



**CHALDEAN COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Annual Report 2022





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2022 IMPACT

PATH TO PROSPERITY

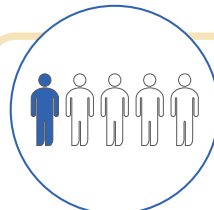
CHALDEAN IN NAME - WORLDLY IN SERVICE

DEMOGRAPHICS

MORE THAN

40,000

INDIVIDUALS SERVED FROM
48 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



APPROXIMATELY **20%**
OF CLIENTS
ARE NON-CHALDEAN

EMPLOYMENT

1,452 | **70%**

JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES CONDUCTED | EMPLOYMENT RATE

HOSTED **36 COMPANIES** FOR JOB FAIRS



IMMIGRATION

1,955

IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS FILED

EDUCATION

29 SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED WORTH MORE THAN

\$81,000

588 STUDENTS WERE ASSISTED IN SUBMITTING THE FAFSA AND NAVIGATING THROUGH FINANCIAL AID
402 INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN ESL, CITIZENSHIP, DIGITAL LITERACY, AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



BREAKING BARRIERS

3,429

INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL AND/OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES SERVED
5,313 HOURS
OF RESPITE, SOCIALIZATION, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

PROJECT BISMUTHA

\$147,500

WORTH OF
IN-KIND SERVICES

548 PHYSICIAN APPOINTMENTS
1,917 PRESCRIPTIONS VALUED
IN EXCESS OF **\$7,330**
790 LAB TESTS VALUED AT **\$35,288** THANKS TO A
GENEROUS GRANT FROM ASCENSION



PROJECT LIGHT

LICENSED BILINGUAL SOCIAL WORKERS PROVIDED

1,029

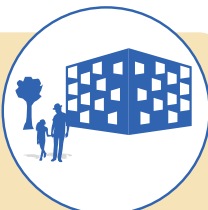
INDIVIDUAL THERAPY SESSIONS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CONSTRUCTING A

\$30 MILLION

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN STERLING HEIGHTS



THE MICHAEL J. GEORGE CHALDEAN LOAN FUND

\$235,000

IN OUTSTANDING LOANS



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Our Mission



CHALDEAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Chaldean Community Foundation is committed to improving the stability, health, and wellness of those we serve through advocacy, acculturation, community development and cultural preservation.

2023 CCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WELCOME

Dear Friends,

We've had a wonderful and busy year at the Chaldean Community Foundation, aiding our clients on their path to prosperity. Working together, we served more than **40,000** individuals from **48 different countries of origin**. We may be Chaldean in name, but we are worldly in service. And the services we offer are growing.

Project Bismutha provided approximately **\$147,500 worth of in-kind services**, with nearly 550 physician appointments, almost 2,000 prescriptions, and more than \$35,000 in lab work this year through the generosity of Ascension Hospital. Many people who would not have sought healthcare benefit from the ability to see doctors at our clinic inside the CCF, and we are grateful for our partnership.

Through **Project Light**, our mental and behavioral health program, we served over **1,000 individuals** this year. Our licensed, tri-lingual social workers provided individual healing therapy sessions wherever needed, whether in person or virtually. Mental health issues have grown exponentially throughout the course of the COVID pandemic, and many are still struggling to cope.

The assistance that we offer through Breaking Barriers serves more than just individuals with disabilities; it serves their families as well. The CCF offered more than **5,300 hours of counseling, respite, socialization, and educational programming** to families enrolled in the program.

Through the Michael J. George Loan Fund, we helped new Americans with **\$235,000 in auto loans** so they can get to work and navigate around their communities. Even while many people continue to work from home, transportation is still a sorely needed asset to most people.

Affordable housing is another need we are able to help with; this year, construction began on the \$30 million Van Dyke project, which will create more than a hundred of new, low-cost living units with walkable retail space nearby.

We believe our children are our future and are willing to invest heavily in them. Through our partnerships and generous donors, we awarded more than **\$81,000 in scholarships** to 29 students continuing their education this year.

Now that the Van Dyke project is becoming a reality, we have our sights set on an Oakland County campus to come in 2023. Working together we have made incredible progress, and we look forward to the future with excitement.

