



e-Council Connection

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Greetings!

Happy New Year!



Violence Prevention Workshop

In partnership with HAVEN, ACC is hosting a Violence Prevention Workshop on Friday, January 23 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at its Youth Recreation and Leadership Center in Detroit.

HAVEN, a place where people can go to be safe, get help and join programs to assist them in living their lives without violence, hurting, or abuse, and the Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC), the largest community based, human service organization assisting the Middle Eastern communities in the U.S., are working together to provide you help.

Families Are Important. So Is Feeling Safe At Home. To get in touch with HAVEN call the 24-hour Crisis and Support Line at (248) 334-1274 or TTY (248)

334- 1290.

Gearing Community Members Towards Achievement



ACC would like to congratulate Regina Hentz, ACC Clubhouse Member, on passing the Peer Support Specialist Certification. On Friday, January 9 the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) hosted a luncheon ceremony in honor of Regina and the other individuals who received their certification.

A Peer Support Specialist is a person who has progressed in their own recovery and is working to assist other people with a mental disorder. Because of their life experience, such persons have expertise that professional training cannot replicate. Regina works with consumers from ACC's Detroit Wayne County Behavioral Health Program.

February is Heart Health Awareness Month



ACC's Public Health Department invites you to join the American Heart Association in making a difference and raising awareness for heart health.

The American Heart Association invites churches and other faith-based organizations to conduct "Go Red Sunday" heart-health awareness activities on a weekend in February or any other time of your choice. The downloadable kit includes posters, church bulletin inserts, pulpit announcements and other tools.

[Have Faith in Heart Toolkit](#)

[More information](#)

Building Community and Global Partnerships



During a trip to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in Washington DC ACC clubhouse manager Abdelwahhab Alawneh accepted an award on behalf of ACC. Iraqi Health Minister Advisor Dr. Sabah Sadik and SAMHSA International Officer Winnie Mitchell presented an award in recognition and appreciation of ACC's role in hosting Behavioral Health sessions

and trainings for Iraqi delegation groups.

Increasing Cross Cultural Understanding



ACC's Cultural Tapestry Program is providing a Cultural Diversity Workshop for the staff at the Sterling Heights Department of Human Service (DHS) District Office. The presentation will cover cultural customs and traditions along with recent immigration issues and topics.

Reflected in the various activities offered to students, government agencies, and the community at large, ACC's Cultural Tapestry Program is a creative program that promotes cultural appreciation and tolerance of the Arab and Chaldean culture. To learn more about the Cultural Tapestry Program please call (248) 559-1990.

COMING SOON - NEW ACC OFFICE



Making a Difference

ACC is excited to announce that it will be opening a Macomb County JET Work First Program. Due to the increasing need for services ACC has received a grant from Macomb County to serve the growing population. The program is expected to begin by March 2009.

ACC's Macomb County JET Program will provide the following services:

- Group and individual orientation
- Job counseling and placement
- Resume writing
- Vocational and classroom training
- Job supportive services
- Job readiness skills
- English as a second language
- Child Care

Community News

Displaced Workers Networking Reception

Lawrence Technological University will host the first of four networking receptions to bring together displaced workers with college degrees and more than 50 companies with job openings on Thursday, Jan. 22, 5-9 p.m. on its campus at 21000 West Ten Mile Road in Southfield. More than 400 job applicants have already signed up for the event, offered by Lawrence Tech without charge.

For additional information contact Eric Pope at (248) 204-2210.

Chronicles of a Refugee

A documentary film series by Perla Issa, Aseel Mansour, and Adam Shapiro. Chronicles of a Refugee is a 6-part documentary film series looking at the global Palestinian refugee experience over the last 60 years. Please note that the films are independent of each other.

Episode 3: Homeland without ID

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 6:30pm

Arab American National Museum

13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI

To reserve tickets call (586)808-8461, \$10

Proceeds will benefit humanitarian aid and assistance for Palestinian Refugees

American Heart Association - Go Red for Women Casting Call

Go Red for Women Casting Call and Guinness Book of World Records Event!

You will NOT want to miss this!

Saturday, February 7th at Macy's Oakland Mall

11am-12:30pm Guinness Book of World Records Event

The parking lot outside of Macy's will be roped off and outlined with chalk into the shape of the Go Red for Women iconic dress. Photographers from FOX 2 & WNIC will be onsite to capture this momentous event. Everyone is invited! You do not have to participate in the Casting Call to attend and admission is free. **The photo will be taken at 12:30pm sharp!**

1pm-4pm Casting Call & Ongoing Activities

We want to hear from our Michigan ladies! We are looking for women willing to share their stories of heart disease prevention and those that are making positive choices for their health. We are also looking for passion or survivor stories to help spread the word about heart disease---our nation's No. 1 Killer!

The Epic of Gilgamesh

This unique event explores the epic through both music and visual art, using original composition on the clarinet inspired by spontaneous drawings projected live by Syrian/Armenian painter Kevork Mourad.

Kinan Azmeh, composer, clarinetist

Kevork Mourad, painter, live visuals

Fri, Jan 23, 7 pm & 9 pm

Sat, Jan 24, 7 pm

Biomedical Science Research Building Auditorium

\$30 General Admission

For additional information the University Musical Society (UMS) at 734-647-6712.

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