



Rouba Samman

Rouba Samman is a graduate of Damascus University in Syria with a BA in Journalism. She taught French at the Pakistan International School of Damascus for 8 years. She translated and published “Elles sont si gentilles, monsieur: Les trafiquants de femmes en Europe” by Chris De Stoop, and The Human Rights Watch Report on the War Crimes in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In late 1996 she moved to the United States. Couple years later, she served on the Board of Directors of the American Syrian Arab Cultural Association (ASACA), www.asacausa.org, a local organization in southeast Michigan aiming to strengthen the ties of the local Syrian and Arab American community and to celebrate its heritage and culture. In 2004 she was elected and is still currently serving on the organization’s Board of Trustees. She also works as the organization’s Executive Director since 2001. In 2018 she started an additional position as the Manager of the National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA), www.naama.com, the largest national organization for Americans from Arab origin working in the medical field. Rouba served on the Global Advisory Committee to the Mayor of her city Troy between 2016-2019, and she was a founding member of Troy Area Alliance Against Hate Crimes that was established in 2015. She was a dedicated volunteer and held multiple leader-position at her 2 kids schools’ PTO. She is passionate about all subjects related to human rights and equality.