May your year be filled with the joy of Christ and His many blessings,

Sylvester Sandiha

Chairman of the Board



MARTIN MANNA



SLY SANDIHA

Martin Manna

President

MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank You To Our 2022 Supporters

The Chaldean Community Foundation launched its Mission Campaign in August 2017. The goal of \$8,000,000 was to be used for a much-needed expansion of the CCF center, The Michael J. George Loan Fund which provides loans towards the purchase of vehicles, and a 135 mixed-unit housing development to support long term housing for new Americans.

The Mission Campaign has raised \$13,000,000 as of October 2022, has increased its goal to \$20,000,000, and has added the addition of a west side campus to its mission. The Michael J. George Chaldean Loan Fund has \$260,000 in outstanding auto loans.



GOAL

**\$20
MILLION**

\$19M

\$18M

\$17M

\$16M

\$15M

\$14M

\$13M

\$12M

\$11M

\$10M

\$9M

\$8M

\$7M

\$6M

\$5M

\$4M

\$3M

\$2M

\$1M

2022 Financial Report

ASSETS

Cash

Unrestricted\$474,299
Restricted..... \$111,413
Endowment Funds\$324,805

Receivables

Grants..... \$2,067,629
Campaign/Events..... \$568,650
Land and Buildings.....\$13,146,738
Chaldean News LLC..... \$573,000
Depreciation Allowance..... (\$732,615)

Total Assets \$16,533,919

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable \$2,203,319
Mortgage Payable..... \$3,748,692
Total Net Assets\$10,581,908

Total Liabilities

and Net Assets..... \$16,533,919

**Unaudited. The Chaldean Community Foundation Financials are audited annually by UHY LLP. 2021 Audited financial statements will be available for review in March 2022.*

Affordable Housing Project Moving Forward in Sterling Heights

The Chaldean Community Foundation is expanding its outreach to the greater community by addressing one of metro Detroit's most critical needs - affordable housing. During the past two years the CCF found more than **1,000 families** who were **seeking** and not finding **affordable housing**.

In October of 2021, the Chaldean Community Foundation held a groundbreaking ceremony

for the **135-LIHTC unit housing project** at 43700 Van Dyke Road in Sterling Heights. The new 4-story building will front Van Dyke with 9,000 square feet of commercial space. The building will feature one bedroom and two- bedroom units which will be subsidized to aid clients in need. The development will feature 6,000 square feet of retail space, a surface parking lot for 185 vehicles, a courtyard,

and an outdoor recreation area.

Building conveniences include neighborhood restaurants and shops on the first floor, exercise facilities, Wi-Fi lounges, and a community kitchen. Community members can enjoy a community garden, community orchard and walking paths along the Clinton River Trail. Construction has begun at the site and is expected to be completed in 24 months.



ADVOCACY



CCF staff welcomes USCIS and Homeland Security Investigations representatives.

Advocating for Immigrants' Needs

According to the American Psychological Association, "Psychological research shows that immigrants experience unique stressors related to the conditions that led them to flee their home countries, the journey to the United States, and the stress of starting new lives away from their family and culture. Many are marginalized from mainstream American society, which can lead to prejudice and discrimination."

At the Chaldean Community Foundation, we thrive on challenging inequality for those we serve through civic engagement, disability inclusion, racial and ethnic justice, and future career pathways.

CCF also works towards racial equity for all those we serve. Eliminating racial disparities and improving outcomes for all by working to reduce systemic

economic inequalities is a priority. CCF staff sees firsthand how racial/ethnic profiling can affect individuals and are committed to the development of strong community programs and relationships



USCIS Director Ur Jaddou visits CCF

to help recognize and overcome this practice. At CCF, we engage in conversations with those that create policy and laws, making sure even the smallest voices are heard, holding leaders accountable for the greater common good of all.

In 2022 the Chaldean Community Foundation assisted over **2,000 individuals with advocacy services** ranging from eviction to employee stereotyping and religious discrimination. The Foundation developed a Cultural Competency Training program to educate the greater community about Chaldean history, culture, and demographics hoping to build a better understanding of the culture and end prejudice and discrimination.

