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Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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Greetings!

ACC would like to wish those celebrating Eid al Adha peace and happiness.

Eid Mubarak!

ACC President accompanies Governor to Jordan



On November 19 ACC President Haifa Fakhouri, board member Louie Boji, and Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm met with Jordanian King Abdullah II to discuss several areas in which Michigan and Jordan could work together.

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[Fakhouri accompanies Gov. Granholm, business delegation to Jordan](#)



Misperceptions about smoking the hookah

Making a Difference

ACC substance abuse program coordinator Wali Altahif was recently featured in the Washtenaw

Community College newspaper, The Voice. The article Smokin' The Hookah discusses the common misperception of smoking the hookah.

Altahif is quoted as saying "It's been so popular and accepted because of the myths." "Because the tobacco is flavored, people think it's safer. It gives it a different taste, different smell. So when you smoke it, you're not tasting something like cigarettes, you're tasting the fruit. Orange, watermelon, whatever you use."

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Thank you



The Arab American and Chaldean Council would like to thank the individuals and organizations who contributed to this year's Turkey drive. Your contributions provided holiday turkeys to over 100 families in need.

Thank you again for your support and help in fulfilling our mission to support the overall well-being of the community.

[Annual Toy & Clothing Drive is Underway!](#)

In its annual drive ACC is collecting new or gently used clothes, toys, coats and monetary donations for the less fortunate in our community.

If you would like to volunteer and/or donate to those less fortunate, please contact ACC at 248-559-1990.

Community News

[Building a Healthier Community](#)
Regional Conference on Nutrition and Fitness
January 22 -23, 2009
Hyatt Regency Chicago
www.healthierchicago.org

The purpose of this regional conference is to bring together a diverse group of individuals including academics/educators, public health practitioners and officials, policy-makers, employers, human resources managers, and community leaders to discuss best practices in programming and policy, increase awareness of regional efforts, and develop a plan of action to improve nutrition, physical activity, and health.

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