVED COMMUNITY LEADERS

# MICHAEL AND HODA KARDOUSH

This year, Houston welcomed CAAP's sixth-annual **Threads of Giving Gala**, where we honored **Michael and Hoda Kardoush with the Outstanding Arab American Philanthropists of the Year Award**. Michael, a Nakba survivor, 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 platforms renowned academic, cultural and literary figures from the Arab world.

Michael and Hoda also played a key role in securing the seed funding 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 (NAO), providing resources to Palestinian students through the Leonard Education Organization (LEO) and advancing cancer research with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, among others.

# DR. PHILIP KAYAL'S IMPACT SURVIVES HIM



This past year, CAAP said goodbye to a longtime friend and fundholder, Dr. Philip M. Kayal, who passed away on December 21, 2023.

A distinguished professor of sociology at Seton Hall University for 40 years, Dr. Kayal made significant contributions to the understanding of ethnicity and religion through his extensive list of publications.

His passion for addressing and dismantling stereotypes of Arab Americans led him to establish the **Dr. Philip M. Kayal Endowed Fund for Arab American Research** at the Center for Arab American Philanthropy. Through this fund, he supported a total of \$40,390 to 34 scholars across the country, fostering research on various aspects of the Arab American experience.

One of the recipients of the research fund is Natalie El-Eid, who received funding for her research in 2023 while attending Syracuse University. "The support from this fund has set me on a path to success, including being awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown and developing my dissertation into a book manuscript," shares Natalie, "I am very sad to hear of Dr. Kayal's passing. What a legacy he left behind."

Dr. Kayal has not only supported the academic community and reclaim the narrative for Arab Americans but was also grounded in his love for philanthropy. He once said, "Philanthropy has so many benefits; by giving back, we learn to deal with illness, death, stigma, finding ourselves and our identity, making friends—the list goes on."

As an endowment, the research fund will exist in perpetuity, allowing CAAP the honor of carrying forward Dr. Kayal's philanthropic legacy for years to come.

# BUILDING LEADERS

CAAP's sixteen scholarship programs support students of all backgrounds from across the country. Since our inception, CAAP has provided over \$1.7 million in scholarship support.

## EBEID FAMILY FUND

Supports students pursuing STEM degrees at seven leading universities in Michigan and Ohio.



**TANISHA FRANCIS**  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT '24,  
KETTERING UNIVERSITY

“ This scholarship has been extremely integral in helping me overcome the financial stress of college. I hope to use the knowledge and skills I garner from my professional career to give the next generation of young minds more opportunities, especially in STEM, so they too can become the best version of themselves.”

## ARAB AMERICAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Increases access for Arab American youth by funding summer internships in state or federal government agencies, Capitol Hill and in other key public service institutions in Washington, D.C.



**SARAH ALKHAFAJI**  
FELLOW '24, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, FELLOWSHIP PLACEMENT: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

“ Through this fellowship, I was able to connect and work with so many inspiring people who guided me through their respective issue areas. It was an incredible opportunity in learning more about my career path and the ways that Arab Americans can contribute and advocate for their communities.”

## JACK G. & BERNICE M. SHAHEEN ENDOWED MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Supports Arab American students majoring in mass communications, journalism and film.



**MATTHEW HAMILTON**  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT '24,  
BATES COLLEGE

“ This scholarship showed me the importance of feeling acknowledged during the very isolating journey of finding one's identity in the greater media landscape. The support I received goes far beyond the money and serves as a reminder that the work I am doing and the stories I tell in the documentary space matter.”



# FOR THE YOUTH, BY THE YOUTH!

CAAP's **Teen Grantmaking Initiative (TGI)** is a youth-driven program where high schoolers learn the skills of grantmaking, such as how to identify needs in their local youth community, fundraise and allocate grants to organizations addressing those youth needs.

This year, the cohort set a new fundraising milestone, awarding \$6,500 in grants to organizations focused on mental health and wellness, healthy coping mechanisms and education.