CCF provided cultural competency training to public officials, city employees, corporations, hospitals, school districts, colleges, institutions, and organizations that work with our clients and the Chaldean community on a regular basis but have not been educated on the culture and dynamics of these new Americans.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Citizenship and Naturalization

CCF's Citizenship and Naturalization program is another pathway to prosperity. CCF staff consists of one immigration attorney and four partially accredited Department of Justice representatives. Once a Legal Permanent Resident of the United States for four years and nine months, one is able to apply to become a United States Citizen. The naturalization examination consists of 5 components: Reading English, Writing English, English Comprehension, 100 U.S. civics questions and a 20-page application. Those needing assistance in mastering the 5 components of the test attend CCF's naturalization classes. **CCF filed 1,955 immigration applications** this year, providing **citizenship instruction to over 200 students**, helping them achieve their goal of becoming a U.S. citizen.



English as a Second Language

Part of CCF's Pathway to prosperity program, English as a second language classes are offered in 4 sections: basic, beginning, intermediate and advanced. Part of American acculturation is learning the language, which also helps broaden job aspects and navigating everyday life in the United States. CCF provided over **700 hours of language acquisition classes to 150 adult ESL students**.



Early Childhood

"Children have systematically unequal chances of getting the experiences they need to grow up healthy due to unsurmountable forces that lie outside a family's control, like systemic economic inequalities, racial segregation, and soaring cost burdens for

raising a family. Unfortunately, not all children in the U.S. are getting the early experiences they need to grow up healthy and to reach their full potential." (Acevedo-Garcia et al., 2020). In response to these inequities, The Chaldean Community Foundation began early childhood education classes for children ages 3 – 5 years with their parents, to help them gain access to nurturing, developmentally rich early care and learning experiences they need to thrive. The focus is on emergent literacy skills and ensuring they get the crucial and beneficial experiences needed to thrive in an educational setting.



GED Program

As part of our Pathway to Prosperity, CCF has offered a multitude of classes taking each client in need along the correct path for their success. Having the equivalency of a high school diploma can lead to further education and higher paying job opportunities for clients, changing their lives and leading families to financial stability.

2022 Scholarships

The Chaldean Community Foundation's Scholarship Program continues to grow thanks to the generosity of the Yvonne E. Nona Memorial Fund, Drs. Nathima Atchoo and the late Peter Atchoo Family Foundation, the Abdul Karim and Jameela Sesi Scholarship Fund, and the W3r Consulting S.T.E.M Scholarship. This year, CCF awarded 29 recipients a total of \$81,000 in scholarship funds.

Yvonne E. Nona Women's Scholarship Fund

Thirteen \$2,500 scholarships for women pursuing higher education at a Michigan community college, trade school, university, or undergraduate program. Open to high school seniors and current undergraduate students. This year, the Yvonne E. Nona Memorial Fund rewarded scholarships to Amanda Badri, Angelina Adam, Angelena Youhana, Lina Faraj, Megan Adam, Melak Salim, Melanie Tomas, Nadin Razoki, Natalia Dakki, Rogina Ibrahim, Shahad Zaytouna, Wella Yatooma, Zena Azo.

Drs. Nathima and Peter Atchoo Family Foundation Scholarship Fund

Six \$2,000 scholarships offered to Chaldean students pursuing higher education, including community college, university, or graduate program in preparation for a career in the field of their choice. In 2022, the Drs. Nathima Atchoo and the late Peter Atchoo Family Foundation scholarships were awarded to Alana Kistou, Azraa Batto, Haval Matti, Jacob Cholah, Morgan Shammami, Ryan Watha.

Abdulkarim and Jamila Sesi Memorial Scholarship Fund

Four \$2,500 scholarships for Chaldean students pursuing higher education including trade school, community college, and undergraduate studies. The Abdul Karim and Jameela Sesi scholarship fund was awarded this year to Ashley Yatooma, Joseph Dakki, Myra Kattula, Shahad Kizi.



W3r Consulting STEM Scholarship

Two \$5,000 scholarships awarded to Chaldean undergraduate students at a Michigan college or university enrolled in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM). This year, W3r Consulting awarded scholarships to Jazlyn Semma, Milad Eso.

