



CHALDEAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2021 IMPACT

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OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

583,000+

PPE ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

3,225

VACCINES ADMINISTERED

THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH FEMA AND MACOMB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



BREAKING BARRIERS

3,083

INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SERVED

3,616 HOURS

OF RESPITE, COUNSELING, AND ADVOCACY SERVICES PROVIDED



NEARLY **49,000** INDIVIDUALS SERVED



APPROX. **20%** OF CLIENTS ARE NON-CHALDEAN

\$8.7

MILLION RAISED FOR THE CCF MISSION CAMPAIGN THROUGH COMMUNITY DONATIONS

PROJECT LIGHT

LICENSED TRILINGUAL SOCIAL WORKERS PROVIDED

1,091

INDIVIDUAL THERAPY SESSIONS VIRTUALLY AND IN-PERSON



EMPLOYMENT

870

JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES CONDUCTED

67%

EMPLOYMENT RATE



EDUCATION

24 SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED WORTH MORE THAN

\$60,000

586

STUDENTS WERE PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN SUBMITTING THE FAFSA AND NAVIGATING THROUGH FINANCIAL AID

272

ESL, CITIZENSHIP, AND VOCATIONAL STUDENTS ENROLLED



IMMIGRATION

1,406

IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS FILED

437

HELPED NEW AMERICANS FILE AN N-400 TO BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN



PROJECT BISMUTHA

\$147,500

 WORTH OF IN-KIND SERVICES

590

PHYSICIAN APPOINTMENTS

2,120

PRESCRIPTIONS VALUED IN EXCESS OF \$10,147

\$20,065

OF LAB WORK THANKS TO A GENEROUS GRANT FROM ASCENSION

THE MICHAEL J. GEORGE CHALDEAN LOAN FUND

CLOSED THE YEAR WITH MORE THAN **\$235,000** IN OUTSTANDING LOANS





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.

- **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.
- **CAREER SERVICES**— provides resume building, job search, training, and placement.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Tri-lingual (Arabic, Chaldean, English) licensed Social Workers provide much needed mental health services including individual, group, and family therapy based on individual needs to Michigan age 13 years and up, regardless of insurance status.

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.

- **B.E.A.M. PROJECT**— (Braille, ESL, Acculturation, Mobility) Project helps better equip those with visual impairments to live independent lives.
- **H.E.A.L. PROJECT** —(Hard of Hearing, ESL, American Sign Language, Life skills) Project helps better equip those hearing impairments to live independent lives.
- **W.I.S.E. PROJECT**— (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education) Project is a curriculum-based health promotion program that aims to help older adults increase their knowledge and 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 a basic, beginner, intermediate, and advanced level.
- **EARLY CHILDHOOD**—preschool children ages 3-5 with their parents focused on emergent literacy and engaging parents in language and literacy interaction. Children attend preschool classes while parent/guardian attends ESL/enrichment classes.
- **GED**—small group instruction for individuals working to receive 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 special needs 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 special needs adults, 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.
- **LEVEL ONE 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 special needs adults.

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 refugees 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 cost of education.
 - *w3r Consulting provides scholarships to Chaldean undergraduate students in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).*
 - *The Dr. 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 Abdulkarim and Jamila 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.*
- **GIVING HEARTS**—philanthropic Chaldean women's collaboration in memory of the late Vivian Eshaki 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 perpetuated against Chaldean businesspeople.

DID YOU KNOW?

Metro Detroit is home to the largest Chaldean community outside the Middle East with an estimated population of 160,000!