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AMERICAN PHILANTHROPY

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ANNUAL REPORT



# ABOUT CAAP

## OUR MISSION

Building vibrant societies by uniting and strengthening the collective power of Arab American giving

## OUR VISION

A just and equitable world nurtured by the active participation of Arab American giving

## OUR CORE VALUES

Improve Communities • Serve Donors  
Build Leaders • Shape Perceptions

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

At the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP), we believe that anyone can be a philanthropist. Whether you are able to give \$50 or \$500,000, if you are passionate about a cause, CAAP is here to provide you with the tools and resources to give back and make a lasting impact on the issues that matter most.

Since 2010, CAAP has grown from housing just four funds to more than 135 funds that have awarded over \$9 million in grants to nonprofits across the globe. In 2019 alone, individuals gave more than \$1.2 million through CAAP, supporting a wide range of causes. This year we also hosted our second annual Threads of Giving Gala, honoring Dr. Ghaleb Daouk; launched a competitive grantmaking program focused on supporting refugees and women; and awarded 46 students from across the country with a total of \$125,500 in scholarships, among many other accomplishments.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals who chose to give through CAAP this year, and we hope that as you read the stories on the following pages, you'll be inspired to think about what you can do to make an even bigger difference.

Sincerely,



MAHA FREIJ  
CAAP DIRECTOR



HUSSIEN Y. SHOUSER  
CAAP ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR



# YEAR IN NUMBERS

OCT. 1, 2018 –  
SEPT. 30, 2019

# MOVE 2019

**\$1,144,583**

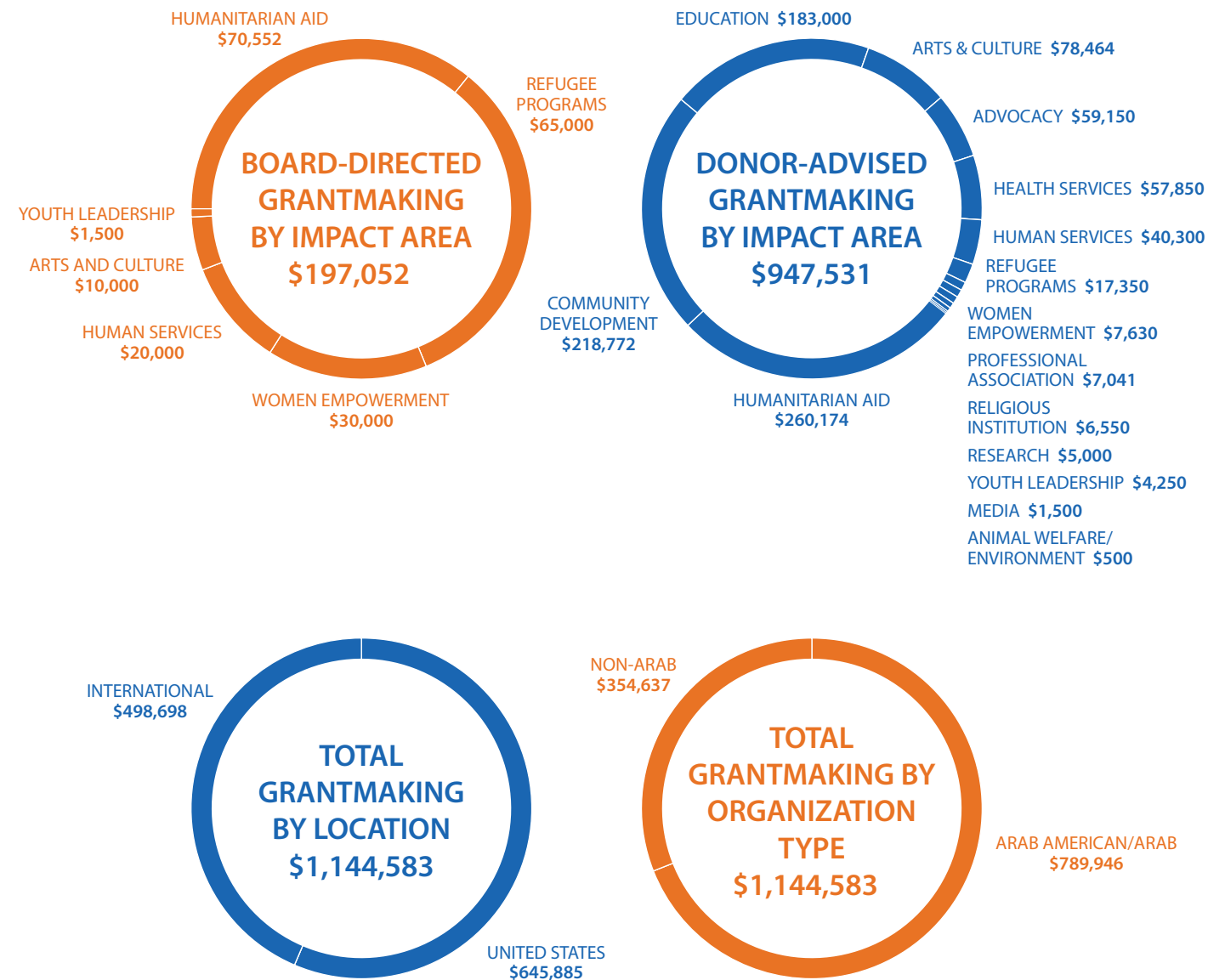
GRANTED TO ORGANIZATIONS  
AROUND THE WORLD