Chaldean Community Foundation General Scholarship Fund

The General Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to Chaldean undergraduate students pursuing education beyond high school. The general Scholarship Fund empowers donors to combine their efforts, pooling their donations to create a combined fund that can go farther to sponsor needs-based students and subsidize their education. This year's CCF General Scholarship Fund award recipient was Giselle Kassab. A special announcement was made at the CCF gala. This fund will be renamed the Karim and Bernadette Sarafa General Scholarship fund. The Sarafa Family has generously agreed to match each donation to this **fund up to \$100,000**.

DA Advisory Group Scholarship Fund

Provides financial assistance to Chaldean undergraduate students pursuing a degree in the field of accounting. This exciting program will assist students, who are residents and attending specific Michigan colleges and universities, to achieve their academic and professional goals. This year's DA Advisory Group Scholarship Fund award was awarded to Cameron Jajonie, Sophia Watha.

Alline Salon Group Scholarship

The Alline Salon Group provides financial assistance to High School Graduates pursuing a career in Cosmetology. This exciting program will assist eligible students applying to, or enrolled in, a Michigan barbering or cosmetology school to achieve their professional goals. This year's Alline Salon Group Scholarship was awarded to Nancy Bahoura.

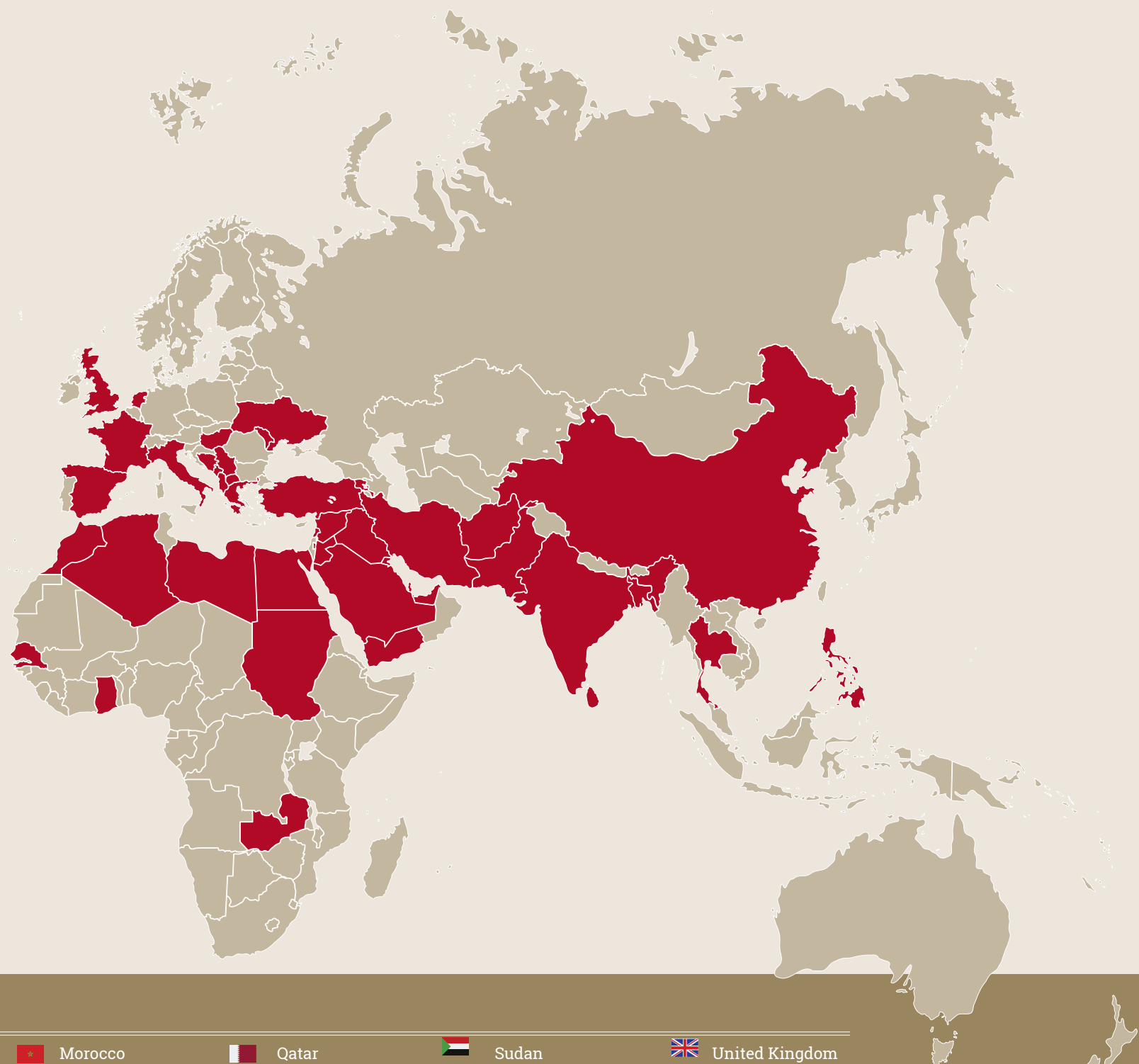
ACCULTURATION

The Chaldean Community Foundation is known for its inclusivity, building racial equity and equality for all those we serve. This year, CCF served more than 40,000 clients representing 48 countries.



Countries Served by the CCF in 2022

 Afghanistan	 Brazil	 Greece	 Lebanon
 Albania	 Canada	 Hungary	 Libya
 Algeria	 China	 India	 Macedonia
 Armenia	 Egypt	 Iran	 Mexico
 Bangladesh	 France	 Iraq	 Moldova
 Bosnia	 Ghana	 Italy	 Montenegro
		 Jordan	
		 Kuwait	



	Morocco		Qatar		Sudan		United Kingdom
	Netherlands		Saudi Arabia		Syria		United States of America
	Nicaragua		Senegal		Thailand		Yemen
	Pakistan		Serbia		Turkey		Zambia
	Palestine		Spain		Ukraine		
	Philippines		Sri Lanka		United Arab Emirates		

ACCULTURATION

Workforce Development

