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## "Spirit of Humanity" Annual Gala



Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:00 PM.  
Greenfield Manor Banquet Hall

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### AHRC Gala's Masters of Ceremony:

Mr. Roop Raj, My Fox TV, EMCEE

Atty. Isaac Robinson, AHRC Secretary, Co-Emcee

### US National Anthem:

Ms. Yasmine Suri, Artist & Singer

### Welcome Remarks:

The Hon. Brenda Jones, President Detroit City Council

Chief Ronald Haddad, Dearborn Police Department

### Special Guest Remarks:

The Honorable Denise Page-Hood, Chief Judge, US District Court- Eastern Michigan

### Special Messages: The plight of helpless refugees

Mr. Christopher and Mrs. Regina Catrambone  
Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS)

Mr. Benny Napoleon, Wayne County Sherriff

### AHRC Board's Remarks & Board's Acknowledgments:

Dr. Opada Alzohaili, AHRC Board's President

### Agents of Change- Spirit of Humanity Awards Presentation

Dr. Mads Gilbert

Ms. Zainab Zeb Khan

Dr. Seema Jilani

Mr. Abdallah Sheik

### Attorney

Sara Najjar-Wilson,

### In Loving Memory Citation

Dr. Clovis Maksoud, past AHRC Honorary Chair

Kayla Mueller

### Invocation & Dinner

Imam Mustapha Elturk- Islamic Organization of North America/IONA

Rev. Rani Abdelmaseeh, Mothers of Savior Church

### AHRC Acknowledgments of Sponsors & Closing Remarks

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Roop Raj

### ROOP RAJ

Anchor/ Reporter

It all started in Troy, MI where I began my TV career at the age of 14 when I created, produced and hosted a public-affairs talk show on the government access station. One year later, I was deemed one of the nation's youngest TV personalities when I appeared on The Phil Donahue Show. While attending Michigan State University, I worked at the Lansing CBS and ABC affiliates.

A defining moment in my career

was covering Hurricane Katrina while living in New Orleans.

Anchoring for almost 17 hours straight as the monster storm

came ashore was truly a reminder of why we do what we do.

People who were stuck in their homes alone had no contact with the outside world but us.

After a few days of covering the mayhem on the streets of New Orleans, we evacuated to Mississippi where we anchored from a make-shift set with a camera, a speaker phone and a dry-erase board that told the people where to go next. Where to get water, how to find relatives, and how much of the city was under water were crucial topics our evacuated audience needed to know about.

I've never been one to talk about awards I won as part of a news team. However, I am proud to say our coverage in the hours leading up to the storm won our team an Emmy Award for "Best Continuing Coverage." I also received an Associated Press first place award for "Breaking Weather Coverage". In the years after the storm, my coverage of a city in crisis won two first place awards from the Press Club of New Orleans and the Associated Press as I profiled the "Safest Places to Live" when it comes to storm protection and crime.

People are tuning in to local news not just for a check on the weather. News has never been more important in people's lives as they try to recover. I am proud to join Detroit's only news team that's producing solutions as "Problem Solvers." You can watch me on FOX 2 News weekdays at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. reporting on the day's big stories. You can also catch me reporting and anchoring weekend mornings along with Deena and Jay.

“ Together, towards a world of Human Rights & Human Dignity. ”



## Message from Imad Hamad, Founder & Executive Director of AHRC



Dear honorable guests, friends and supporters of human rights:

Thank you for being with us today to mark another successful year for the American Human Rights Council (AHRC).

While it has been a successful year for us as an organization, it has been a

terrible year for human rights in the world.

Indeed these are very challenging times facing all of us- at home and abroad.

We founded AHRC determined to help create and strengthen a culture of human rights, human dignity and respect for every human on earth regardless of factors such as faith, race, color, gender, and nationality.

A peaceful world requires a culture where when a human being is abused, is tortured, is denied basic human rights, is blown up, is occupied, is denied freedom; the question when this violation happens is not what is his or her nationality or religion or gender or faith. The question should always be: Why are his or her human rights violated and what can we do to put an end to the violation? That's what we are working for.

Despite our limited resources, our work record and intervention and caseload that we handled last year are true measures of the difference AHRC is making. And we are making a difference because of you- our friends, donors and supporters. Thank you.

Thank you for your support and for being here with us today and every day.