**46**

SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED

**236**

GRANTS  
MADE



In 2019, CAAP joined ACCESS, the Arab American National Museum (AANM) and the National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC) to host MOVE, the only national convening that brings together Arab Americans and their allies from all ages and walks of life to connect, learn, exchange ideas and advance social change. Each day proved to be a great success as 400 artists, activists, scholars, philanthropists and more gathered at MOVE for stimulating conversations, inspiring speakers and unique experiences.

CAAP was able to host several meaningful sessions addressing topics such as supporting refugees and immigrants, making an impact abroad, the power of organizational and board membership, fundraising, effective storytelling and much more. CAAP was also excited to host speakers such as Saturday Lunch Plenary speaker Rami Nashashibi, Women's Plenary speaker Dr. Manal Fakhoury (pictured below), The Amity Foundation's Amad Alzayat, the El-Hibri Foundation's Farhan Latif and many more.

Truly a national feat, this forward-looking conference brought folks near and far together in Dearborn, the heart of Arab America, to envision and build a future that keeps the communities we serve at the forefront of our efforts.





# SHAPING PERCEPTIONS

## CAAP honors Dr. Ghaleb Daouk at second annual Gala

CAAP was thrilled to honor Dr. Ghaleb Daouk as the 2019 *Outstanding Arab American Philanthropist* at our second annual Threads of Giving Gala, held in Boston on September 21, 2019. The Gala attracted nearly 200 people, raised more than \$75,000 in net revenue and dazzled attendees with a performance by renowned musician and oud virtuoso Simon Shaheen and his ensemble.

Dr. Ghaleb Daouk is a Pediatric Nephrology consultant at Boston Children's Hospital and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical school whose career as a physician, published medical researcher, member of several medical professional societies, educator and entrepreneur span his 36 years in the Boston area. Above all, he is valued for his deep commitment to community building and proudly showcasing his Arab American heritage.

Dr. Daouk is one of CAAP's earliest supporters, serving as a founding board member, donor, advocate and friend. In addition to CAAP, he has served many educational, cultural and philanthropic organizations, namely the Makassed Foundation of America and his alma maters the American University of Beirut (AUB) and Syracuse University (SU), including establishing the Daouk-Levy undergraduate studentship Fund in Biology at SU to empower the next generation of young leaders. Dr. Daouk also has a strong passion for music and the arts. He served as founding board member of the Center for Arabic Culture in Boston and is a supporter of the Arab American Arts Institute and the New York Arabic Orchestra.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Daouk said, "Philanthropy is more than a charitable act. At its heart, philanthropy is really about empathy without which donations are neither charitable nor philanthropic, just a mere financial transaction... it's not about show of wealth. It's about love of mankind and promoting human welfare."