More than 1.3 million college-educated immigrants are unemployed, under-employed, or working in unskilled jobs throughout the United States. Those who lack English fluency are twice as likely to work in unskilled jobs as their English-proficient counterparts. To even the playing field and to address the everchanging workforce, CCF provided job training courses to our otherwise job-ready, but currently under-employed new American clients with the language and technical skills needed to increase their accessibility to professional-track careers. 2022 programs included cosmetology, administrative soft skills, medical billing, and medical assistant training.

The Chaldean Community Foundation, in partnership with Alline Salon Group and Supercuts, also conducted a Cosmetology Mentorship Program, designed to help those looking to pursue a career within cosmetology. In this competitive program, students learn from Supercuts professionals and work towards becoming a licensed cosmetologist. At the end of the program, limited participants had the opportunity to receive a scholarship to assist with the cost of cosmetology school.



Vote Drive

CCF, in partnership with the city of Sterling Heights Clerks Office and APIA Vote provided voting 101 to New Americans. The event included a mock precinct set-up with voting booth and tabulator. Attendees had an opportunity to learn how to complete a sample ballot and submit it through the tabulator.



Career Services

Career Services at CCF include resume writing, job search, job placement and interview coaching. Quarterly job fairs are held at the Chaldean Community Foundation to help create stability for those we serve. **36 companies** in a wide variety of industries participated in job fairs this year with more than **1,452 job placement services** conducted with a **70% employment rate**.

The Michael J. George Chaldean Loan Fund

The Michael J. George Chaldean Loan Fund was created to address the transportation barrier many clients encounter. The Michael J. George Loan Fund provides low-interest loans to qualified individuals to purchase a vehicle, giving them transportation to and from work, and helping them build up their credit score.



COMMUNITY WELLNESS

Support for Parents

At CCF, caring for parents is just as important as caring for children. That's why CCF hosted a Baby Extravaganza offering multiple informational tables and support to mothers of young children. The extravaganza featured over 30 exhibitors, free giveaways, local resources and support groups for parents, as well as information about classes and support groups for before and after child birth, and information on healthy lifestyle choices for both parents and children. Macomb County Community Mental Health- Infant Mental Health offered a virtual session for new and expectant moms on Facebook Live, July 12th at 10 am. Part of the Think Babies funding, this session addressed postpartum norms and concerns.