The cohort also won first place in a competitive fundraising pitch competition at the Youth Driven Spaces conference, presented by Neutral Zone, earning an additional \$1,115 in funding for their grantmaking efforts!

“ Joining TGI was one of the best decisions I made in high school. It introduced me to the world of philanthropy, connected me with like-minded peers and opened doors to countless opportunities and programs that shaped my future.”



**KHADEJA RIZVI**  
THREE-YEAR  
TGI MEMBER

## THE ALI, ISABELLA AND GISELLE ABBAS LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP – THE ABBAS FAMILY RED WAGON FUND

Established by Rana Abbas Taylor and her husband Tom Taylor to carry on the generous legacy of their nephew, Ali Abbas, and nieces, Isabella and Giselle Abbas, through supporting students in their senior year at Northville High School who demonstrate a commitment to education, community service and the values of helping to create a just, equitable and inclusive society.

Hannah Weyburne	Northern Michigan University	Elementary Education and Social Work
Janet Tian	Smith College	Undecided
Rishi Narendra Kumar	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Business
Vishalakshi Meyyappan	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Data Science

## THE ISSAM AND DR. RIMA ABBAS ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP - THE ABBAS FAMILY RED WAGON FUND

Established by Rana Abbas Taylor and her husband Tom Taylor to carry on the legacy of Rana's sister and brother-in-law, Dr. Rima and Issam Abbas, both Fordson High School alumni, through supporting exceptionally driven and talented senior students at Fordson High School who wish to make a difference in the world.

Amira Abuhmoud	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology
Judah Abusalah	Wayne State University	Pre-Med
Leanne Nasser	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Neuroscience, Pre-Med

## THE ARAB AMERICAN LEADERSHIP FUND

Established by Brenda Abdelall and Rima Meroueh to increase access for Arab American youth by funding summer fellowships in state and federal government agencies.

Ali Altahafi	The Office of Senator José Menéndez
Layan Ibrahim	The Office of Representative Ilhan Omar
Leyan Albustami	HHS Office of Science and Data Policy
Samraa Smadi	The Office of Assistant Secretary, Office of the Ombuds
Sarah Alkhafaji	HHS, Administration for Children and Families
Shahd Sharaf	Department of Homeland Security, Office of Partnership and Engagement

## EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS FUND

Established by Amanda Jaber to support talented students who face barriers and challenges of war and occupation in the Middle East with scholarships for higher education.

Yazan Jawad Sulaiman Janazreh	Al-Quds University	General Medicine
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## OTHMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Dr. Mohammad Othman to support college-bound senior students from Riverside Academy in Dearborn, MI.

Ibrahim Shatela	Henry Ford College	Aerospace Engineering
Zeinab Aboutaam	University of Detroit Mercy	Physician Assistant

## YOUNIS MANSI ESSA SCHOLARSHIP FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Established by the family of the late Younis Mansi Essa to support undergraduate students in Southeast Michigan who are studying in the healthcare field at universities or community colleges.

Latefeh Musaid	Wayne State University	Public Health
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## DR. ADAWIA ALOUSI ENDOWED STEM SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MUSLIM WOMEN

Established by the family of the late Dr. Adawia Alousi, a pioneering scientist, to support undergraduate and graduate Muslim women across the country studying STEM fields, placing highest priority on immigrants and refugees.

Afza Mohammed	University of Texas Southwestern	M.D., Medicine
Angie Achkar	Wayne State University School of Medicine	M.D., Medicine
Arshia Iqbal	CUNY School of Medicine	M.D., Medicine
Erva Tatlioglu	Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science	M.D., Medicine
Farah Kader	George Washington University	Epidemiology & Environmental Health Sciences
Fariha Hossain	The University of Texas at Dallas	M.S., Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
Hina Rub	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	D.O., Medicine
Huda Saeed	Brown University	M.S., Data Science
Jaja Baldeh	Howard University	Biology
Jayita Golam	Columbia University	Biophysics
Leena Hamad	Harvard Medical School & Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Ph.D., Biology, M.D., Medicine and Health Sciences & Technology
Mariam Elmais	Columbia University	Biology
Maryam Esmat	Johns Hopkins University	Astrophysics
Mubeen Sadaqat	CUNY School of Medicine	M.D., Medicine
Racha Cherradi	Texas A&M School of Medicine	M.D., Medicine
Raima Islam	Harvard University	Computational Science and Engineering
Raushan Rashid	Paul L. Foster School of Medicine	M.D., Medicine
Reem Al-Ahmad	Emory University	Ph.D., Chemistry
Salma Shire	The Ohio State University	M.D., Medicine
Umailla Fatima	University of Maryland School of Medicine	M.D., Medicine