Very truly yours,  
*Imad Hamad, AHRC Director*

## Message from Dr. Opada Alzohaili, AHRC Board's President:



Dear AHRC friends:  
Human Rights is about us as humans where human dignity comes first. As we all are witnessing how our humanity is being torn by wars, conflict and

divide, Millions of fellow humans continue to be deprived of the basic human rights that they are entitled to as humans sharing the same world. Health, education, water and food are few of a long list of challenges that so many continue to face as I write these words. Hate, violence, racism, torture, and terrorism are few of another long list that so many fellow humans currently endure. Amidst all of these challenges, AHRC-USA has risen to the occasion and worked tirelessly to advocate for human rights bringing some light despite the dim darkness.

The American Human Rights Council (AHRC-USA), despite its limited resources and limited manpower, managed to achieve several important tasks advancing the hope for those who were helpless. It has been four years since the inception of AHRC and we are thankful for all efforts from those who joined hands, shoulder to shoulder to advance it. It is in this spirit of determination I appeal to all of you to support AHRC and join us at our annual "Spirit of Humanity" Gala to be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Dearborn, Michigan.

Join us at the "Spirit of Humanity" Awards & Dinner Gala where we are to celebrate the culture of human rights and acknowledge partners in humanity. We hope to see you all with us at this momentous occasion on May 18, 2017. AHRC promises a remarkable program.

Thank you for being part of our family.  
*Dr. Opada Alzohaili, AHRC Board's President*

“Human Trafficking is a crime against the basic core of our human foundation.”





2017 “Spirit of Humanity” Awardees - Agents of change  
AHRC-USA is proud to honor these esteemed organizations and individuals  
dedicated to upholding human rights and social justice.

## Professor Mads Gilbert, MD, PhD



Mads Gilbert MD is a Norwegian anaesthesiologist and Medical Director for Clinic of Emergency Medicine at the University Hospital of

North-Norway and professor at The Arctic University of Norway in Tromsø – the northernmost university in the world. He takes special interest in emergency medicine, hypothermia and in organizing and training prehospital emergency medical care system in rural, remote

areas in sub-Arctic Norway as well as in rural communities in the global South and in conflict zones. Gilbert has broad range of experience with international medical solidarity from locations merging clinical and health politic issues (Burma, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Angola, Palestine). Since 1981 he has done consecutive solidarity medical missions for the Palestinians, and he served in Gaza hospitals during the Israeli attacks on Gaza in 2006, -2009, 2012 and 2014. He is also doing medical research on the effects on the Israeli military attacks and the siege of Gaza. He has co-authored a number of medical papers, book chapters in addition to two documentary books on the medical conditions in Gaza during Israeli attacks; “Eyes in Gaza” (2009, 2nd

Ed 2013) and “Night in Gaza” (2015). Dr. Gilbert has done extensive field work and research in alternative medical educational models and developed “The Village University” concept, a described in the practical textbook “Save Lives Save Limbs” (Third World Network, Malaysia 2000). In 2013, the Norwegian King Harald V appointed him as a Commander of the Order of St. Olav for his “wide-ranging services to emergency medicine nationally and internationally”.

He has appeared on international media such as BBC ‘Hard Talk’, ‘Talk to Al Jazeera’, AlJaz+ and given testimonies to The Russell Tribunal on Gaza 2014 and numerous UN commissions.

## Dr. Seema Jilani, MD



Dr. Seema is a medical doctor who completed her medical school and residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. It was during medical school that Dr. Seema took her first trip to Israel/Palestine, including the Gaza Strip.

Dr. Seema worked in Palestinian refugee camps in Shatila Camp on the outskirts of Beirut and in

one of Cairo’s poorest hospitals, caring for pediatric patients there. In 2010, she volunteered for CURE International Hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, and treated pediatric patients who were devastatingly underserved and very economically deprived. They suffered from malnutrition, rare diseases, and of course,

PTSD from the long-standing war there. She returned in 2011 to Afghanistan and worked in the country’s only Pediatric ICU, caring for young critically ill children there. Subsequently, Dr. Seema traveled with a group of congenital heart physicians to Najaf, Iraq in 2013 and cared for pediatric patients with congenital heart disease there.

