



Newsletter

February 2012

Welcome to the February edition of AAFSC's newsletter!



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, and here at AAFSC, we will be participating and hosting events to raise awareness about violence against women and girls. We hope that you will join us at the Teen Dating Violence Walk-a-thon (information below) and be sure to check out [our blog](#) for upcoming posts about domestic violence and teen dating violence written by our clients and

volunteers.

We're excited to announce that Executive Director, Lena Alhusseini, will be honored by Project Reach at their "Womyn Warriors & Allies" gala on February 9th. We would love for you to join us at the event and celebrate the "womyn warriors" with us. Tickets are available on Project Reach's [website](#).

Ms. Alhusseini will also be honored by the National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) on February 10th with a Community Service Award. AAFSC's Board Vice Chair, Joseph Elhilow, will be honored at the same event with a Leadership Award. Congratulations to Ms. Alhusseini and Mr. Elhilow!

We hope you'll join us at the Project Reach and NAAMA galas, and as always, we would love to hear from you with any comments, suggestions or ideas. E-mail us at info@aafscny.org or call us at 718-643-8000. You can also connect with us on our [Facebook](#) page or via [Twitter](#).

Executive Director, Lena Alhusseini, Honored by Project Reach

Thursday, February 9th
6:00 to 9:00 PM

On Thursday, February 9th, Executive Director, Lena Alhusseini, will be honored by [Project Reach](#) at their 40th Anniversary Gala, "Womyn Warriors & Allies: A Call to End Sexism, Misogyny, and Homophobia." Ms. Alhusseini will be honored alongside Gabourey Sidibe, Alice Tan Ridely, Sharon De La Cruz, Hortensia & Elvira Colorado, Ann Gael, Rev. Terry Troia, Liz Young, Letitia Tarrayo, and Seema Sabnani.



Project Reach is a youth and adult-run, multiracial, multi-gender, grassroots, anti-discrimination, youth organizing center with a clear mission and commitment to challenging the destruction among, of, and between New York City's disparate youth communities.

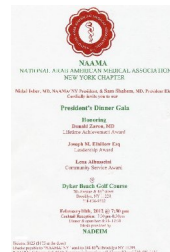
The event aims to raise \$40,000 to support the OUTRIGHT Consortium's citywide cross-community Youth Summit trainings, LGBT Youth Retreats, Womyn's Space meetings, Young Men's Anti-Sexism Roundtables, and more of the Consortium's cutting-edge programs. To RSVP, visit projectReachnyc.org.

NAAMA Honors Board Vice Chair, Joseph Elhilow and Executive Director, Lena Alhusseini

Thursday, February 10th
7:30 PM to 12:30 AM

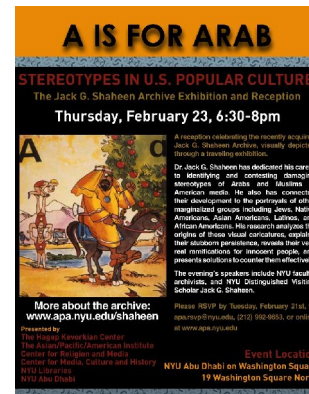
On Thursday, February 10th, Board Vice Chair, Joseph Elhilow and Executive Director, Lena Alhusseini will be honored by the New York Chapter of the National Arab American Medical Association ([NAAMA](#)). Mr. Elhilow will be given the Leadership Award and Ms. Alhusseini will be awarded the Community Service Award.

NAAMA is a non-profit, educational and humanitarian organization, whose members are medical professionals of Arab descent, have a close affinity with individuals of Arab



A is for Arab: Stereotypes in US Popular Culture

Thursday, February 23rd
6:30 to 8:00 PM



A reception celebrating the recently acquired Jack G. Shaheen Archive, visually depicted through a traveling exhibition. Dr. Jack G. Shaheen has dedicated his career to identifying and contesting damaging stereotypes of Arab and Muslims in American media. He also has connected their development to the portrayals of other marginalized groups including Jews, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and African Americans. His research analyzes the origins of these visual caricatures, explains their stubborn persistence, reveals their very real ramifications for innocent people, and presents solutions to counter them effectively.

The evening's speakers include NYU faculty, archivists, and NYU Distinguished Visiting Scholar Jack G. Shaheen.

Location: 18 Washington Square North, NYU

RSVP by Tuesday, February 21st to apa.rsvp@nyu.edu or 212-922-9653

Save the date!

17th Anniversary Benefit Gala: Artists Who Bridge Cultures

April 12, 2012
6:30 - 9:30 PM

Helen Mills

origin, or have demonstrated a commitment to the mission and organizational objectives of NAAMA.

The gala will take place at Dyker Beach Golf Course and will feature the music of NADEIM. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchase by contacting 718-491-1136.

Walk-a-thon for Teen Dating Violence Awareness

Saturday, February 18th at 10:00 AM

The girls club will be participating in a walk-a-thon for National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month on February 18th, 2012. The Walk-a-hon, which is sponsored by The Healing Center, will start at 10:00 AM on 47th St & 4th Ave in Brooklyn and will end at Ovington Ave & 4th Ave. If you would like to join AAFSC's team to raise awareness for this important cause, please contact Cumar Husain at 718-643-8000 ext. 14.



135 East 26th Street

Join AAFSC for our 17th Anniversary Benefit Gala as we honor and celebrate artists and arts-based organizations that create and utilize unique ways to engage communities and build bridges, including:

[Polyphony Foundation](#) &

[Alwan for the Arts](#)

For information on sponsorship and silent auction donations, please contact Sara Elghobashy at 718-643-8000 ext. 19 or sara@aafscny.org.

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About Us

The Arab-American Family Support Center is a non-profit organization that empowers new immigrants with the tools they need to successfully acclimate into the world around them and become active participants in their communities.

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