

# MICHIGAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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# Michigan Muslim Community Council

The Michigan Muslim Community Council (MMCC) is a representative forum of the Michigan's Muslim community. In the 1980's, metro-Detroit's Muslim community embarked on the critical task of bringing Muslim communities under a single umbrella. The Muslim leadership began work on the creation of a Council, bringing together partners from multiple Muslims sects, ethnicities and races. The Council of Islamic Organizations of Michigan was established in 1988, and was formally incorporated in 1993.



CIOM focused on efforts to unite the Muslim community since the 1980s. The very first organized efforts of the developing Council was an annual Eid Unity Banquet in celebration of the end of Ramadan. Since that time, CIOM branched into numerous other important services, including statewide open houses for Michigan's many mosques, extensive outreach effort working with civic and interfaith groups across the state, developing a strong relationship with local print and broadcast media, establishing halal food guidelines on a statewide level, and establishing the Imam's Council.

A parallel council, Islamic Shura Council of Michigan (ISCOM), was established in 2005 to focus on community service projects. ISCOM developed partnerships with many non-profits, including the free healthcare clinic, HUDA, Muslim Family Services, and Islamic Relief, one of America's largest Muslim charitable organizations. The Shura Council helped rehabilitate numerous inner-city mosques and feed thousands through their annual Udhiya/Qurbani (ritual sacrificed meat) program, and Humanitarian Day programs. Their Day of Goodness raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local service projects that benefited the underprivileged in this area.

In 2012, CIOM & ISCOM merged, and formed the Michigan Muslim Community Council (MMCC). The MMCC is a representative forum of the Michigan's Muslim community. MMCC's Board of Directors come from every major ethnicity, sectarian groups and nonprofit within the Muslim community. An Advisory Council assists the Board of Directors in remaining connected with the community. MMCC is supported by resources from generous community members, partner organizations and grants. MMCC hired full-time staff in 2013. They are supported by dozens of volunteers and interns.

MMCC is committed to unifying and coordinating Michigan's Muslim communities, promoting Islamic and American values to help better our state and advocating for social justice. MMCC will work to enhance and develop needed programs in the community that will improve the state of the people of Michigan, In sha Allah (as God wills)

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Assalamualaikum, Greeting of Peace!

On behalf of the Michigan Muslim Community Council, thank you for support and prayers over the past year. Our vision is simple: We seek to elevate the Michigan Muslim community to become valued and active partners in making Michigan a great place for all. We do this by mobilizing, coordinating and convening our community in areas where we can have the greatest impact.

This has been a busy year, as we welcome a new Executive Director and expand our many programs that are highlighted in this handbook. This year, the main areas of focus have been civic engagement, mobilizing Michigan Muslims for community service and developing a strategic plan that individual partners can use to understand the needs of their respective communities.

Our work would not be possible without your support. We appreciate the time and resources our board members, advisers and staff have given to continue the work of MMCC and help guide it into the future. We are also indebted to the many others who have supported MMCC, whether is has been donating money, volunteering at our activities and events, or simply "Liking" us on Facebook. God rewards even the smallest of good deeds.

We know there is much more work to be done. We have many great ideas on improving civic engagement, promoting interfaith, intrafaith and educational activities, providing support for our youth and schools, enhancing our mosques and Imams, and working with others to help bring about positive change in our communities. I hope that you will stay engaged over the next year as we work towards our vision of a better Michigan. May God bless you and our country.

**Muzammil M. Ahmed**  
*Chairperson, MMCC*





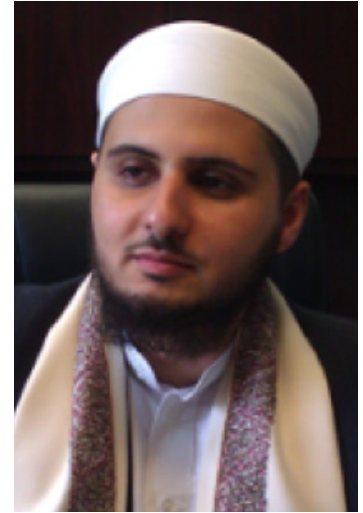
## Our Staff

Assalamu alaikum,

On behalf of everyone at the MMCC I would like to welcome you all to our annual event which reflects the unity, love, and understanding that we have in our community. In the past few months, I have been very fortunate to visit many schools, institutions and places of worship that made me truly thankful to be part of such a wonderful locality. The MMCC is committed to unifying our communities, building bridges with our civic leadership, extending our hand to our interfaith partners, and serving the citizens of this great state. We will continue to strive in putting our differences aside and come along as a unified nation. The Prophet peace be upon him said, "He is not a true believer who does not love for his brothers and sisters what he loves for himself," and "The best among you are those who help others".

We ask you to please join us in being part of this effort and support the MMCC with your prayers, your time and your finances to see a greater community in the coming years. Thank you all for joining us and may Allah bless you and your families.

**Imam Mohammed Almasmari**  
Executive Director



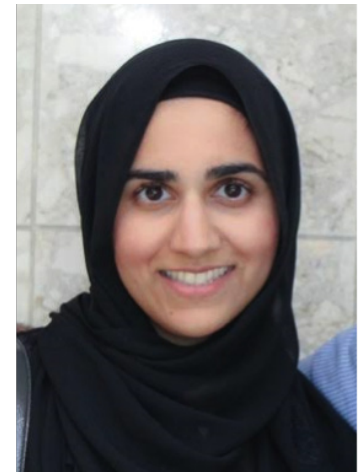
Dear Friends, Assalamu Alaikum

This is my third year with MMCC, and what a great learning experience it has been for me! What began as a part-time job planning Michigan Muslim Capitol Day 2013 is now a full time career that is rewarding and purposeful each day.

Michigan Muslim Community Council is an organization that is made up of a team of dynamic individuals, each bringing a certain area of expertise but all working towards common goals; unifying diverse communities, promoting best American and Islamic values, and pursuing a better Michigan.

MMCC strives to provide a platform to our communities to be engaged in society at large and we pledge to take the lead in building healthy and sustainable relationships across communities to help Michigan move forward. On behalf of MMCC, I thank you for your support, your service and prayers.

**Amina Iqbal**  
Director of Operations, MMCC





## Our Staff



**Sumaiya Ahmed** is an Oakland University graduate having received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She is currently the Director of Operations at The Tutoring Center-Troy while pursuing her Master's in Special Education at Oakland University. In her current role as the Communications Director for MMCC, she helps organize and coordinate various community-based events. One of her most recognized accomplishments is the MMCC community calendar which informs the Michigan Muslim community about various events going on in the area. She is also currently serving on IAGD's Community Affairs Committee, MMCC's Youth Council and The Greater Detroit

Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Council. Sumaiya has contributed to many other organizations over the years by being OU's Muslim Student Association President, ISNA Detroit's Media Relations Chair, and a member of STEM Education Board. Sumaiya continues to passionately serve the community that helped to raise her and prays the community will achieve great success in the year to come.



**Yumna Alam** is an undergraduate student at Schoolcraft College pursuing an Elementary Education Bachelor's Degree. Apart from her studies, she is a youth mentor at her local mosque who helped organize and run it's first Girls' Summer SOLE Project, is currently an organizer and facilitator of a weekly girls' program, and is a frequent volunteer. She has previously served as a chair for the MMYC Spring Conference and was part of the MIST Detroit Marketing Committee for two years. Since joining MMCC in February of 2014, she has served as an intern and learned much about the non-profit world of communications, outreach, and civic engagement. Her service has included conducting

interviews and writing articles for the MMCC Newsletter, taking part in preparation and management of Capitol Days, the 2014 Ramadan Fight Against Hunger Campaign, the I Want to Be President day event, the phone banking events during election time, and the Annual Unity Banquets. As a current member of the MMCC Youth Council, she has hopes and prays for a greater, more blessed Michigan Muslim Community.