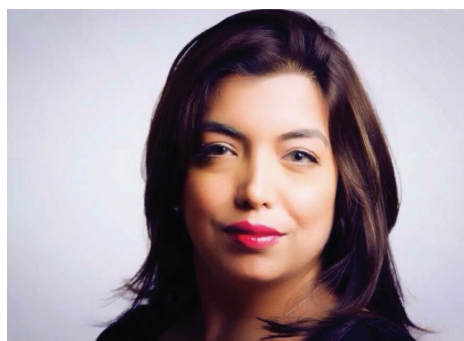
Dr. Seema has also worked extensively in Bosnia and the Balkans at large, reporting on the genocide of Bosnian Muslims, and interviewing survivors of the Srebrenica massacre and the war at large in the 1990s in Bosnia. The Bosnian conflict is one that is very close to her heart and a tragic one indeed. she also worked in Nepal, helping to see patients and repair schools there for children.

In 2016, the U.S. State Department selected Dr. Seema as a Senior Fulbright Scholar to Istanbul, Turkey. While there she taught Turkish, Iraqi and Syrian medical students in Istanbul how to advocate in the media for their patients’ human rights.





## Ms. Zainab Zeb Khan, Artist



Zainab is the President of MALA (Muslim American Leadership Alliance). She is a therapist, painter, and human rights advocate. Born in the U.S. to Asian immigrants, she became an activist after eye-opening experiences in counseling

survivors of domestic violence and organizing exhibitions for artists facing repression. A former Senior Clinician holding a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, Zainab also co-curated the International Museum of Women's Exhibition "Muslimah: Muslim Women's Arts and Voices" and served as a United Nations Association delegate to the 59th Commission on the Status of Women. The YWCA Chicago gave her its 2014 Racial & Social Justice Award.

Zainab has been published in The Daily Beast about young Muslim-Americans' struggles with bigotry; written about gender-based violence for No Ceilings; featured in Cosmopolitan Magazine; and

appeared in the documentary Honor Diaries. She gave a notable TEDx talk, "How to Fight Injustice Without Saying a Word". Zainab is honored as a "Global Hero" for Safe Magazine's 2015 issue, and is recognized as one of Fortune Magazine's 2015 Most Powerful Women Next Gen. Zainab was honored by Aga Khan University's Muslim Woman of Peace for 2015. She coordinates the "Muslim American Journeys" project with NPR's StoryCorps. She was also a featured speaker at the Conference of World Affairs 2016. Zainab is the recipient of UNICEF's Inaugural Humanitarian Award for 2016.

## Mr. Abdallah Sheik, Captain Jay's Enterprise



Mr. Abdallah Sheik is a seasoned business owner and community leader. Mr. Sheik is a silent community hero and has devoted his time and resources to supporting causes within the community to advance and promote human rights and human dignity. Born in Beirut, Lebanon in 1964, Mr. Sheik first came to the United States in 1985 to attend college. He graduated with a Bachelor and Master's Degree

in Engineering in 1992. Mr. Sheik served as the Director of Information Technology for Giordano's Pizza in Chicago, Illinois

from 1995-2000. He also served as the Chief Information Officer for Church's Chicken's

largest Franchisee alcon Holdings. Mr. Sheik continues to be a leader in business and entrepreneurship. In 2004, he founded Captain Jay's Enterprises (a chain of fish and chicken markets) and he also serves as its CEO.

Mr. Sheik is also the Founder and CEO of BTI Telecommunication, Inc., as well as the Founder and President of Megamed USA, a pharmaceutical research company. Mr. Sheik is also very involved in community based organizations. He is the Co-Founder and member of the American Muslim Leadership Council (AMLC), and Co-Founder and President of the Arab and Muslim Political Action Committee (AMPAC). Mr. Abdallah is also a member of the American Human Rights Council (AHRC-USA) and a member of the Almezan Media Group.

## Singer & Artist

Yasmeen Suri speaks and sings Nationally and Inter-Nationally. She regularly appears on Christian radio and major network television programs such as 700 Club, TBN, TCT, and Scandinavia Live in Europe and Asia. Yasmeen regularly sings the "U.S. National Anthem" and "God Bless America" for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Justice, FBI, Anti-Terrorism Committees, U. S. Military, Major Sports Teams, and Christian Conventions. You can visit her on [www.yasmeensuri.com](http://www.yasmeensuri.com)





## Sara Najjar-Wilson

Sara is an Attorney of Lebanese-Arabic heritage. Sara is retired from the Federal Civil Service – she served (among other positions) as Assistant General Counsel at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters in Washington, DC, and was the legal representative in innumerable “high profile” NASA matters, such as the Challenger accident and the Cassini Mission to Saturn (which ends this year on September 15th). Sara is the recipient of the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, and many other honors and awards.

