

The first Arab Americans to immigrate to Detroit were the Syrian/Lebanese in the late 1880's. The early wave of Syrian/Lebanese sold goods door-to-door as peddlers and sought jobs in the auto factories when Henry Ford, the pioneering automobile entrepreneur offered \$5.00 a day. A story has been told and passed for generations that a Yemeni sailor met Henry Ford in the early 1900's. That early encounter began a chain migration of Yemenis to Detroit.

When Arabs- Chaldean move to Detroit nowadays they are hopeless, jobless and they have lack of knowing the culture and the language. Hope for Arabs tries to help with interpretation, transportation, and finding work that provide their simple needs.

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