**Nausheen Razvi** is a proud mother of 3 children, who she constantly strives to set a good example for through her activism and community contributions. She has been serving the Michigan Muslim Community in various capacities since 2007, particularly working with the youth of the community which she enjoys tremendously. In her current role as the Administrative Coordinator for MMCC, she leads, organizes, and coordinates various community-based events throughout the metro Detroit area. One of her recent accomplishments was coordinating the 2015 Ramadan Fight Against Hunger campaign which provided thousands of pounds of food to local food banks to be distributed later

to hundreds of distressed families. She served as the bazaar committee chairperson at the 2014 ISNA Detroit Convention which attracted thousands of attendees and contributed to Detroit's revitalization efforts. In addition to her duties with MMCC, she is currently serving as the President of the Board of Directors to one of the most successful schools, Crescent Academy International, where she assumes other responsibilities such as, the acting Ombudsman and heading the school lunch program.



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November 1, 2015



Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Banquet hosted by the Michigan Muslim Community Council.

This banquet unifies the Muslim community, providing a common platform for dialogue on issues that are important to Michigan's diverse population.

As we journey forward to create an environment in Michigan that fosters job opportunities and growth, we should recognize those making committed efforts to promote unity and cooperation among our varied communities, races and ethnic backgrounds. I

am confident that your organization will continue to contribute to our collaborative efforts to reinvent Michigan.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder  
Governor

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## *Message for Michigan Muslim Community from*

*John Austin*

*Michigan State Board of Education President*



As we gather together in unity to celebrate our shared values and wonderful diversity in Michigan, we must remind each other that our shared responsibility is to breathe life into these values everyday --as citizens and voters, in our businesses, in our schools, in our communities and neighborhoods, and in our places of worship.

As some who seek to lead us decry the immigrant; we must remind them in Michigan and America all are immigrants, and we are a stronger country when we welcome the newcomer, befriend and help the stranger seeking freedom and a better life.

When some say they don't have to serve or work with others, because they disagree with their religion, their sexual orientation, or are afraid to treat others as equals- -we must remind them that to work in dignity is a basic human right; to be recognized as equal a vital step towards a just society.

When children are not in school, or not getting access to the great education that is the pathway to wisdom, opportunity , and a better life; we must reach out and create this opportunity for them.

When we see our neighbor in the street or at the store, we must not fear them if they are different from us; but learn from them something we cannot know ourselves.

And when we come together and pray, we must pray against no one, and for everyone; one race of many faiths under a higher power.



## Messages to the Muslim Community from Our Friends



"The Michigan Office for New Americans congratulates the Michigan Muslim Community Council for its 29th Annual Banquet. We also thank you for sharing your rich culture and entrepreneurial spirit that has enriched the people of Michigan."

— **Bing Goei**, Director, Michigan Office for New Americans



"The work of the Michigan Muslim Community Council is so important as they continue to promote unity and cooperation through advocacy, service and education. I truly appreciate all of their efforts."

— **Representative George T. Darany**,  
15th District - Dearborn



"As we come together to celebrate your 29th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet, know that your faith and continued service are setting an example for citizens throughout Michigan and our nation."

— **Congressman Dan Kildee**, Flint



"Thank you MMCC for your dedication to unifying communities to fulfill the American promise of inclusion, justice and prosperity."

— **State Representative Christina Greig**,  
Farmington Hills



"My best wishes to my friends at the Michigan Muslim Community Council."

— **Senator Steve Bieda**, Warren



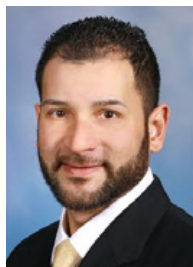
"The Michigan Muslim Community Council continues to engage in meaningful work that promotes unity and cooperation. They are setting an example for advocacy groups throughout Michigan."

— **State Representative Kristy Pagan**,  
Canton



I am proud to support the Michigan Muslim Community Council's 29th Annual Unity Banquet. The MMCC's dedication to community service, support and mobilization of Muslim communities and cultures, and commitment to human rights has truly inspired unity in the state of Michigan. It is an honor to recognize the MMCC's hard work and I wish them continued success in the years to come.

— **Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood**, Taylor



"Assalamu Alaikum. God creates his warriors with the hammer of adversity and the chisel of discipline."

— **State Representative Harvey Santana**,  
Detroit



"Congratulations MMCC on your annual banquet! I sincerely admire the strength, engagement, and resilience of the Michigan Muslim community. Do not hesitate to contact your state legislator on issues important to you - we want to hear from you!"

— **State Representative Stephanie Chang**,  
Detroit



"Michigan Muslims should take pride in the strong community they have built in our state, which is home to one of the largest Islamic populations in the nation. I certainly am proud to stand with Michigan Muslims today and every day."

— **State Representative Adam Zemke**,  
Ann Arbor

## Keynote Speaker

### Linda Sarsour

Linda Sarsour is a working woman, racial justice and civil rights activist, and mother of three. Ambitious, outspoken and independent, Linda shatters stereotypes of Muslim women while also treasuring her religious and ethnic heritage. She is a Palestinian Muslim American and a self-proclaimed "pure New Yorker, born and raised in Brooklyn!"

Linda is the Executive Director of the Arab American Association of New York and Senior Strategist for the Campaign to Take on Hate. In the wake of the police murder of Mike Brown, she co-founded Muslims for Ferguson to build solidarity amongst American Muslim communities and encourage work against police brutality. Linda is also the co-founder of the Muslim Democratic Club of New York, the first of its kind in New York City. She has received numerous awards and honors including "Champion of Change" by the White House, the New York City Council's Shirley Chisholm Women of Distinction Award and received the inaugural American Muslim of the Year honor from the Council on American Islamic Relations. Linda is also a board member of the New York Immigration Coalition, a coalition of over 200 nonprofit agencies serving the diverse immigrant communities of New York State and the Network of Arab American Professionals-NY Chapter.

She has been profiled by PBS, Yahoo News, NY1's One on One With Budd Mishkin and the Guardian. She recently completed a successful campaign to have the Muslim Eid holidays officially recognized by the New York City. And for her many accomplishments, the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center named her one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world.



## Emcee

### Fatima Abdrabboh

Fatima Abdrabboh, J.D. M.P.P., M.T.S., the Director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's (ADC) Michigan office, is a graduate of Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. As Director of the largest civil rights organization defending the rights of Arab-Americans, her work has primarily focused on identifying unique challenges facing the Arab-American community and reconciling their needs with the fundamental values enshrined in the United States Constitution. Fatima's work has appeared in leading periodicals including the *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Washington Times*, and others. Her work has also been published in premier academic journals including the *Harvard Journal of African-American Public Policy*, the *Harvard Africa Policy Journal*, the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, the *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved* as well as many others. She has also appeared on national and international television as part of her commitment to public service and advocating on behalf of Arab-Americans, minorities, and underserved populations.



# Awards

## Fairness in Media Award

### Carol Cain

Carol Cain is the eight-time Emmy Award Winning Senior Producer/ Host of "Michigan Matters" -- the weekly show airing 11:30 a.m. Sundays on CBS 62 focusing on politics, business, sports and more.

