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The Arab American Women's Business Council



January Newsletter

Upcoming Events



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Empowering women across all backgrounds
Real Journeys. Real Lessons. Real Inspirations.
Build real connections with local leaders & entrepreneurs.

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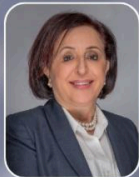
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NORA FARHAT
Multi-Brand Entrepreneur
& Business Owner



\$25 | includes light refreshments & appetizers

February 5, 2026
 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Hilton Garden Inn
Detroit - Southfield**
26000 American Dr
Southfield, MI 48034

<https://events.humanitix.com/ucfs-aawbc-event>

Join United Community Family Services Women Business Institute (WBI) Committee and the Arab American Women's Business Council (AAWBC) for an unforgettable evening of networking, learning, and inspiration.

Date: February 5, 2026

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn Detroit–Southfield 26000 American Dr. Southfield, MI 48034

Tickets: \$25 – includes light refreshments and appetizers

This is your chance to:

- Build meaningful connections with fellow professionals.
- Gain fresh perspectives from women leaders across industries.
- Be inspired to take the next step in your own career journey.

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- Professional Development
- Community Support
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Past Events

Dearborn WORKS and AAWBC Business Boot Camp Cohort 2 Pitch Competition

This month, we hosted the second cohort Pitch Competition of our Business Boot Camp. The participants showed up with bold ideas, strong passion, and drive. We are excited to watch how each of their ventures continues to grow and evolve.



Our 3rd Cohort of the Dearborn WORKS and AAWBC Business Boot Camp started with a class session on Business Model Generation with Lubna Taimah (Marawed LLC)



Class 1: Business Model Generation

Transforming Ideas into Action

Instructor:
Lubna Taimah - Marawed LLC

Small Business Resources



Need support? Connect with resources through our [Resource Connection Form](#).

This opportunity is open to both men and women - all are welcome to apply.

Small Business Spotlight

Take A Look!

We're proud to highlight Dearborn Balloon Decor LLC, a creative event styling business founded by Amira Abuhmoud, a young entrepreneur whose journey is as inspiring as her work. Amira began her entrepreneurial path at just 17 years old, founding and licensing her balloon décor business while still in high school balancing school, creativity, and business ownership with determination and vision.

What started as a passion project has quickly grown into a thriving business known for its custom balloon designs, dessert tables, and personalized décor that transform weddings, graduations, birthdays, corporate events, and community celebrations into unforgettable experiences all while remaining affordable and stress free for clients. Over the past year and a half, Amira has expanded her client base and brought her artistry to grand openings, corporate events and large-scale community celebrations.

Through opportunities with AAWBC and Dearborn WORKS, Amira has continued to elevate her business, including creating a stunning balloon arch for the Sew Your Life grand opening and showcasing her work at the AAWBC Small Business Pitch



Competition, where she received the Community Impact Award for her balloon setup. Even getting noticed by the New Economic Initiative (NEI) as a Dearborn success story for their own yearly success. By building strong partnerships with local businesses, event planners, and community organizations, Amira has increased referrals, repeat clients and brand visibility all while creating welcoming, photo-ready spaces that uplift fellow entrepreneurs and strengthen the local community.

We're excited to continue supporting entrepreneurs like Amira as they grow, lead, and inspire.



AAWBC Office Hours

Every Wednesday | 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Join us during AAWBC Office Hours and take advantage of a vibrant coworking space designed to support women-owned businesses at every stage. This is your opportunity to work alongside fellow founders, tap into trusted resources, and move your business forward.

Members can connect to support across funding, branding, marketing, accounting, and legal guidance, while enjoying access to workspace, printing services, and a photography/content creation area. Whether you're refining your strategy, building your brand, or simply need a productive space to focus, Office Hours are here to support you.

Come for the space, stay for the connections.

- Zeina Saad (AAWBC Project Manager 313-443-7075)

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