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## **ACCESS CALIFORNIA SERVICES RECOGNIZED FOR SERVING ARAB AND MUSLIM COMMUNITIES**

*Madina Islamic Center Honors Nonprofit at its Muslim Charities Awards Ceremony*

**Anaheim, Calif. (March 10, 2014)** – Access California Services (AccessCal) was awarded the 2014 Best Muslim Charitable Organization award by the Madina Islamic Center for providing free comprehensive human services to the local underserved Arab- and Muslim-American communities.

“This honor means so much to us and our community, and we thank Madina Islamic Center for its recognition and continued support,” said Nahla Kayali, AccessCal founder and executive director. “Enriching underserved individuals and families with our initiatives and referral services doesn’t just help these families get by, but assures them that many of us care about their success and reminds them that we truly have faith in their ability to become more self-sufficient citizens.”

The award was presented to Nahla Kayali on behalf of AccessCal during the Muslim Charities Awards ceremony held at the Guest House Hotel in Norwalk last night.

### **About Access California Services**

[Access California Services](#) is a culturally and linguistically sensitive health and human services nonprofit organization. It provides economic and social services to local Arab- and Muslim-Americans, refugees, and immigrants; however, the AccessCal principle is nonsectarian. Anyone who needs support in the community will receive it regardless of race or ethnicity. AccessCal services include: Case management and advocacy in 13 languages, citizenship and immigration, employment and tax services, emergency financial assistance, educational services, healthcare coverage access services, counseling and support, community service and civic engagement, and refugee services.

### **About Madina Islamic Center**

[Madina Islamic Center](#) (MIC) was established in 2000 as a small community in Artesia, Southern California by a few Muslim brothers who were dedicated to the goal of establishing an Islamic center that would develop the pure values of Islamic life based on Quran and Sunnah. The Center caters to the needs of Muslims not only living in the City of Artesia, but also that of surrounding cities of Cerritos, Bellflower, Lakewood, and Norwalk. MIC is a registered, non-profit organization.

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