Carol has hosted "Michigan Matters" since its debut 10 years ago. It features high profile guests as well as weekly panelists from business, politics, education and sports. Carol has interviewed Govs. Rick Snyder, Mitt Romney, Jennifer Granholm, Howard Dean, Bill Milliken, and Jeb Bush, GM CEO Mary Barra, Bill Ford, Sergio Marchionne, Mark Fields, Roger Penske, Newt Gingrich, Dan Gilbert, Geraldine Ferraro, Michelle Rhee, Sir Jackie Stewart, Mayors Mike Duggan, Dave Bing, Kwame Kilpatrick and Virg Bernero, the Chinese Ambassador to the U.S. and hundreds of others.

She is also assisting the CBS station with its Peabody-nominated "Eye on the Future" initiative which was launched to take on important issues that impact the community with an eye towards long-term impact.

As part of that she has written/produced and hosted "Eye on the Future" TV specials for CBS on critical issues such as "Building Bridges: From The Great Lakes To The Great Wall," "Powering Michigan's Future," "RX For Michigan" "Reinventing Michigan," "The Health Care Act and You," "Detroit's Next Chapter," "Michigan in Transition" and "Michigan: Our Water, Our Future."

Carol is also an award-winning columnist at Detroit Free Press, writing about business, politics and more. She has carved a path spotlighting the importance of diversity and inclusion throughout her career. She has written numerous exclusive articles and columns that talk about the importance of building bridges throughout the community and also to places like China.

She has served as national editor, political editor, business editor and columnist at Detroit Free Press, business editor at Toledo Blade, business reporter and nationally-syndicated columnist at The Detroit News, and reporter and editor at United Press International where she covered sports, autos and politics.

She can also be heard offering commentary on politics, business and community issues on local and national broadcast outlets.

The Muslim community is particularly thankful for her fair portrayal of Muslims, Arabs and new Americans. She has repeatedly recognized the importance of having a diverse community and the value brought by immigrants to America. She brought MMCC Board members onto her show to discuss the 2014 Islamic Society of North America convention in Detroit. She also made time out of her busy schedule to attend and emcee Michigan Muslim Capitol Day in 2014, inspiring many young students to get their voices heard.

Born in Detroit, she attended Detroit Public Schools. She obtained her BA in Communications from Michigan State University and MBA from the University of Michigan.





# Awards

## Syed Salman Community Service Award

### Islamic Relief USA



Islamic Relief USA (IRUSA) is awarded the Annual Syed Salman Community Service Award for its outstanding work in Detroit and beyond for two decades. IRUSA distributes over \$60 million in aid across the world annually and has a 4 star rating by Charity Navigator. Based in Virginia, it has invested heavily in metro Detroit. In particular, during the water shut off crisis in Detroit last year, Islamic Relief partnered with MMCC to provide \$100,000 in water relief to United way of Southeastern Michigan and Wayne Metro Community Council to help relieve some of Detroit's hardest hit residents.

Islamic Relief also partners annually with MMCC to help with the annual meat distribution from the Oedhiya and Qurbani programs at Eid. This year, IRUSA donated over 30,000 pounds of meat which was distributed by MMCC to local needy families at 25 mosques, food pantries and partner service organizations such as Zaman International, Muslim Family Services and the Detroit Muslim Mission. IRUSA collects its donations from across the United States and chooses to invest the a significant portion of the donations in Metro Detroit.

IRUSA has many other investments in Michigan. It has been a regular sponsor of the annual Day of Dignity, where hundreds of local Detroiters benefit from care packages, health screening and food distributions. This year, the event took place in September at the Muslim Center of Detroit. IRUSA also conducted a series of workshops for Disaster Assistance Relief Training. The extended training sessions spanning several days gave certification for local residents to become formal disaster relief workers. These workers have been used previously during the Katrina and Sandy hurricanes. They were among the first relief workers on the ground when Detroit and Dearborn faced flooding last year, and are ready to respond to disasters across this country and world.

IRUSA has promoted community development by being a regular sponsor of many local activities, particularly among the youth. Through the sponsorship of workshops, camps, banquets and more, IRUSA allows local youth to become better educated about their faith, gain exposure to community organizing and develop critical leadership skills. Many of the youth who organized dinners for Islamic Relief go on to serve other non-profits, including MMCC. Islamic Relief has sponsored and supported critical local youth events including, the Michigan Muslim Youth Council Annual Conference, Camp Al-Hilal and last years recipients of the community service award, the Michigan Interscholastic Tournament (MIST).



As residents of Michigan, we thank IRUSA for its dedication to helping the disadvantaged, and the foresight to realize that many of those who need help are actually our neighbors. IRUSA embodies the spirit of relentless community service of the late Br. Syed Salman, one of our great pioneers in the Muslim community. We pray IRUSA continues its good works into the future.

# Awards

## Interfaith Partner Award

### Jim Tuman

Jim Tuman is the 2015 recipient of the Michigan Muslim Council Interfaith award. Jim Tuman embodies the interfaith spirit, which harnesses the goodness in all our faiths to make a positive impact on the world.

Jim was born in New York in the 1940's and travelled across the world as he tried to learn about people. Along the way, he performed many jobs, including rodeo clown, rock band roadie, cake decorator, symphony musician and relief worker in Ethiopia. He graduated from Michigan State with a degree in sociology, and eventually found his calling as an advocate for children, women and veterans. He has spoken to over 2 million children in over 2000 schools, and has taken his message to the airways on places like the Today Show, Oprah, and many other important news programs and papers. Most recently, he gave a Ted Talk at Tedx Bay City. He has been recognized as Michiganian of the Year in 2005 and Distinguished Alumni at MSU in 2012.

His is a message of hope and perseverance. He is able to connect with those who feel ostracized, bullied or neglected, and helps them turn their lives around and use their experiences as a source of strength. It is this same passion to help those on the margins that allow him to see the importance

of supporting the Muslim community which is facing rising levels of hate and bigotry. He encouraged the Muslim Council to join his local effort to help children in Southwest Detroit, Jimmy's Kids, during their Christmas gift distribution alongside the Jewish community.



In the first year of this multi faith collaboration, Jimmy had fallen ill with pneumonia and was hospitalized. Despite doctor's order, however, he left the hospital to join the hundreds gathered that cold morning in 2006 to welcome the crowd and thank them for their work.

The Muslim Volunteer Day and Jewish Mitzvah Day on Christmas have blossomed with the support of people like Jim Tuman. He truly values the diversity of faiths and works to allow others to do so also. He embodies the Quranic verse, "We have made you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, so that you may know one another. The noblest of you in the sight of God are those of you who are righteous."







## Our Mission

1. Promote **unity and cooperation** among the diverse Muslim communities, cultures, ethnic backgrounds and races by convening and mobilizing the Muslim community
2. To promote the **best Islamic and American values** through advocacy, and organizing service, education and partnerships and coalitions with ethnic racial, religious, education and civic organizations, government and the media others
3. Pursue social **justice**, improve human relations and uphold human rights in America

## Our Year in Review



### Michigan Imam's Council

- Training for Imams on marriage counselling, domestic violence, drug abuse, mental health first aid, and more
- Co-Chairs are Imam Mustapha Elturk and Imam Mohammed Elahi
- Unified Khutbahs (Sermons)
- Press Releases

Imam's Council has brought together Shia and Sunni Imams who meet regularly to address religious challenges affecting the community. The MMCC also supports the Muslim Chaplaincy which is run through the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit.



