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### **NAANA HONORS MOE RUSTOM WITH 2019 ANGEL OF MERCY AWARD; JUDGE LINDA DAVIS DELIVERS KEYNOTE SPEECH ON OPIOID EPIDEMIC OCTOBER 24**

**Detroit, MI, September 4, 2019** – The National American Arab Nurses Association (NAANA) announces that Moe Rustom, MSA, RN, FACHE, director of Clinical Interpretation and Translation Services for Beaumont Health, has been named the 2019 Angel of Mercy Award for founding the clinical language access program at Beaumont – Dearborn and overseeing its implementation at Beaumont’s eight hospitals, 174 health centers. Additionally, NAANA is proud to announce that former Macomb County Judge Linda Davis, co-founder and executive director of Families Against Narcotics (FAN), will keynote the Angel of Mercy Award Banquet about the opioid epidemic in Michigan. The Angel of Mercy Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 6 p.m., at Byblos Banquets, 7258 Chase Road, Dearborn.

Renée Ahee, president of NAANA, said, “Moe Rustom is the epitome of an Angel of Mercy in NAANA’s definition, an Arab American nurse who has had a significant impact on patient care and/or the nursing profession. Moe serves as a subject matter expert for healthcare providers, compliance officers and legal affairs counsels on issues related to health care disparities, patient rights, language access, healthcare equity, cultural competency, diversity and inclusion. What’s more, Moe has given five years of service as a NAANA board member to further our mission of advocating for Arab American nurses.”

As keynote speaker, the Honorable Judge Linda Davis will share her invaluable experience in adjudicating cases in Macomb County having to do with opioid abuse. From personal experience, Judge Davis sought to expand awareness of this growing epidemic by co-founding Families Against Narcotics. She has left the bench to serve as full-time executive director of FAN.

In addition to presenting the Angel of Mercy winner, scholarships for 2019 will be awarded to four nursing students.

Individual tickets for the Angel of Mercy Banquet are \$100. Individual banquet tickets and tables of 10 tickets as well as ticket for the seminar can be purchased at [www.n-aana.org](http://www.n-aana.org) or by



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NAANA was established in 2003 as a voice, a network and a resource for men and women in their pursuit of employment and advancement within the nursing profession. NAANA focuses primarily on the Arab American nurse but it is an inclusive nursing organization fostering knowledge of cultural diversity and sensitivity between members and the community in the area of transcultural health care.

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