## JACK G. AND BERNICE M. SHAHEEN ENDOWED MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the late Dr. Jack Shaheen, an intellectual, educator and philanthropist, and his wife Bernice to support Arab American students nationally studying journalism, radio, television or film.

Dina Amin	California Institute of the Arts	Film
Joelle Rumman	Rollins College	Critical Media and Cultural Studies
Mackenzie N George	Columbia University	Journalism
Maram Elnagheeb	Columbia University	Journalism, Documentary Specialization
Matthew Hamilton	Bates College	Rhetoric, Film and Screen Studies
Meredith Frank	Hofstra University	Television Production

## KAYAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ARAB AMERICAN STUDENTS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Established by the late Dr. Philip M. Kayal, a leading scholar of Arab American studies, to support talented students studying social sciences, placing highest priority on students who are the first in their family to attend college.

Julia Alhenawi	Rutgers University, New Brunswick	Public Health
Mohammad Hemeida	Columbia University	Political Science

## EBEID FAMILY FUND NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

*Established by the Ebeid family to support graduate nursing students at Lourdes University.*

Dimietris Thompson	Lourdes University	Nursing
Logan Barth	Lourdes University	Nursing
Maureen Mwanginde	Lourdes University	Nursing
Michael Brocklehurst	Lourdes University	Nursing
Michal Matysek	Lourdes University	Nursing
Neha Grewal	Lourdes University	Nursing
Taylor Pace	Lourdes University	Nursing

## EBEID FAMILY FUND STEM SCHOLARSHIP

*Established by the late Russell J. Ebeid, a generous philanthropist and former Chairman of Guardian Glass Group, to support undergraduate students studying STEM at Kettering University, Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Michigan Technological University and University of Toledo.*

Adam Abed	University of Toledo	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Alex Abed	University of Toledo	Mechanical Engineering
Ali Qasem	University of Michigan, Dearborn	Electrical Engineering
Ali Yahya	University of Michigan, Dearborn	Computer Science
Amira Abuhmoud	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology, Pre-Dentistry
Angela Sinani	University of Detroit Mercy	Chemistry
Ashesh Bhattarai	University of Toledo	Data Science
Augusta Hayek	Kettering University	Computer Engineering
Bailee Traver	University of Toledo	Bioengineering
Benyamain Yacooob	University of Detroit Mercy	Computer Science
Bibiyan Shrestha	University of Toledo	Mechanical Engineering
Bishnu Prasad Pokharel	University of Toledo	Computer Science and Engineering
Chloe Spetz	University of Toledo	Bioengineering
Claudette Bacall	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology, Pre-Dentistry
Diadji Diawara	University of Toledo	Mechanical Engineering
Dibesh Upadhyaya	University of Toledo	Computer Science and Engineering
Diptesh Shahi Thakuri	University of Toledo	Computer Science
Elissa Aziz	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology
Gawharah Yehya	University of Michigan, Dearborn	Computer Engineering
Grant Gergen	Kettering University	Engineering and Robotics Systems
Hiba Obeid	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology, Pre-Dentistry
Javardo Lawrence	Kettering University	Computer Science
Jesus Moyotl	Kettering University	Mechanical Engineering
Kenneth Lashaway	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology
Kenteya Stubbs	Kettering University	Mechanical Engineering
Kritan Ayril	University of Toledo	Computer Science
Lauren McIntyre	Michigan Technological University	Biomedical Engineering
Lia Sanford	University of Toledo	Mechanical Engineering
Maggie Simons	Kettering University	Chemical Engineering
Maha Ali	University of Michigan, Dearborn	Software Engineering

