



CHALDEAN COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

2019  
IMPACT

32,750

INDIVIDUALS LED ON A  
PATHWAY TO STABILITY

APPROXIMATELY

20%

OF CLIENTS ARE NON-CHALDEAN

\$5.3+

MILLION

RAISED FOR THE  
CCF MISSION  
CAMPAIGN THROUGH  
COMMUNITY  
DONATIONS

PROVIDED ADVOCACY TO MORE THAN 1,400 IRAQI NATIONALS AT-RISK OF DEPORTATION  
AND MORE THAN 500,000 ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES DISPLACED BY WAR

EMPLOYMENT

MORE THAN  
1,200

JOB PLACEMENT  
SERVICES  
CONDUCTED



EMPLOYMENT  
RATE

BREAKING BARRIERS

5,249

INDIVIDUALS  
WITH DISABILITIES  
SERVED  
(RESPITE, COUNSELING  
AND ADVOCACY  
SERVICES PROVIDED)



IMMIGRATION

2,997

IMMIGRATION  
APPLICATIONS  
FILED



HELPED 926 NEW  
AMERICANS  
BECOME  
U.S. CITIZENS

EDUCATION

629

ESL, CITIZENSHIP,  
COMPUTER  
TRAINING AND  
VOCATIONAL  
STUDENTS  
ENROLLED



HOSTED  
32 COMMUNITY  
FORUMS  
PROVIDING  
BENEFICIAL  
INFORMATION  
TO NEARLY  
2,600 PEOPLE  
IN ATTENDANCE

PROJECT BISMUTHA



PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY

\$101,000

WORTH OF IN-KIND SERVICES

407

PHYSICIAN APPOINTMENTS

2,513

PRESCRIPTIONS VALUED  
IN EXCESS OF \$15,667

\$44,686

WORTH OF LAB WORK THANKS TO A  
GENEROUS GRANT FROM ASCENSION



THE CHALDEAN LOAN FUND CLOSED  
THE YEAR WITH MORE THAN

\$430,000

IN OUTSTANDING  
AUTO LOANS



# CHALDEAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – AT A GLANCE

## Mission:

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

## Did You Know?

- Chaldeans are Aramaic-speaking, Eastern Rite Catholics and the indigenous people of Iraq.
- Metro Detroit is home to the largest Chaldean community outside the Middle East with an estimated population of 160,000.
- Since the United States' invasion of Iraq in 2003, more than three fourths (1,000,000+) of Iraq's Christian population have fled due to religious persecution and remain displaced as refugees throughout the world.
- Since 2007, more than 30,000 Iraqi refugees have migrated to Michigan.

## Services:

Core programs of the Chaldean Community Foundation include:

### New American Acculturation

- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** – teaches individuals English through a partnership with Macomb Community College.
- **Career Services** – provides job search, training and placement.
- **Immigration** – helps individuals apply for lawful permanent resident status and to become naturalized citizens.
- **U.S. Naturalization Courses** – instruction and preparation for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) naturalization interview.
- **Computer Learning Classes** – teaches individuals basic computer skills.

**Behavioral Health** – provides much-needed mental health services through Project Light including group, individual, and family therapy based on individual needs to New

Americans and others in Southeast Michigan. One of the core initiatives of this program is Breaking Barriers, which provides assistance and advocacy to individuals with special needs and respite to caregivers.

- **Braille, ESL, Acculturation, Mobility (B.E.A.M.) Project** – helps better equip those with visual impairments to live independent lives.
- **Hard of Hearing, ESL, American Sign Language, Life Skills (H.E.A.L.) Project** – helps better equip those with hearing impairments to live independent lives.

**Cultural Competency Training** – provides education and information to community, health and government organizations on and about the Chaldean community.

## Affiliates:

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

- **Chaldean Loan Fund** – provides low-interest loans to help New Americans purchase a vehicle.
- **Project Bismutha (the “act of healing”)** – provides free or reduced-cost healthcare to Iraqi Christians without medical insurance through the Chaldean American Association for Health Professionals.
- **Academic and Endowed Scholarship Programs** – provides financial aid assistance for Chaldean students to help meet the escalating costs of education.
- **Giving Hearts** – philanthropic Chaldean women's collaboration in memory of the late Vivian Eshshaki 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** – advocacy fund that offers a reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the assailant(s) of violent crimes perpetuated against Chaldean businesspeople.



The Chaldean Community Foundation led 32,750\* individuals on a pathway to stability in 2019