CAAP is humbled to know Dr. Daouk as he certainly exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding Arab American philanthropist. To learn more, watch a featured video about Dr. Daouk on CAAP's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/caaptube](http://www.youtube.com/caaptube)





# SERVING DONORS

## 100 Arab American Women Who Care help hungry children

On March 9, 2019, just one day after International Women's Day, CAAP held its sixth annual *100 Arab American Women Who Care* event. Showcasing the power of collective giving, \$7,500 from the proceeds were granted to Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit humanitarian organization with a mission to provide fully nutritious meals to impoverished children and families around the world.

Since its establishment in 2014 under the leadership of CAAP board member Rasha Demashkieh, *100 Arab American Women Who Care* has seen hundreds of attendees pooling their resources and collectively granting more than \$65,000 to a variety of organizations including the Belinda Sue Fund for Ovarian Cancer Awareness and Research, Safe Harbor for Women, the 1001 Inventions Exhibit at the Michigan Science Center and much more.

Rasha says that "Arab American hospitality, care, generosity and compassion are fundamental to the essence of who we are, and this is exactly why I established the *100 Arab American Women Who Care* event through CAAP. Inspired by the generations of compassionate Arab women I grew up with, this event brings Arab American women together to talk and brainstorm ways to give strategically to some of the most critical causes. Through our collective action and giving, our impact knows no bounds."



## Donor Spotlight: Conversation with CAAP fund-holder Peter Farah

Peter Farah received his Juris Doctor degree from Boston College Law School in 2001 and is now the Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of The J. M. Smucker Company. Peter currently serves on the CAAP advisory board, and he and his wife established the Peter Farah and Jennifer Caldwell Fund at CAAP in 2017.

**CAAP:** Can you give us an example of the kind of causes in which you invest?

**Peter Farah:** I typically contribute to organizations that are fighting for human rights or social justice, or that are providing humanitarian relief. I try to focus on giving to organizations that are working towards making long-term, sustainable improvements to communities.

**CAAP:** How is having a donor-advised fund at CAAP useful for you as a donor?

**PF:** Our donor-advised fund at CAAP has made our charitable giving much more efficient and focused. After we set up the fund and made our initial contribution, which was immediately tax deductible, we simply notify CAAP each time that we want to make a grant, and they handle all the legwork. CAAP also conducts research based on our interests and areas of focus and provides recommendations on new charitable organizations that we may have not considered in the past.

**CAAP:** What has been your best giving experience?

**PF:** My best giving experience was actually giving my time. For a number of years, I was involved with the Chicago Palestine Film Festival. I found that film was an amazing medium to reach broad and diverse audiences to share the experiences and struggles of Palestinians and Palestinian Americans.

**CAAP:** Do you have any philanthropy advice for others, including the next generation?

**PF:** My best advice would be to get involved as early as you can. Even if you are in school or early in your career and do not have any money, you can always contribute your time and skills to worthwhile causes. It is the most rewarding thing that you can do.







Teen Grantmaking Initiative awards grant to help at-risk youth

The 27 students in CAAP’s 2018-19 Teen Grant-making Initiative (TGI) program made a \$1,500 grant to support a local summer program for at-risk youth impacted by mental health conditions. The summer program included a variety of workshops on topics including depression, suicide prevention, bullying, safe relationships and more. Since its launch in 2011, TGI—the only Arab American youth philanthropy program in the country—has raised and granted over \$40,000 to nonprofits addressing a variety of issues facing youth.

“TGI makes me more aware of the issues in my community, and it helps me realize that, I, as a young person, can make a change.” – TGI member



Congratulations to CAAP’s 2019 Scholarship Recipients!