### Michigan Muslim Capitol Day

- Brings together communities across Michigan
- Co-Hosted by dozens of elected officials
- Imam's seminar with legislators
- College student session with senators
- Over 200 attendees
- Islamic School participation
- Leadership Development
- Teamwork
- Community Engagement
- Healthy & Sustainable Relationships



# MMCC Year in Review

## Ramadan Fight Against Hunger

Helping Muslims put their faith in action during the Holy Month: Partners include 10 mosques, 1 synagogue, 2 churches, Gleaners Food Pantry, Forgotten Harvest, Zaman International, Muslim Family Services, and local youth groups

## Oudhiyah/Qurbani

Helping Muslims fulfill their obligation to sacrifice meat during the holiday of Eid Al- Adha honoring the Sacrifice of Prophet Abraham. Partners include Islamic Relief USA, Mercy International, Zaman International

## December 25th Muslim Volunteer Day and Jewish Mitzvah Day

Muslims and Jewish faith members work together on multiple local service events aimed to help Christians enjoy their holidays. Activities include delivering Christmas presents to at-risk kids, serving in soup kitchens, visiting senior homes, working in animal shelters, delivering meals and more. Our partners include the Jewish Community Relations Council and Jimmy's Kids.

## Detroit Water Emergency Relief

MMCC partnered with Islamic Relief to provide the City of Detroit with \$100,000 to help families who faced water shut-offs due to financial hardship. This grant was administered through United Way of SE Michigan and Wayne Metro Community Council in January.

**Volunteers for MMCC in past year:** 200

**Participants at MMCC events in 2015:** Over 1500

### Social Media Outreach:

- Facebook Likes on the 2 Michigan Muslim pages: 14,100
- Weekly Email list: 2,100
- Number of People who read the Amazing Michigan Muslim Posts: 3,200

### Awards to MMCC:

- Helping Hands
- Oakland County Executive
- Wayne Metro Community Council
- Michigan Secretary of State

## Community Service/Mitzvah Day



Tarik Baraka, from left, Keith Mosa-Basha and Firas Iman check the address for the Christmas delivery for Jimmy's Kids. Photo taken by Elizabeth Conley, Detroit News



Samah Chamamit of Canton holds onto a cat at Almost Home Animal Shelter in Southfield. Taken by Elizabeth Conley, Detroit News



Sumaiya Ahmed, MMCC Communications Director, speaking to a reporter at "Feed Their Legacy" event



WWJ 950 interviewing Rashida Tlaib at Interfaith Candlelight Vigil



MMCC and IR-USA presenting the \$100,000 donation to the City of Detroit and Mayor Duggan.





# MMCC Year in Review

## Unity Banquet

- Over 500 attendees
- Community Service, Fairness in Media, and Interfaith Partner Award
- "Most diverse" audience than any other Muslim event in Michigan



## Helping Hands for Relief and Development gave MMCC the Community Service Award.

They have been one of our partner organizations for the local Oudhiya distributions, and they are celebrating their 10th anniversary. Congrats to Chris Abdur-Rahman Blauvelt and Iman Jasim as well!



# MMCC Year in Review



## "Feed Their Legacy"

The Michigan Muslim Community Council (MMCC), alongside Zaman International, coordinated a canned food drive as part of "Feed Their Legacy," a campaign inspired by last month's Chapel Hill shooting victims. The campaign, asking American Muslims to respond to hate with kindness. Over 190,000 cans were collected in a month nation-wide. An interfaith candlelight vigil also took place for the victims at Wayne Student University.



## Interfaith Vigil at Wayne State University





# MMCC Year in Review

## Ramadan Fight Against Hunger

Ramadan was a blessed and busy month as we held our **Ramadan Fight Against Hunger Campaign**. MMCC was fortunate to have great local partners: Muslim Family Services, Zaman Int'l, IMPACT, ACCESS, Muslim Building bridges, HUDA Garden, Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners and more. We were able to contribute to the many Ramadan service events being done across our state. Just a few numbers of what we accomplished:

- Total volunteers at MMCC sponsored service events: 363
- Total Mosques with food collection boxes: 10
- Total events service scheduled in Ramadan: 22
- Total lbs of food collected in mosque food drives for Gleaners: 3,781 lb.
- Total lbs of food packed for Forgotten Harvest: 31,383 lb.
- Total lbs of food packed at Tawheed Center Ramadan Food Drive: 95,000 lb.



Youth sorting and packing at Sam's Club



MMCC ED Imam Almasmari with youth from the Muslim Unity Center at Gleaners Food Bank

## Oudhiya/Qurbani Program 2015

- 710 lambs sacrificed in 2015
- 33,000 pounds of meat distributed to the poor
- 26 charitable organizations and mosques participated
- 83 boxes with 4000 pounds donated to Gleaners Food Bank



Dr. Mouhib Ayyas  
Chairperson of the  
Oudhiya/Qurbani Program  
and Vice Chair of MMCC





# MMCC Year in Review

## Some Events in which MMCC Sponsored and Participated:

- Mental Health Seminar
- Day of Dignity
- Civic Engagement Training with APIAVote-MI
- Wayne County Mental Health Training
- You Should Run for President with ACCESS
- Multiple Interfaith Events and dialogue



"You should Run for President" at the Arab American Museum



Civic Engagement Training with APIAVote-MI



MMCC joins other regional councils to discuss coordination and ideas at the Chicago ISNA convention 2015



MMCC meets with German delegation at the ICA to discuss refugees along with local partners from ACCESS HYPE and AACC



Imams, community activists and leaders discuss challenges to the local community at the ALIM-MMCC leadership forum in August 2015



# MMCC Year in Review

## Interfaith Health Fair

The Interfaith health fair held in May in Hamtramck was sponsored jointly by the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Interfaith Leadership Council and MMCC.



## Michigan Muslim Capitol Day



Representative Christina Greig with Imams and community leaders



Sr. Zaynab Salman: Invocation on the House Floor



Senator Colbeck and Canton residents



Representative Brandon Dillon with students and community leaders



Director of Office for New Americans, Bing Goie





# Michigan Muslim Capitol Day

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 | Lansing, MI

Bringing hundreds of Muslim youth and adults to Michigan's state capitol to engage and empower our community.



## Keynote Speaker: Rashida Tlaib



With the belief that everyone, not just the wealthy and privileged, deserves access to opportunity and a better quality of life, Rashida Tlaib has dedicated her life to amplifying the concerns of the marginalized in Detroit, and across the state and country. Rashida made history in 2008 by becoming the first Muslim woman elected to the Michigan Legislature, and only the second Muslim state legislator in the country. She quickly became a leader amongst her peers and was appointed as the ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee. The *Detroit Free Press* and *Detroit News* recognized her service when they said, respectively, "Rashida has an unshakable work ethic" and "there's no harder worker or stronger voice for her constituents" belief that everyone, not just the wealthy and privileged, deserves access to opportunity. Rashida has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Role Model Award from Alternatives for Girls, After School Champion national award, CAIR Michigan's Empowering Muslims Award, Clean Water Action's Clean Water Hero award, recognized as one of Crain's Detroit Business Women to Watch and featured in PBS' *Makers Documentary* on Women in Politics. She is currently the Community Partnerships and Development Director at the Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice and manages the Campaign to Take on Hate, a racial justice movement to prevent the increase of hate crimes in the U.S. Rashida received her bachelor's in political science from Wayne State University and her law degree from Thomas Cooley Law School. She lives in Southwest Detroit with her husband and two young sons.