Sara is also a former Trial Attorney with the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She was one of the leaders in the Federal Bar Association, the Federal Practice Institute, and the Washington Foreign Law Society. She is a graduate in International Studies from the University of South Carolina (USC) and is a Juris Doctor from the USC School of Law.

On November 9, 2009, Sara volunteered her services to the American Arab Anti-Discrimination

Committee (ADC), and subsequently served as ADC President from March 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

Sara is married to Robert C Wilson, who is from Michigan and a graduate of the University of Michigan. Robert & Sara reside in Northern Virginia (Metropolitan Washington, DC).



## Regina Catrambone

Founder, MOAS

Regina Catrambone is the Director and Co-Founder of the Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS), together with her husband Christopher Catrambone. Born and raised in Southern Italy, Regina moved to Malta in 2007 with her husband

Christopher and their daughter Maria Luisa. She is also a member of the Board of Directors at their family company, Tangiers Group.

Following the Lampedusa tragedy of 2013, when about 400 migrants drowned, Regina and Christopher decided not to remain bystanders. They purchased a boat, equipped a crew and founded MOAS, a search and rescue charity dedicated to saving lives at sea.

Since 2014, MOAS has rescued and assisted over 33,000 people from the Mediterranean and Aegean seas. Regina and Christopher hope that their humanitarian initiative will inspire others globally, and help to dispel what Pope

Francis calls the “globalisation of indifference”.



## Christopher Catrambone

is a humanitarian, entrepreneur and adventurer from Lake Charles, Louisiana. After attending college in his hometown at McNeese State University, he owned a steamboat restaurant in the Virgin Islands, ran a political campaign in Louisiana and worked at the U.S. Congress in

Washington, D.C. As an insurance investigator, he found himself employed in some of the world’s most dangerous places, including Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as a violent housing projects in New Orleans. In 2006, Catrambone founded Tangiers Group, now a leading global business specialising in insurance, emergency assistance, on-the-ground claims handling, and intelligence services.

Inspired by 2013’s migrant tragedy in Lampedusa, Chris and his wife Regina founded MOAS in 2014. MOAS uses its 40-metre ship Phoenix to alleviate the needless suffering and death of migrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea. To date, MOAS has rescued and assisted more than 33,000 lives at sea.

Whether it’s business or philanthropy, Catrambone love the adventure and challenge of tackling tough problems to help people make it through impossible situations.





## DENISE PAGE HOOD



DENISE PAGE HOOD presently serves as Chief Judge of the United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. She is a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University School of Law.

Judge Hood currently serves on the Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions Committee for the 6th Circuit and

the Criminal Rules Advisory Committee of the United States Judicial Conference. She is the Chair of the U.S. District Court's Pro Bono Committee, Co-chair of the Ad Hoc Jury Committee,

and also serves on the Rules, Clerk's Office and Criminal Law committees of the Court. Judge Hood is a member of several professional organizations: the Michigan State Planning Body for legal services (immediate past Co-Chair); the State Bar Pro Bono Initiatives Committee; and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation Board. She is a past president of the Detroit Bar Association and the Association of Black Judges of Michigan. In addition, she serves as a volunteer in various community groups including: the Olivet College Board of Trustees; the Harper-Hutzel Hospital Board of Trustees; and the InsideOut Literary Arts Project Board. She has received numerous honors, including the 2016 Damon J. Keith Soul and Spirit Humanitarian Award and the Michigan Chronicle's 2016 "Women of Excellence" Award, to name a few.

Judge Hood is married to the Reverend Dr. Nicholas Hood, III, Senior Minister of Plymouth United Church of Christ in Detroit.