Health Fairs And Forums

CCF's health fairs and forums were created to address the most critical health needs within the new American community. 2022 Health fairs and forums consisted of a COVID-19 Booster and flu shot clinic with Rite Aid pharmacies and the Macomb County Health Department, Postpartum concerns with Macomb County Community Mental Health-Infant mental health, a **Baby Extravaganza** featuring **30 exhibitors**, local resources, and support groups for parents through Think Babies Michigan, a diabetes prevention presentation presented by Henry Ford Health Physicians in the Arabic language, a heart health and preventative care presentation by Dr. Jazrawi from Beaumont Health System.



Take Down Tobacco Day

Volunteers from all around the City of Sterling Heights joined the CCF in partnership with Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation and the Sterling Heights Drug Free Coalition, in celebrating **Take Down**

Tobacco Day. It involved cleaning up parks in the city of Sterling Heights on April 9th, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm! The park cleanup took place in various park locations including Baumgartner Park, Delia Park, Dodge Park and Nelson Park.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Town Halls

The Chaldean Community Foundation hosts quarterly town halls to educate the public on important issues and keep them abreast of current events. This includes a disability law resource fair, an emergency preparedness town hall, a presentation on consumer protection; senior scams by Attorney General Dana Nessel. Attorney General, Dana Nessel provided information about common consumer scams that impact people within the community to prevent seniors and other vulnerable people from being affected by scammers.

Breaking Barriers

The Breaking Barriers program was developed to break the stigma related to disabilities and create opportunities for people to flourish in everyday life. Breaking Barriers improves physical and emotional health and facilitates social development for clients with special needs. CCF's Life Skills center was developed to teach life skills to those with special needs. The Wild Bills Café provides the opportunity to learn about customer service, stocking and filling inventory, using a cash register, and so much more while Level One bank teaches Breaking Barriers participants the importance of budgeting and the basics of banking including deposits, withdrawals and how to use an ATM machine. CCF's Behavioral Health team provided assistance and advocacy to over **3,429 individuals** with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, with **5,313 hours** of socialization and educational programming for families, and respite to their caregivers.



Braille, ESL, Acculturation, Mobility (B.E.A.M.)

B.E.A.M. was developed to teach English as a second language and Braille simultaneously to those with visual impairments. The B.E.A.M. program utilizes established curriculum, and all educational materials are produced through printed Braille materials, Braille typewriters, and computers that utilize technology such as JAWS for those with visual impairments. (JAWS is an innovative screen reader that enables users to use a computer by providing speech and Braille output for computer applications on your PC and enables individuals to use a computer independently.) B.E.A.M. provided **100 hours of instruction** this year to the visually impaired.

Hard Of Hearing, ESL, American Sign Language, Life Skills (H.E.A.L.)

The H.E.A.L. program provides clients with hearing impairments access to services that they would not otherwise be able to access due to lack of transportation or literacy issues, helping them to lead more independent lives. The H.E.A.L. program teaches English as a second language through American Sign Language. It is the first program of its kind in Michigan to teach American Sign Language to individuals who are unfamiliar with the English language. This year H.E.A.L. provided **100 hours of instruction** to the hearing impaired.



Senior Wellness

With more adults in our community living longer than ever before, The Chaldean Community Foundation saw the need to invest in programs that support the health and wellness of senior citizens. CCF's Senior Wellness Initiative was created to educate seniors on the most prevalent issues reported by medical practitioners. Those include medication management, signs of depression, the feeling of isolation, nutrition, and fall prevention. It also offers support and education to those caring for older adults, especially those with Alzheimer's and Dementia. The Chaldean Community Foundation values seniors in our community and works to give them the best quality of life they can have.



Delivering Support To Older Adults And Those With Special Needs

With over 1 billion people around the world living with disabilities, CCF found it important to address the needs and priorities of this population to advance social justice. CCF developed our center focused on the needs of these individuals, helping create accessibility, job training, life skills, and educating employers on disability inclusion.

Mental Health Services: Project Light

The CCF established Project Light to provide a safe therapeutic environment for those suffering from depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues. Project Light is managed by professional licensed therapists to inspire hope and improve the quality of life for individuals and families through professional therapeutic assistance. This year, Project Light provided **1,029 individual mental health therapy sessions** to individuals and assisted over **2,000 individuals** with wrap around services.