## Special Guest Speaker: Justice Stephen J. Markman



Stephen Markman was appointed Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court on October 1, 1999. Before his appointment, he served as Judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals from 1995-1999. Prior to this, he practiced law with the firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone in Detroit. From 1989-93, Justice Markman served as United States Attorney, or federal prosecutor, in Michigan, after having been nominated by President George H. W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate. From 1985-1989, he served as Assistant Attorney General of the United States, after having been nominated by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by the United States Senate. In that position, he headed the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy, which served as the principal policy development office within the Department, and which coordinated the federal judicial selection process. Prior to this, he served for seven years as Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, and as Deputy Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee. Justice Markman has spoken before hundreds of youth, civic, charitable, and legal groups throughout Michigan and nationally, and has coached Little League baseball and basketball. He lives with his wife Mary Kathleen in Mason, and has two sons, James and Charles. Justice Markman was re-elected to the Supreme Court in 2000, 2004, and 2012. His present term expires January 1, 2021.

## Emcee: Siham Awada Jaafar



Siham Awada Jaafar is the founder and producer of the nationally acclaimed *Images and Perceptions Diversity Conference* celebrating its 12th year. Recognized by *CorpMagazine* with the Champion of Diversity Award in 2014 and in 2015 by NAWBO with the 10 top Michigan Business Owners Champion of Diversity Award, Siham Awada Jaafar lives her passion through creating a conversation around diversity and dispelling stereotypes. As President and CEO of 3D Consulting and Communications, she specializes in customized law enforcement, corporate, educational, and government diversity training. Siham is Vice President of the Wayne Mediation Center, Planning Commissioner for the City of Dearborn Heights and currently hosts two Cable Television Programs at WDHT TV. Siham was born and raised in Michigan and has called it home her entire life. She and her husband, Hassane, have two amazing children, Gina and Alex.

## Co-Hosts

### STATE SENATORS

Jim Ananich	Hoon-Yung Hopgood	Jim Marleau
Steve Bieda	Bert Johnson	Margaret O'Brien
Vincent Gregory	David Knezek	Joe Stamas
Curtis Hertel Jr.	Mike Kowall	Rebekah Warren
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## PROGRAM

- 9 am **Registration/meetings** begin and last throughout the day
- 9:20 am **Guest Orientation** (going over schedule, buildings, maps, places to visit).
- 9:30-10:30 am **Imams and Leadership Civic Engagement Training.** Room 424 of the State Capitol.  
Reps attending: Rep. Christina Greig, Rep. Adam Zemke, Rep. Jeff Irwin, Attorney Tarek Baydoun moderator.
- 9 am **School Tours**
- 10:45 am **Middle School Workshop**
- 10:45 am **Begin heading into Rotunda** (Capitol Building 2nd Floor Glass Floor area)
- 11-12 noon **National Anthem & Quran recitations.**  
Siham Jaafar emcee; Take On Hate Campaign Manager Rashida Tlaib keynote. Justice Stephen J. Markman special guest speaker; Khadega Mohammed spoken word artist
- 12 noon **Annual Picture on Capitol Steps**
- 12:05-1:00 pm **Lunch on Capitol Lawn** (Mediterranean and pizza)
- 12:30-1:15 pm **Middle School Workshop**
- 1:15 pm **Head back inside Capitol** for 1:30 pm Invocation by Zaynab Salman (house side)
- 2-3:00 pm **College Student Session with State Senators** Hoon-Yung Hopgood, Morris Hood III, and Margaret O'Brien Room 810 Farnum Building
- 3-3:30 pm **Wrap up and final meetings for the day**



# Michigan Muslim Capitol Day Highlights

1. There was more positive energy than ever before. Testimonial from a UM-Dearborn student: This year I feel so much more engaged. There is so much energy!
2. Over 30 bi-partisan co-hosts. Most of which either spoke, stopped by event, and/or we had one on one meetings with.
3. College student participation increase. Over 2 dozen college students across 5 universities attended.
4. Honorable Sec. of State Ruth Johnson visited with students and leaders.
5. Visited over 40 bi-partisan officials and delivered info on MMCC, an ask for supporting Take on Hate and policies related to hate crimes, an invite to our Unity Banquet on Sunday, November 1st (please save the date), and a box of baklava to extend our support.
6. Testimonial from a high school student: "Highlight of my life, I'm so humbled and honored performing in the capitol building on Michigan Muslim Capitol Day."
7. First ever Imam's/Leadership seminar with Reps. Jeff Irwin and Christina Greig. Full room!
8. Senate Panel for college students very well attended. Senators that joined the 30+ person discussion included, Senators Hoon Yung-Hopgood, Margaret O'Brien, Morris Hood III, David Knezek, and Vincent Gregory.
9. Officials and their key staff reaching out to us: Asking how they can help, booking rooms for seminars, changing schedules so officials can interact with the community. In short, we have built sustainable relationships with our officials, and hope the community continues to foster these important relationships.

***SAVE THE DATE: MI Muslim Capitol Day is May 17, 2016***





## **Amazing Michigan Muslim** **Zarinah El-Amin Naeem**

*"I found out that my goal is to create a global culture of love. That's my goal in life." - Zarinah El-Amin*

Zarinah El-Amin Naeem is a social entrepreneur, anthropologist, and author of *Jihad of the Soul: Singlehood and the Search for Love in Muslim America*. When we asked her to describe her background, she began by crediting her parents, saying, "My parents were very active in the community, so we were the children of the masjid. We grew up with the mentality of giving back to the community. That is, the Muslim community as well as the broader community. That was our upbringing." She is dedicated to building bridges of understanding amongst people, and that is what makes her an amazing Michigan Muslim.

Although Zarinah takes pride in being born and raised in Detroit, it was her experiences traveling and working in Africa that sparked her curiosity about human commonalities and differences. In Egypt, she experienced racism and discrimination that she was often protected from in her local community back home. She took a job with LIFE for Relief and Development as Africa Programs Coordinator, stationed in Sierra Leone. When she returned, her desire to get to know humans on a deeper level led her to study anthropology.

*"I look at headwraps not only as religious symbols but as a way for us to get to know one another. I'm Muslim, and I'm wearing something on my head. I see a Rastafarian with something on their head, then I see a Jewish person with something on their head, and a Sikh with something on their head. All these people are doing the exact same thing, which is referencing their lord, but in different ways. I want to use head covering to bring all these folks together."*

Zarinah is the founder of an interfaith organization called Beautifully Wrapped. The organization has two goals: to build love, understanding, and respect among people, and to utilize fashion as a means of sparking economic development in Detroit and West Africa. Every year,



Beautifully Wrapped hosts an event called the Headwrap Expo. The event is comprised of fashion shows, interfaith panels, and a marketplace. Zarinah explains that the Headwrap Expo is a more organic approach to interfaith dialogue. Rather than pushing people to talk about issues, it brings people together in a lighthearted manner and allows them to get to know one another for who they really are.

*"We as Muslims have something to offer, and it is incumbent upon us to put it out there"*

She is also known for self-publishing her own book, called *Jihad of the Soul: Singlehood and the Love in Muslim America*. In the book, she interviews Muslims from around the country about their views on marriage. The book has been a success and is now being used as a required text in the university setting, for use by Muslims and other groups. The experience of publishing her book led her to found NIYAH Publishing, in which she helps others publish their own works. She stresses the importance of not only making a profit, but benefitting others and "contributing to the positive evolution of society" as she puts it.