## BRENDA JONES - DETROIT CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones began her career in public service with election to council in November 2005. Running on the JONES platform: Jobs, Opportunities, Neighborhoods Education and safety, her message gained great popularity among the citizens. She

Was re-elected to council in 2009, then in 2013, Ms. Jones' service was rewarded by voters with the most votes of all council candidates! President Jones began service as council's liaison to the police & Fire Pension Board in 2010 and was appointed by state law to the Detroit Financial Review Commission in 2014. She acts as the chairperson of the skilled trades task Force and Co-chairs the Military Veterans Task Force. President Jones also serves as the Board Chair of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute and sits on boards for the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation and Detroit Transportation Commission (the People Mover). ON January 6, 2014, Ms. Jones was selected by her peers to lead council as its president. Taking office during a very difficult time in Detroit's history after the

bankruptcy, President Jones has restored respect and professional courtesy by collaborating and communicating with citizens, peers, the Administration and others. President Jones pays particular interest to senior affairs, by sponsoring as annual Senior Summit that provides a day of fun, resources and services for thousands of seniors.

She has received numerous awards and recognition for excellence in leadership and service. She works tirelessly to address issues that impact the quality of life in Detroit...so much that she was named: "The Citizen's Voice!" Brenda continues to be an advocate for those without a voice, transparency in government, civic engagement, positive change and hope for a better Detroit.



## Benny N. Napoleon,

A lifelong Detroit resident and Cass Tech graduate, served in the Detroit Police Department at every level of command, investigation and administration he was appointed Chief in 1998. After 26 years of distinguished service, Napoleon retired in 2001. He was appointed Assistant Wayne County Executive in 2004 until he was named Wayne County Sheriff in July, 2009—to which he was elected in 2012 with 75 percent of the vote and re-elected in 2016 with 98 percent of the vote.





## AHRC-USA Expresses Its Profound Sadness For The Passing of H.E. Ambassador Dr. Clovis Maksoud (1926 - 2016)



The American Human Rights Council (AHRC-USA) expresses its profound grief for the passing of H.E. Ambassador, Dr. Clovis Maksoud. The death of Dr. Maksoud is a great loss to the Arab American community, the Arab World, and indeed, the whole world. Dr. Maksoud's legacy and contributions to humanity will live on and continue to inspire us for years to come. The death of Dr. Maksoud brings back the painful memory of the passing away of his wife, Dr. Hala Salam-Maksoud, a great activist and a wonderful human being. The "Maksoud era" was one of the greatest and most consequential eras in the history of the Arab-American community. The Maksouds were brilliant organizers, thinkers, scholars, loyal friends, and genuine fighters on behalf of social justice, equality and the advancement of human dignity and human rights. Dr. Clovis Maksoud was a giant in his scholarship and his courage. He spoke truth to power and dared

to speak up and refused to compromise his principles for any form of expediency.

Dr. Maksoud's death coincided today with May 15, the day of commemoration of the Palestinian catastrophe or "Al Nakba". Dr. Maksoud cared greatly about Palestine and saw it as the core issue for the Arab nation. He had deep love, commitment and dedication to Palestine and its people. He spent a lifetime defending Palestine and Palestinian rights at different forums and in different capacities. Dr. Maksoud died a sad man due to the ongoing tragedy of Palestine and the bloodshed and chaos in the Arab world. He worked tirelessly for decades to make the Arab world a better place for Arab people of all backgrounds.

"This is a personal loss for me and a true sad day for AHRC and all of us who have known and worked with Dr. Maksoud," said Imad Hamad, AHRC's Executive Director. "No words can express our sadness. Dr. Clovis was a personal friend and my mentor. No words can express my grief for the loss of such a great true leader and a wonderful mentor." "The Maksouds, Clovis and Hala, were my friends and mentors who introduced me to the world of activism and social change and inspired me to serve our common humanity," continued Hamad. "The Maksouds are irreplaceable and they will be sorely missed," said Hamad.