Partnering with Local Schools and Organizations for the Greater Good Of The Community

The Chaldean Community Foundation works very closely with the local government, school districts and community organizations to provide the most up to date information addressing the needs of our community. This includes a virtual early Childhood event for Warren Consolidated Schools (WCS) to provide information regarding registration information for families of children entering Kindergarten, Transitional Kindergarten, Preschool, World of Fours, Early Childhood Special Education or Project Find for the upcoming school year. The CCF also hosted an annual back-to-school event designed to offer information to WCS families about the upcoming school year. Families received backpacks and school supplies for their kids courtesy of WCS and Stellantis.

The CCF hosted the 2022 **Breakfast of Nations** in collaboration with Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce, One Macomb, Vibe Credit Union, Macomb Intermediate School District, Global Detroit, and Welcoming Michigan. This event is designed to highlight the diverse backgrounds of residents who have settled in Macomb County and uplift their stories, experiences, and contributions to the community.

CCF partnered with Grissom Middle school for their Keeping It Real day. CCF staff members spent the day at Grissom to meet with middle



school students and talk about issues they were facing and struggles they were experiencing as new Americans. CCF's Project Light team was also on hand to give students a voice in what they were experiencing and to offer students support mechanisms in dealing with their daily struggles.



Keeping it Real day led to CCF's summer basketball camp for Grissom Middle School students. Camp took place twice a week from June through August, allowing students to learn a sport, focus on the power of a positive attitude, and increase self-esteem and self worth.



Akram Kareem poses with his family after receiving the Lifetime Humanitarian Award.

Lifetime Humanitarian Award

While living in Jordan, Akram Kareem donated to the Our Lady of Peace Center, a comprehensive rehabilitation and special education center which offers free services to everyone, regardless of their nationality, religion, or sex. Caritas Jordan was also a beneficiary of Akram's generosity, a Catholic organization established in 1967 as a response to the humanitarian crisis caused by the Six Day War. It was one of the first in the region to aid refugees.

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI visited Amman, Jordan. It was his first visit as pontiff to an Arab country, and Akram wanted to make sure the Pope was comfortable, so he provided special furniture for the historic mass out of his own pocket.

For his assistance in restoring the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, Akram and his wife Bernadette were awarded the medal of Knight Com-

mander of the Holy Sepulchre on March 14, 2010. St. George Chaldean Catholic Church in Shelby Township was also blessed with Akram's generosity, as an ode to the monastery Akram grew up near, Mar Gorgis Monastery in Iraq.



Akram was also instrumental in having Pope Francis accept an invitation to travel to Iraq for his historic trip in March 2021 to show support for the Christians there. He published books in three languages on Pope Francis' visit to Iraq titled Peace, Peace, Peace, which he generously gifted to each table at the annual gala. "Our mission", says Akram, "is to set a good example to others that will reflect our dedication to work, devotion to the country

in which we live, and to be a source of pride for others with our love, humility, and service." For these, and many other accolades, Akram Kareem is the Chaldean Community Foundation's Humanitarian of the Year.

EVENTS

Your event support helps raise awareness for the Chaldean Community Foundation, enhances client care, and supports programming throughout the year.

Golf Outing ►

CCF's annual golf outings took place at Shenandoah Country Club and Wabek Country Club with 200 golfers in attendance at each.



CCF Annual Gala ►

Attended by more than 800 people, The Chaldean Community Foundation's Fourth annual gala took place on September 29, 2022, at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township. CCF honored Mr. Akram Kareem with the 2022 Lifetime Humanitarian award for his generosity, dedication, and faith.





MISSION

Improving the stability, health, and wellness of those we serve through advocacy, acculturation, community development, and cultural preservation.



SERVICES: Core programs of the Chaldean Community Foundation include:

NEW AMERICAN SUSTAINABILITY ACCULTURATION & TRAINING

Helps New Americans acculturate by providing access to resources and advocacy services.