*"Whatever your strengths are, there is a place for them. Find your strengths and utilize them to find peace."*

When we asked Zarinah if she had any advice for the young Muslim women who want to serve their communities but may be struggling to self-actualize, she stressed that for the younger generation at large, the key is to be honest with ourselves about strengths and weaknesses. Many of us try to bring peace to others and please others before finding peace within ourselves, and this may lead to resentment and unnecessary stress. She also emphasized the importance of seeking knowledge, saying "it's not cool to be 'Islamically dumb'". Sister Zarinah has proven to be a great role model for the youth of our community and we look forward to seeing the positivity she will inspire.

MARCH 2015



## Amazing Michigan Muslim Asif Malik

*"It is important to represent who you are and where you're from. It is a common saying that if you're not at the table, you're on the table..." - Asif Malik*

Asif Malik is a pediatric anesthesiologist working for the Henry Ford Health System, but that is only part of the reason he was chosen as this month's Amazing Michigan Muslim. Aside from his career as an anesthesiologist, Dr. Malik has participated in various community involvement initiatives in health and beyond. As an individual, he manages to find his own unique methods, based on his own specific talents, to give back to our community. He encourages us all to do the same, and that is why he is this month's Amazing Michigan Muslim.



*"I'd say that if you have to write about someone, you should write about my father as opposed to me."*

Dr. Asif Malik was born in Detroit, Michigan to Pakistani immigrants. He begins the interview by attributing his personal successes to his parents, particularly his father, Dr. Ghaus Malik. He credits him as his primary role model in life. Although his father is a neurosurgeon, Dr. Malik claims that his father never pushed him or his siblings toward medicine. Rather, he says his father would tell him to do whatever he wanted as long as he was excelling at it, for mediocrity was unacceptable. His father was also a founder of the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit in Rochester Hills, which set the stage for Asif and his siblings to understand the importance of institution building and giving back to the community. When talking about his parents, Dr. Malik stressed that we are products of our parents, and that as parents we have a duty to counsel our children wisely and raise them with values of selflessness and care for others. Parents must lead by the prophetic example and encourage their kids to do the same. He makes special note of the humility of his parents, saying "One thing I got from my parents is that every person should be treated the same. Never think that you are above anyone."

Although he is busy with his duties in the hospital and outside of it, Dr. Malik still makes time to engage and serve his community. He stresses the importance of Muslims being an active and positive part of the fabric of American society, and to him that means we must be visible in our efforts to help the community at large. We must serve as leaders within the public sphere, as helpers of humanity rather than just helpers of our own groups per se. According to Dr. Malik, we must add positivity to the conversation about Muslims, and we do this by standing up and taking initiative. He presently serves as the President-elect of IMANA, the Islamic Medical Association of North America. He is also part of the Board of Directors for the Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Red Cross Southeast Michigan chapter, for which he

has been helping to organize blood drives within the Muslim community since high school.

*"We have to be active participants in society and you don't have to be in medicine to do that"*

As part of Dr. Malik's volunteer efforts, he and other doctors frequently embark on medical missions to various foreign countries as a part of IMANA. That is his way of giving back through volunteering, yet he wanted to make a point to the audience that volunteering knows no profession. He shared a story of a surgical mission he recently returned from Sudan, in which 186 cases of cleft lip and palate deformities were corrected

in five days. This wonderful effort however, was not undertaken by doctors alone. This time they were joined by Oday Aboushi, a Palestinian-American offensive tackle from the NFL's New York Jets. By no means is Aboushi a medical professional. Rather, he is a professional football player. Yet, he was still able to help out in the effort by using his 6'6, 300 pound frame to hold down any unruly patients, translate Arabic, and by the end, even hook up IVs and draw blood. The point is that there are many things we can do to volunteer. Everyone has a talent. Whatever that talent may be, use it for good. Get out there and volunteer!

*"Why do we need to ask for assistance? As a community, we are affluent financially and in numbers. People say the Muslim population in southeast Michigan is going down. I just don't see that.."*

Like many of us, Dr. Malik is the son of immigrants and represents the first generation of American Muslims. He is grateful for the foundation our parents built for us, but he realizes that a common vision is needed for a better future. To him, that future is centered on parenting. His goal in life is to ensure that his children have a better upbringing than he did, and that they are able to balance life as great Americans as well as great Muslims. He recognizes that some people may not have the capacity to visit the mosque daily, but that shouldn't mean that those people cannot be equally good representatives of Islam. He encourages his own children to live to the prophetic example as ambassadors, not necessarily preachers. He extends this advice to all the youth.

Dr. Malik also has a vision for fellow Muslim medical professionals. He acknowledges the efforts of local physicians in the Huda Clinic, a Muslim-run free health clinic in Detroit, yet he believes that it is not enough. He believes that Muslim doctors have an even bigger duty, especially since most mosques in the region have been founded by and are sustained by physicians. He recommends a consolidated effort to promote networking amongst physicians to provide free health care to the disadvantaged. Overall, Dr. Malik is optimistic about the state of our community and we look forward to improving it together.

APRIL 2015

## Amazing Michigan Muslim

# Fatima Abdrabboh

*"Advocacy is one of those values we always embraced. Advocating for people; speaking on behalf of people that are not able to speak for themselves." - Fatima Abdrabboh*

On September 12, 2001, Fatima Abdrabboh was a 20 year-old college student at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. In the suddenly charged political climate, Abdrabboh and her peers were thrust into the spotlight and thrown under the microscope. Visibly Muslim people like her found themselves at the forefront of perspectives on Muslim Americans. The responsibility of protecting the Arab-American and Muslim narrative in America from bigotry, hatred, and misunderstanding weighed heavily on her in those impressionable times. She describes that obligation as the force which has taken her across the country and globe in the last decade and a half since 9-11 giving dozens of lectures and public addresses. She went on to Harvard University, where she says she learned "how to think about what to think". Today, as Executive Director of the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) Michigan Regional Office, the largest grassroots organization in the country representing the civil rights of Arab Americans, she continues to stand up for the rights of Arabs and Muslims in a time when representation is of utmost importance. Attorney Fatima Abdrabboh serves our community by striving for its equal and just treatment, and for that she is our Amazing Michigan Muslim of the Month.

Growing up as the daughter of Palestinian immigrants, Fatima understood the concept of struggling for justice from a young age. Her and her family would sit around the dinner table and discuss issues of social justice. According to Fatima, it was her self-criticizing atmosphere and "measuring herself against herself" that was key in propelling her through her education and to her current position. She ended up at Harvard and University of Pennsylvania where she describes her experience as interactive with some of the world's brightest minds and learned from their world views. When asked what she gained from her law school education, she explained that law school can give an individual a "truly discerning critical eye".

*"If we are always reactive instead of proactive in protecting our community then we are doing something wrong."*

When Fatima took over as Director of the ADC her focus was on strengthening the



voice of the community through advocacy and the 3 E's (Education, Engagement, and Empowerment). Under her leadership, ADC handles all types of cases regarding discrimination, including many cases involving people in schools and businesses, targeted by ethnic slurs and unfair treatment. When an Arab American is being discriminated against, Fatima has committed herself to making sure ADC is the go-to organization that can stand up for their rights. She stresses that in order for our community to move forward, we have to shift from merely identifying problems to organizing around solving them. And she is certainly doing that as a public intellectual voice. Fatima's writings are frequently seen in national newspapers and her opinion on national and international affairs makes her a regular on television and radio programs.