Dr. Adawia Alousi Endowed STEM Scholarship Fund for Muslim Women

Established by the family of the late Dr. Adawia Alousi, a pioneering scientist, in order to support Muslim women nationally studying STEM fields.

Sahar Ajrouche	Wayne State University	Doctor of Pharmacy
Maab Aldulimy	Wake Technical Community College	Chemical Engineering
Nisreen Alibeg	Brown University	Public Health
Tasneem Essader	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Biomedical Engineering
Maria Ghalmi	Univeristy of Michigan	Molecular, Ceullar and Developmental Biology
Delaney Glass	University of Washington	MA, Biological Anthropology
Kemi Ibrahim	University of Texas at Austin	PhD, Pharmaceautical Science
Hiba Kahouli	University of Southern California	PhD, Aerospace Engineering
Yasmin Lachir	University of Maryland	MD, Medicine
Amina Larbah	University of California, Riverside	MD, Medicine
Sukria Malique	Wayne State University	Biological Sciences
Khadija Osman	University of Washington Seattle	Public Health
Dana Saifan	University of California, Los Angeles	PhD, Psychology
Heba Shaaban	Weill Cornell Medical College	MD, Medicine
Zahra Shafekhorassani	Wayne State University	MA, Public Health
Tasfia Tasnim	Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine	DO, Medicine
Adalah Yahia	Wayne State University	Doctor of Pharmacy

Ebeid Family Fund Scholarship

Established by the late Russell J. Ebeid, a generous philanthropist and former Chairman of Guardian Glass Group in order to support Arab American, African American and Latinx students studying engineering or business at Kettering University, Wayne State University, University of Detroit Mercy and University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Zainalsharaf Alduais	Wayne State University	Electrical Engineering
Jesse Cryor	Wayne State University	Supply Chain Management
Majesta Ellis	Kettering Univeristy	Industrial Engineering
Brandon Gurrell	Kettering Univeristy	Mechanical Engineering
Molouk Harp	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Computer Engineering
Navardo Henry	Kettering Univeristy	Industrial Engineering & Business Administration
Dajeline Johnson	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Computer Science
Farah Joni	Wayne State University	Accounting
Eiman Hassan-Khieri	Wayne State University	Civil Engineering
Renan De Carvalho Martins	Kettering Univeristy	Mechanical Engineering
Noribeth Mariscal	Wayne State University	Civil and Environmental Engineering
Keion Peters	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Computer Science
Ross Pruett	Wayne State University	Supply Chain Management
Mohamed Qasem	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Computer Science
Laila Saad	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Supply Chain Management
Mariam Salama	Wayne State University	Mechanical Engineering
Reema Sweidan	Wayne State University	Electrical Engineering
Nicholas Wever	Kettering Univeristy	Mechanical Engineering
Valeria Ziade	Lebanese American University	Pharmacy

Jack G. and Bernice M. Shaheen Endowed Media Scholarship Fund

Established by the late Dr. Jack Shaheen, an intellectual, educator and philanthropist, and his wife Bernice to support Arab American students nationally studying journalism, radio, television or film.

Hana Elias	Columbia University	Journalism
Farah Harb	Wayne State University	Journalism
Iman Saleh	Wayne State University	Journalism
Sarah Wehmy	The City College of New York	Film

Khalaf Family Scholarship Fund

Established by Nafa Khalaf and his wife Maha Kasim to support Arab American students studying engineering.