Mahmoud Osman	Wayne State University	Public Health
Manar Hizam	University of Michigan, Dearborn	Software Engineering
Manisha Pandey	University of Toledo	Nursing
Manoj Aryal	University of Toledo	Information Technology
Mariam Beydoun	University of Michigan, Dearborn	Health and Human Services
Maya Saeed	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology, Pre-Dentistry
Merna Baqa	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology
Natalia Salame	Wayne State University	Psychology, Minor in Biology
Neveah Hawkins	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology
Nina Aldhahi	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology
Nishan Bhusal	University of Toledo	Computer Science and Engineering
Nishant Lamichhane	University of Toledo	Computer Science and Engineering
Olivia Thatcher	University of Toledo	Bioengineering
Oriekaose Agholor	University of Detroit Mercy	Robotics and Mechatronic Systems Engineering
Parina Gautam	University of Toledo	Bioengineering
Qais Jaber	Wayne State University	Applied Physics
Raquel Putrus	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology
Rasmita Khanal	University of Toledo	Pre-Nursing
Reese Holley	Michigan Technological University	General Engineering
Rojan Gurung	University of Toledo	Computer Science
Sala Al-Ani	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology
Seham Alasri	Wayne State University	Nursing and Psychology
Stephen Alexander	Kettering University	Mechanical Engineering
Suvanga Dhakal	University of Toledo	Computer Science and Engineering
Tanisha Francis	Kettering University	Computer Engineering
Tika KC	University of Toledo	Computer Science and Engineering
Titus Francis	Kettering University	Computer Science
Wessam Nehme	University of Michigan, Dearborn	Computer Engineering
Yousef Al-Ani	University of Detroit Mercy	Biology
Zacharia Alkhafaji	University of Detroit Mercy	Chemistry, Pre-Dentistry
Zane Bates	University of Toledo	Bioengineering

## MCLENNAN FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Established by the McLennan Family Foundation to support undergraduate students studying engineering or business at Wayne State University and University of Michigan-Dearborn.*

Abdullah Mathith	University of Michigan, Dearborn	Computer Science
Maryelizabeth Rojas	University of Michigan, Flint	Cybersecurity and Information Assurance

## THE GAZA SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE (GSI) FOR DISPLACED STUDENTS

*GSI seeks to safeguard Palestinian futures by securing university placements at the undergraduate, masters and doctoral levels for students displaced by war.*

In 2024, the fund supported partial scholarships for 6 students from Palestine who are now in the United States continuing their studies. To respect their privacy, the student's names have been omitted.

## DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

Abir Akl Fund  
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 Arraf-Shapiro Human Rights Fund  
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 Aoun Jaber Fund  
 Badr Family Fund  
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UNAUDITED

OCTOBER 1, 2023 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

INCOME	Unrestricted	Temporarily	Permanently	Total
		Restricted	Restricted	
Individuals	2,023,330	921,625	342,450	3,287,405
Foundations	215,250			215,250
Corporations	65,000			65,000
Fees	132,600	-	-	132,600
Change in Value	-	-	1,660,584	1,660,584
Endowed Donor-Advised Fund Distribution	137,404	-	(137,404)	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,573,584</b>	<b>921,625</b>	<b>1,865,630</b>	<b>5,360,839</b>
Release from Restriction	242,726			
<b>Total Unrestricted Income</b>	<b>2,816,310</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	379,226			
<b>GRANTS</b>				
Board Directed Grant Making	661,284			
Donor-Advised Grant Making	1,724,626			
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>2,385,910</b>			
<b>OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>				
Software Fee & Web hosting	30,991			
Printing, Supplies and Publicity	7,579			
Conferences and Meetings	5,898			
Other Expenses	6,622			
<b>Total Other Program Expenses</b>	<b>51,090</b>			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,816,226</b>			





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