*"The status of Civil rights is the number one issue facing Arabs and Muslims in America"*

Fatima describes the threat to civil rights as the most prevalent issue facing Muslims today, and not just because she is a civil rights attorney. She explains that the increase in discrimination will cause a ripple effect that infiltrates all facets of our society in America. When asked how the law can be used to defend our civil rights, she said "Law is a powerful tool if it is understood and applied fairly and applied by an advocate in such

a way to protect rights. We need Muslim American civil rights lawyers to make sure the law is upheld and equally applied to our communities".

*"To truly empower people is to encourage them to seek what may otherwise seem like a unattainable, daunting pursuit. Help them see beyond those barriers and navigate through their difficulty of making choices. We need to provide resources, encouragement, and support to encourage people today and future leaders tomorrow."*

Fatima is very clear that her vision for the future of our community is centered on the status of our youth. This focus has earned her many awards including most recently from the NAACP and another from the Arab Student Union at the University of Michigan, where she will be teaching a course on Arab American civil rights. She encourages the elders of our community to understand the need to support the youth, saying "our best interest is to support them as university students have historically been the breeding ground for change". She stresses empowerment of the youth, but also implores the youth to dream and think big themselves; working hard to achieve their goals without being distracted by naysayers. She advises the youth of our community to respect and embrace the values of the past generations we were so fortunate to grow from, while harmoniously blending the unique perspectives of the day with the ways of old. She also delivers a stern warning to the youth against judging others, for judging others is a way that we destroy our own communities from the inside.

*"We have a rich heritage that we must all be proud of it. But in order to embrace it we must learn it and know all about it. I will teach my children their background so they can define themselves, else they risk being defined"*

When asked about characteristics of a leader, she described three facets of leadership that we should all reflect on. She says, "a leader is only as good as the people he or she empowers, only as good as the example they set in their conduct in what they say and do, and is one who by definition cultivates a skill set, vision, and perspective to equip those who will come after with a torch that will sustain and maintain." We'd like to extend our gratitude to Attorney Fatima Abdrabboh for exemplifying outstanding leadership, and encouraging us to do the same.

June 2015

## ***Amazing Michigan Muslim***

# **Ahmad Rahman**

Professor Ahmad Rahman is recognized as an Amazing Michigan Muslim for his many sacrifices and great work for civil rights and education. He passed away at age 64 in September of 2015.

Ahmad Rahman grew up a bright young student in Chicago. Rather than go to college - he was accepted to Harvard - he joined the Black Panther Party in 1971. He became the target of the infamous FBI COINTELPRO operations and was convicted of assault and murder during efforts to stop drug dealers in Detroit neighborhoods. He was put into prison with a life sentence without parole. After a nationwide campaign to release him with much participation from the local Muslim community, Governor Engler exonerated him in 1992.

Since then Ahmad became a scholar of African American studies and a community activist. While in prison, he obtained a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies. After his release, he went on to earn a PhD in African American Studies and joined the faculty of the University of Michigan in Dearborn. He was an enthusiastic and engaged educator with a significant impact on many of his students. The Michigan Council of Social Studies named him College Professor of the Year in 2013.

He remained committed to social change and civil rights. He served on the board of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit and led a initiative with the Detroit Public Schools to teach African American history to grade schoolers..

He said, " At one time during my youth I called myself a revolutionary. Now I see myself as more of a solutionary." His freedom and successes was always a reminder that organized community action DOES make a difference. May God accept his good work.

September 2015





## *Amazing Michigan Muslim*

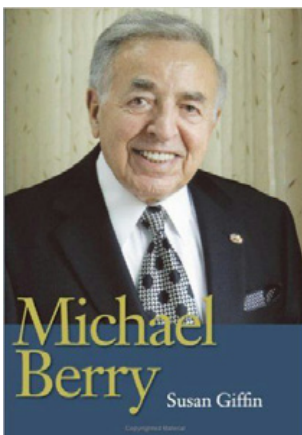
# Sir Michael Berry

Michael Berry passed away in October of 2015 at the young age of 95, and he is recognized as an Amazing Michigan Muslim. Michael Berry was born in Highland Park to Lebanese immigrant parents. After some initial moves around this country and a brief stay in Lebanon, Michael moved back to Michigan to reside in Dearborn where he graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1949 to become one of the first Muslims to practice law in Michigan.

After spending years specializing in municipal law, he was appointed to the Wayne County Road Commission in 1967 and eventually became the chairman, where he oversaw the creation of the vast transportation infrastructure around Wayne county. One of his crowning achievements was the expansion of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, which made it one of the 10 largest airports in the country.

The Michael Berry International Terminal at the airport was named after him, and a commemorative plaque is still present in the new North Terminal.

Michael Berry dedicated much of his life to public service. In addition to serving Wayne County, he was also a political activist serving as the 16th Congressional District's Democratic Chairman for many years. He mentored and supported many rising lawyers and activists. He spent time supporting numerous non-profits by serving on the Board of St Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the March of Dimes. He also furthered interfaith understanding with his representation of the Muslim community as the co-chairperson of the Greater Detroit Conference of Christians Jews and Muslims.



He was recognized for his many contributions by being awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in 1998, and the National Order of Cedar of Lebanon by the government of Lebanon in 1993, its highest civilian honor. In Dearborn Heights, the Michael Berry Career Center provides a large, modern facility for job training and classes for the community, exemplifying his lifelong work of bringing out the best in people and institutions. His advice to young students starting in their careers: "Get out early and establish yourself. Work from sunrise to sunset, like I did. Let people know who you are. Get to know people!" May God accept his good work.

October 2015

*In Recognition of the Generous Contributions  
of the late*

## *Dr. Abdulmunim Shakir and The Shakir Foundation for Supporting the Work of MMCC*



Dr. Abdulmunim Shakir was born May 19, 1924 in Egypt. He migrated to the US in the forties and eventually obtained a Ph.D. in Political Science. He was fascinated by the US constitution and was able to bring out the similarities between it and the Islamic teachings from the Quran.

He dedicated himself to education and specifically educating inner-city youngsters. He taught in several states before settling down in Michigan in the seventies. He established the "Muslim World Studies" program at Wayne County Community College, where he introduced many thousands of students to Islam and the Arabic language. He taught US history and political science for about three decades at WCCC, with a short time also spent at the United Nations.

He was involved in many Muslim projects in the Detroit area. He taught at several Islamic Sunday schools, both in Sunnah and Shia' mosques. He held close to his heart the saying of Prophet SAWS "If you do a deed you need to perfect it." He always strove to be perfect and instill the love of perfection in his students. He held several leadership positions in Islamic organizations across the US but was particularly proud of his affiliation and support to the local Islamic Cultural Institute for which he served as President for several terms.

Dr. Abdulmunim Shakir passed away February 2, 2006. Because of his strong belief in the value of education, Dr. Shakir arranged for a Scholarship Fund to be established to support Freshmen students in their first year of higher education. This program is administered by ISNA and is funded by the Abdulmunim Shakir Charitable Trust.

Dr. Shakir dedicated the majority part of his life in promoting an increased understanding of Islam in America, and in building bridges of unity among people of different faiths regardless of race, creed, country of origin, or ethnicity. His life's work continues to be felt by the today's generation. Please pray for his soul and his family.