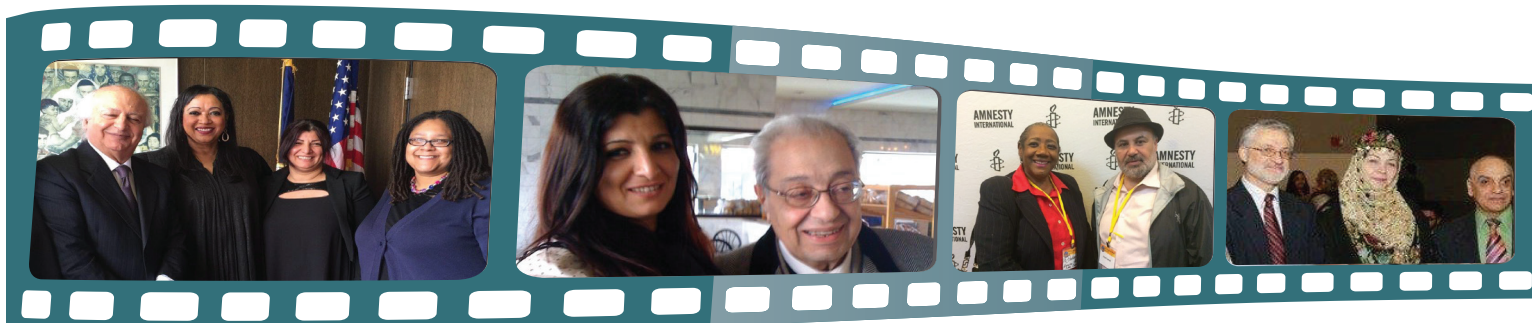
## In Loving Memory of American Humanitarian Aid Worker Ms. Kayla Mueller



The American Human Rights Council (AHRC-USA) pays a Tribute of Honor to American humanitarian aid worker Ms. Kayla Mueller from Prescott, Arizona. Kayla was killed by the IS "The Islamic State" while devoting her time and skills helping Syrian

refugees displaced due to civil war. Her parents, Carl and Marsha Mueller, continue to stand together united against hate, violence

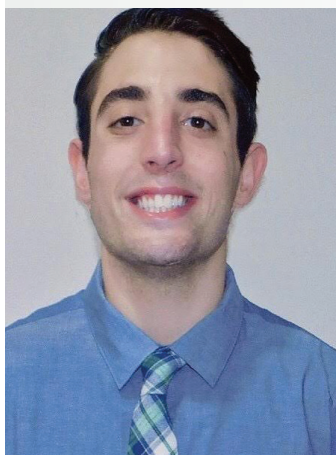
and terror acts anywhere and at any place. Kayla was a true humanitarian who devoted her life to aiding various disadvantaged groups. Kayla put her life on the line just to lend a helping hand to those who are in dire need of help. Kayla is a role model in her dedication to serving humanity. She represents America at its best, working tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of people in need. The American Human Rights Council (AHRC-USA) is committed to honoring Kayla's life, sacrifices, and legacy by recognizing fellow humanitarians working hard to promote, protect, and advance human rights with an award bearing her name. Kayla's parents continue to preserve her strong legacy and her work through Kayla's Hands ([www.kaylashands.org](http://www.kaylashands.org)), a non-profit foundation created in Kayla's name to alleviate suffering and to promote justice and peace.



## Internship Program

AHRC-USA offers internships to high school and college students who are interested in human rights and community service. Interns can be part of various projects related to human rights in general and prisoners' rights and affairs. Students can earn school credit, community service, student stipends, and other available opportunities. The AHRC-USA internship program will serve as an opportunity to advance students' knowledge and involvement in serving the cause of human rights.

### Message from our intern



**Mazen Hajali**

*Upcoming Senior at: Michigan State University, James Madison Honors College*

I have always been an avid believer in finding ways to help those in our community who have been marginalized or have encountered injustice. I am passionate about this because my family and I have experienced such difficult times and I know the difference that our communities' support can make. That is why I choose to intern at the AHRC because I knew it would allow me to make a direct impact. My time as an intern has been a very rich learning experience and equally satisfying knowing that I am making a difference. I really enjoyed the people I met and was humbled by their unique stories. Under Imad's supervision I was able to assist him in the fight for humanity and justice for all. This internship has been a valuable stepping stone in helping me reach my goals of being an Attorney and one day a United States Senator; where I can fight for the rights of all. I highly encourage any students who are interested in a future in public policy or just want to make a positive impact in our community to pursue this internship.



### Prisoners' Rights Initiative "No Prisoner Left Behind"

AHRC-USA is committed to advancing and promoting the human rights of all citizens, including those incarcerated, regardless of the reason, and their families. We regularly monitor policies of the local and national criminal justice systems and serve as a voice of advocacy for prisoners across Michigan whose rights are not preserved and protected. AHRC-USA is committed to ensuring those incarcerated that they have not been forgotten.



