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### **Jeanette Mansour receives Spirit of Service Award for philanthropy**

DEARBORN, Mich. — The National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC), a project of ACCESS, proudly announced today that Jeanette Mansour of Flint received the organization’s Spirit of Service Award in recognition of her philanthropic work on behalf of the Arab American community. She received the award during the recent *Quwa 2013: Strengthening Nonprofit Leadership* conference.

The award is presented annually to an individual nominated by NNAAC members who exemplifies a dedication to volunteerism and spirit of service to others.

Mansour has a long career in philanthropy, working for more than 30 years with the C.S. Mott Foundation as a program officer, consultant and director of Program Planning. She also managed special grants and projects for the foundation’s senior management team. Most recently, she was a loaned executive from Mott to ACCESS in Dearborn, providing technical assistance for the creation and development of the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP), a project of ACCESS.

“It is not an exaggeration to say that without Jeanette’s constant engagement, feedback, guidance, and hard work, CAAP would not be where it is today as an institution. She is an outstanding example of how community members can apply their professional skills and passion to help build the community,” said Maha Freij, founder of CAAP, and deputy executive director and chief financial officer of ACCESS.

In addition to her work with CAAP, Mansour has served on the board of the Arab American Heritage Council, and is currently the board president. She also works with many CAAP grantees, providing guidance for nonprofit organizational development.

“Jeanette’s involvement has gone above and beyond the expected involvement as a Mott consultant. As an Arab American in the field of philanthropy, she has repeatedly expressed her passion for the work of CAAP, and the opportunity it has given her to use her professional expertise to build the capacity of the community she loves so much — the Arab American community,” Freij said.

NNAAC supports the development of community-based nonprofit organizations that meet the needs and represent the concerns of Arab Americans at the local level and collectively address these issues on the national level. Its vision is to foster economic, cultural, social and political empowerment of Arab Americans.

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