



# UMAT



## CAIR-OHIO

### Annual Civil Rights Benefit

The Cleveland chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations-Ohio is proud to host the eighth annual Civil Rights Benefit at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at LaCentre in Westlake, Ohio. Reception is at 4 p.m. with the dinner and program set to start at 5 p.m. UMAT members plan to congregate at the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo for noon prayers

on Sunday and will carpool to the event.

Keynote speakers include Imam Mehdi Bray of the MAS Freedom Foundation, Shahid Buttar, esq., of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee and Nahid Awad, executive director of CAIR. More information on the event and CAIR-Ohio can be found at [www.cairohio.com](http://www.cairohio.com).

## Health Care

### Kaptur among key voters for reform

United States Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo) was a critical holdout among her colleagues supporting health care reform. But after compromises in the bill, which included a continued prohibition on federal funding for abortions, Kaptur joined 218 others voting "yea" March 21 in the historic passing of health care reform inside the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill was passed by the U.S. Senate the next day and signed into law by president Barack Obama.

"The bill overall addresses a serious problem before the country

today, which is that people are finding their insurance plans unaffordable," Kaptur said in statement after the vote. "This bill will create and foster competition among all plans. Of course the insurance companies are fighting that tooth and nail.

"It is so profound," she said. "It establishes a platform under all of America's families."

Congresswoman Kaptur is the senior-most woman serving in the 111th Congress and is now in her 14th term representing Northern Ohio's Ninth Congressional District.



## CHARITY SOUP KITCHEN

Masjid Al-Islam is currently arranging a soup kitchen every last Saturday of the month. The effort is currently supported by some members of UMAT. Anyone interested in donating time or money should call 419.350.0115. The cost is \$250, which is enough to feed 60 people.

UMAT Scholarship for Journalism

**Donations, nominations sought**

Nominations are currently being accepted for the UMAT Scholarship for Journalism. The scholarship gives preference to Muslim students pursuing a degree and future career in journalism or mass communication. Equally as

important is UMAT’s effort to continue to build and increase this scholarship fund. Please consider donating to this fund for what is increasingly becoming a very important field of study, particularly for American Muslims.

Mosque	Address	More
Islamic Center of Greater Toledo	25877 Scheider Rd. Perrysburg, 43551	419.874.3509 icgt.org
Masjid Saad Foundation	5225 W. Alexis Rd. Sylvania, 43560	419.882.3339 masjidsaad.org
Toledo Masjid of Al-Islam	828 Ewing St. Toledo, 43604	419.241.9522 toledomasjid.org
Toledo Islamic Center	5313 Dorr St. Toledo, 43615	419.531.7811
Toledo Muslim Community Center	3303 N. Holland Sylvania Ave. Toledo, 43615	419.671.6295 toledomcc.org

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The mission of the United Muslim Association of Toledo is to uphold the principles and practices of Islam in providing cultural, economic, educational, social and political enhancement of the Islamic community in the greater Toledo area.

UMAT aims to promote interfaith understanding and accommodation and provide a platform with which to address social and political issues as they relate to Muslims in the Toledo area.

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