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### **NAANA 2017 ANGEL OF MERCY BANQUET HONORS TRANSPLANTATION NURSE OCTOBER 26; BEAUMONT HEALTH IS LEAD SPONSOR**

**Detroit, MI, OCTOBER 23, 2017** – The National American Arab Nurses Association (NAANA) announces its 2017 Angel of Mercy Award winner. Annette Feeney, transplantation nurse at Henry Ford Hospital, will receive the award at NAANA's 6<sup>th</sup> annual banquet, held Thursday, October 26, at Byblos Banquets 7258 Chase Road in Dearborn, at 6:00 p.m. Beaumont Health is lead sponsor.

Mohammad Rustom, president of NAANA, said, "This year we recognize the importance of organ donation to the Arab American community and to the community as a whole. In our nursing sphere, our giving rarely goes beyond the boundaries of our jobs as caregivers, yet almost all acts of greater compassion come where we least expect. We will honor Ms. Feeney's ultimate act of compassion.

We're also grateful for the support the new Beaumont Health has given NAANA for our 6<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the contributions of Arab American nurses in our community. This is a major boost to NAANA because it underscores the importance of Arab American nurses in the eight-hospital system, the largest healthcare system in our state."

Bruce Nicely, RN, MSN, CPTC, chief clinical officer for Gift of Life Michigan will serve as keynote speaker.

In addition to presenting the Angel of Mercy winner, scholarships for 2017 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 [clicking here](#). Sponsorships are available by contacting Catherine Siladi, 586-944-6157, by e-mailing [events@n-aana.org](mailto:events@n-aana.org) or by visiting [www.n-aana.org](http://www.n-aana.org).

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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