Zainalsharaf Alduais	Wayne State University	Electrical Engineering
Mohamed Qasem	Univeristy of Michigan-Dearborn	Computer Science

McLennan Family Foundation Scholarship Fund

Established by the McLennan Family Foundation to support Arab American, African American and Latinx students studying engineering or business at Wayne State University and University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Molouk Harp	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Computer Engineering
Eiman Hassan-Khieri	Wayne State University	Civil Engineering
Mariam Salama	Wayne State University	Mechanical Engineering
Jana Taleb	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Bioengineering



# IMPROVING COMMUNITIES

## Grantee spotlight: Arab American Association of New York provides a safe space for women and girls

Among its many programs, the Arab American Association of New York (AAANY) has served as a safe space for women, girls and families in the Bay Ridge neighborhood of Brooklyn for the past 18 years. Through CAAP's recent Empowering Refugees and Women Grantmaking Program, AAANY received \$10,000 to support their Domestic Violence Prevention programming, which provides high-quality care to all survivors who walk through their doors. Survivors are supported in finding shelters, accessing resources and receiving counseling and mental health services through a trauma-informed care approach.

AAANY is one of six Arab American organizations across the country that received a total of \$50,000 in CAAP funding for programs empowering refugees and women. In addition to domestic violence prevention, other funded programs include emergency needs and entrepreneurship support and training for refugees, courses in English as a second language (ESL) and a home-based childcare training program for refugee and immigrant women.

Executive Director Marwa Janini said that receiving the CAAP grant will allow AAANY to "deliver our services more effectively, offer direct and clinical support to more clients than ever before and continue to integrate a trauma-informed and women-focused framework into all of the social services and empowerment work that we do."



## Arab American community supports efforts for Hurricane Dorian relief and recovery

Hurricane Dorian was one of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes ever recorded, causing numerous deaths, extensive flooding and billions of dollars in damages when it struck the Bahamas in September 2019. CAAP responded to the devastation by providing the Arab American community with a tool to come together and support relief efforts through our *Disaster Relief Fund*, which matched all donations 50 cents to the dollar. One hundred percent of proceeds were directed to on the ground recovery efforts through grants to World Central Kitchen, which to date has served more than two million meals to those affected, and Direct Relief, which has distributed close to \$6 million worth of life-saving medical supplies to the island nation.



REVENUE & EXPENSES

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Revenue	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Individuals	854,806	253,647	37,920	1,146,373
Foundations	151,232	-	-	151,232
Corporations	25,000	-	-	25,000
Fees	75,218	-	-	75,218
Change in Value	-	-	82,548	82,548
Endowed Donor-Advised Fund Distribution	62,541	-	(62,541)	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,168,797</b>	<b>253,647</b>	<b>57,927</b>	<b>1,480,371</b>
Release from Restriction	219,040			
<b>Total Unrestricted Income</b>	<b>1,387,837</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Salaries and Fringe Benefits</b>	<b>203,451</b>			
<b>Grants</b>				
Board Directed Grant Making	197,052			
Donor-Advised Grant Making	947,531			
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>1,144,583</b>			
<b>Other Program Expenses</b>				
Software Fee & Web hosting	11,040			
Printing, Supplies and Publicity	5,170			
Conferences and Meetings	5,480			
Other Expenses	10,279			
<b>Total Other Program Expenses</b>	<b>31,969</b>			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,380,003</b>			

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Community Grantmaking Fund  
Disaster Relief Fund  
Empower Women and Children Fund  
Teen Grantmaking Initiative - Dearborn

In July 2019, CAAP was shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of our friend and advisory board member, Dr. Bassam Nasr. Dr. Nasr's advocacy and philanthropic contributions are familiar to many. He was particularly passionate about education, civic engagement, arts and culture, the environment and economic development.

Dr. Nasr completed his medical degree at the American University of Beirut (AUB) and residency in Internal Medicine at Wayne State University, specializing as a gastroenterologist. Dr. Nasr gave generously of his time, expertise and financial resources to many organizations, including CAAP, the American Medical Association, Community Foundation of St. Clair County, McLaren Hospital and the Port Huron chapter of the Red Cross. CAAP is grateful for Dr. Nasr's leadership and his commitment to further CAAP's mission.





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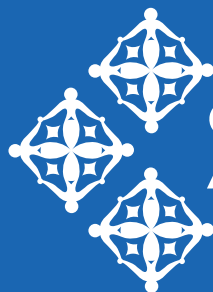
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