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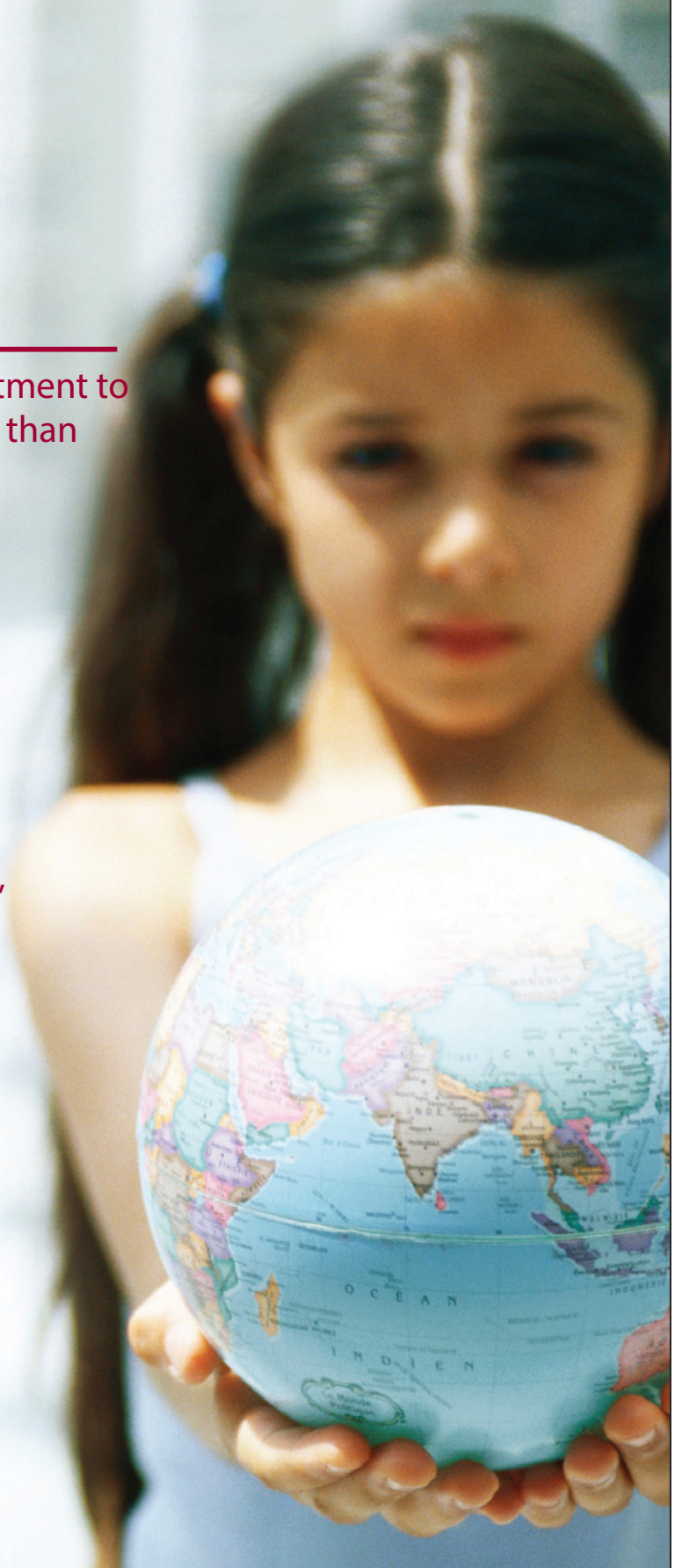
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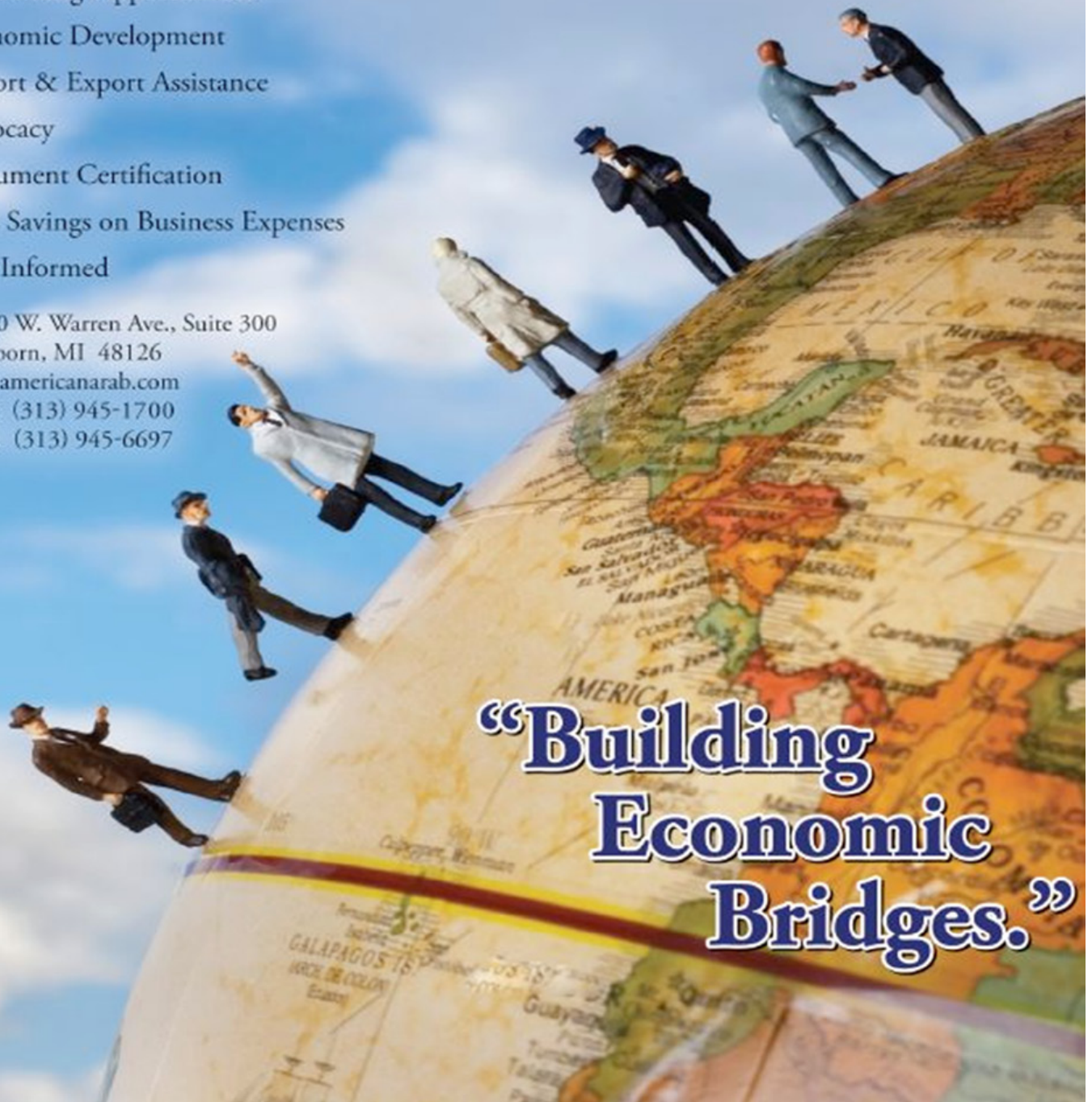
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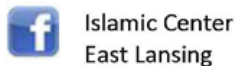
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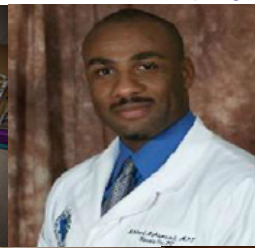


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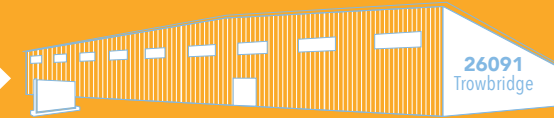
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