### Honorary Ambassadors of Humanity Program

The purpose of the AHRC-USA Honorary Ambassadors of Humanity Program is to partner with community leaders of high regard in countries around the world to assist in advancing and promoting the mission and vision of the American Human Rights Council abroad. The Honorary Ambassadors of Humanity program will enable AHRC-USA to work with community leaders around the world to promote and protect human rights and human dignity for all, and to uphold the principles of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

The Honorary Ambassadors of Humanity program will require the appointed to fully and completely serve the goals, mission and vision of AHRC-USA by promoting, protecting, defending and advancing the cause of human rights and to help advance the culture of human respect and social justice. The Honorary Ambassador will serve as AHRC-USA's honorary representative and point of contact in their respective country.





Rosa Parks



1913 - 2005

### AHRC joins hands supporting “Lifting the Voice of Children” the legacy of Rosa Parks at the United Nations:

The American Human Rights Council (AHRC-USA) is pleased to announce its partnership with the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute’s supporting its United Nations Youth Summit, through the AHRC-USA “Our Common Humanity” Scholarship Program. The Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development on the Institute’s United Nations Youth Summit is held on October each year, in an honor of civil rights pioneer and peace activist Rosa Parks 71st Anniversary (United Nations Day). The Youth Summit will be an opportunity for young people to travel to New York, tour the United Nations, receive a briefing from the United Nations Association and participate in a workshop focused on child soldiers and young refugees. This youth summit is held annually welcoming the young generation to advance their leadership skills and learn more about the world’s affairs through this informative and educational summit.



### Human Rights Day Symposium

The purpose of the AHRC Human Rights Day Symposium is to bring together organizations, institutions, activists and advocates locally, nationally & internationally in order to advance the culture of human rights and human dignity. AHRC’s goal in creating an annual Human Rights Day Symposium in Michigan is to encourage constructive dialogue, debate, and collaboration in order to address the most pressing human rights issues nationally and internationally. It will serve as an educational forum to promote knowledge, education and awareness about the pressing human rights issues and challenges. The symposium will serve as an opportunity for its participants to share and exchange knowledge, information and expertise to advance activism to preserve, promote, protect and advance human rights and human dignity.



### Scholarship

### “Our Common Humanity” Scholarship Program:

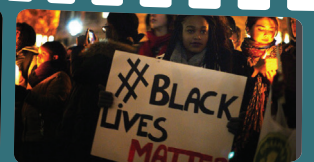
One of the primary goals of this unique program is to help students focus on the concept of “Our Common Humanity” — an Alliance of Civilizations inspired concept — and recognize its power in advancing our humanity’s common future.

The scholarship program is inspired by the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, a program and platform of the United Nations to promote understanding of diversity and intercultural dialogue. Our goal is to promote awareness among college students of the importance of diversity, inclusion, and multicultural collaboration to continuously advance human rights for all people around the world.



“Spirit of Humanity” Gala – AHRC-USA holds an annual fundraising event in celebration and honor of our common humanity and our common goal of promoting and advancing human rights and human dignity for all. Our gala is an intergenerational gathering of people of many cultures, ethnicities, faiths, and professions in honor of human rights.

“Defining the idea and the face of Human Rights”





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**Imad Hamad, AHRC**  
Founder and Executive  
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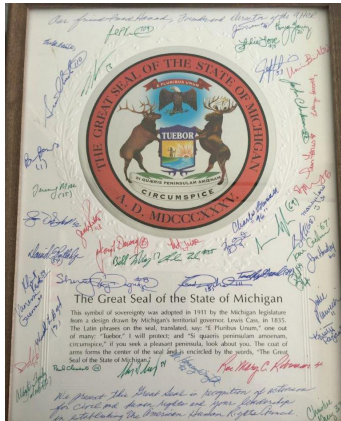
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## Join AHRC network today:



The American Human Rights Council (AHRC) invites you to join its AHRC News & Views E-Cast and invite others to join. AHRC sends information and updates on regular basis to its subscriber list and members related to pressing matters and issues of interest and concern to human rights in America and the rest of the world. Stay informed and engage in the struggle to advance human rights, human dignity and equally for all.

You can join our network on the AHRC website at [www.ahrcusa.org](http://www.ahrcusa.org) or by email request to [Imad@ahrcusa](mailto:Imad@ahrcusa). We look forward to having you on board embracing and serving our common humanity.



## AHRC Mission:

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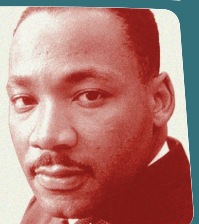
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