- **CAREER SERVICES**—provides resume building, job search, training, placement, and FAFSA completion.
- **IMMIGRATION**—helps individuals apply for lawful permanent resident status and become naturalized citizens.
- **U.S. NATURALIZATION COURSES**—instruction and preparation for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) naturalization interview.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Licensed bilingual therapists provide mental health services including individual, group, and family therapy based on individual needs to Michigan residents ages 13 years and up, regardless of insurance status.

One of the core initiatives of this program is **Breaking Barriers**, which provides services and advocacy to those with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, older adults, and respite to caregivers.

- **B.E.A.M. (BRAILLE, ESL, ACCULTURATION, MOBILITY) PROJECT**—helps better equip those with visual impairments to live independent lives.
- **H.E.A.L. (HARD OF HEARING, ESL, AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, LIFE SKILLS) PROJECT**—helps better equip those with hearing impairments to live independent lives.
- **S.O.A.R. (SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS & RESOURCES) PROJECT**—Programs that aim to help older adults increase their knowledge and their awareness of issues related to health and the aging process.

CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING

Provides education and information to community, health, and government organizations on and about the Chaldean community.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)**—provides individuals English instruction at basic, beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.
- **EARLY CHILDHOOD**—prepares children for kindergarten through a variety of emergent literacy, early learning and developmental opportunities.
- **GED**—small group instruction for individuals working towards their GED.
- **DIGITAL LITERACY**—computer classes for beginner to intermediate students.
- **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**—administrative job training, workplace professional skills and communication skills with the opportunity to job shadow for work experience.

THE LIFE SKILLS CENTER

Thomas Denha Main Street provides space for individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities and their caregivers to have learning opportunities in real life settings to support the advancement of daily living skills, self-determination/interpersonal skill building and employment skill development.

- **THE WIRELESS VISION GYMNASIUM**—allows for fitness programs, recreation for individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, and offers ample space for community events.
- **THE KONJA FAMILY ART STUDIO**—offers space for music, dance and art appreciation and expression.
- **WILD BILL'S CANTINA**—supports learning related to developing retail skills, marketing and merchandising.
- **FIRST MERCHANTS BANK**—offers space for financial management and knowledge.
- **SUPERCUTS BARBER SHOP**—allows for workplace job shadowing, and programming focused on personal care. Stylists provide complimentary salon services for autistic children and individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities.

ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE

- **THE ASCENSION PRIMARY HEALTH OUTPATIENT CLINIC**—is connected to the Project Light mental health therapy offices allowing for integrated healthcare services for the entire community. Contact (586) 738-9475 for information.

AFFILIATES

The Chaldean Community Foundation also administers the following programs, which are funded entirely through community donations.

- **MICHAEL J. GEORGE CHALDEAN LOAN FUND**—provides low-interest loans to help New Americans purchase a vehicle or start a small business.
- **PROJECT BISMUTHA "THE ACT OF HEALING"**—provides free or reduced cost healthcare to Iraqi Christian and Chaldean individuals without medical insurance through the Chaldean American Association for Health Professionals.
- **ACADEMIC AND ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**—provides financial assistance for Chaldean students to help meet the escalating cost of education.
 - *w3r Consulting provides scholarships to Chaldean undergraduate students in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).*
 - *The Drs. Nathima H. Atchoo and Peter Atchoo Family Foundation scholarship provides financial assistance to Chaldean students pursuing higher education.*
 - *The Yvonne E. Nona Memorial scholarship provides financial assistance to women pursuing higher education.*
 - *The Abdul Karim and Jameela Sesi Memorial Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to anyone pursuing education beyond high school in preparation for a career in the field of their choice.*
 - *The Karim and Bernadette Sarafa General Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to Chaldean undergraduate students pursuing education beyond high school.*
- **GIVING HEARTS**—philanthropic Chaldean women's collaboration in memory of the late Vivian Esshaki Shouneyia. Helps to alleviate the financial duress related to medical care expenses.
- **JOHN LOUSSIA CANCER FUND**—in memory of the late John Loussia. Provides financial assistance to those impacted by the high cost of medical expenses.
- **WAAD MURAD ADVOCACY FUND**—in memory of the late Waad Murad. Offers a reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the assailant(s) of violent crimes perpetrated against Chaldean businesspeople.



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