



## The NSLC purchased its own home! A school building and campus on the north side

Thank God, the NSLC is pleased to announce that it has purchased a campus at 501 Park Street in Syracuse. The site was formerly known as the Holy Trinity Campus and includes a 10 classroom school building. The school building is currently the home of the Syracuse City School District's Refugee Assistance Program (RAP) School, also known as the Bob's School. The new building will allow NSLC to both decrease its overhead expenses and expand its programs. The NSLC is grateful to our local community and our supporters, who have helped us to raise the funds to purchase the property.

Closing with Lawyers & Father Jon from Holy Trinity



Currently, the school building is leased to RAP until June 2014. The NSLC plans to continue to lease the space to RAP and other community organizations, with the goal to share space and provide more centralized services to newcomers and other individuals that can benefit from program offerings. The NSLC will officially move to its new 501 Park Street location to start the 2014 summer camp and the 2014 - 2015 academic year.

### OUR PARTNERS:

Syracuse University

Lemoyne College

ProLiteracy

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Syr.

Literacy Coalition of Onondaga Co.

Center for New Americans

Interfaith Works

Turkish Cultural Center

Islamic Society of CNY

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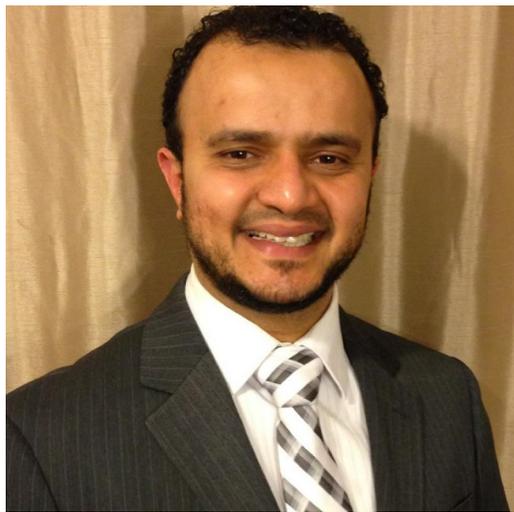
## Photography and Literacy Project at SU

Once again this year, the NSLC partnered with Photography and Literacy Project (PAL), a Syracuse University program headed by Stephen Mahan of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. It is a program for local students to explore their world through photography, video and sound to promote critical thinking skills, writing, visual literacy and self-esteem. It is based in the community spaces at the Warehouse in downtown Syracuse. Using the "Happy Bus" (funded by Islamic Relief) the NSLC has been able to transport different classes of students to work with the PAL Project. This fall semester it was the upper elementary girls turn to participate. A show of all of their work is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5 from 6:00 – 7:30 at the Warehouse. The entire community is invited. The PAL project has provided a valuable opportunity for our students to bring their home and community lives into the classroom and share with other local high school students as well as Syracuse University students. Some work of our students from past semesters can be seen in the NSLC's library (funded by Gifford Foundation) and hallways.



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# Abdulilah Al-Dubai recipient of the 2014 Racial Justice Award



Abdulilah M. Al-Dubai, a co-founder and volunteer assistant director at NSLC, will be awarded the 2014 Racial Justice Award.

The Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism Program is a program InterFaith Works, whose Center for New Americans currently leases space at the NSLC. The Racial Justice Award is presented annually to individuals in the CNY community who are committed to the principles of racial equity, have worked on the issue of ending racism for a considerable length of time, and whose efforts have produced change or will be contributing to make a change in racial injustice.

The 2014 Racial Justice Award will be presented on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at Syracuse Stage's Sutton Pavilion, and will be followed by the Syracuse Stage presentation of Matthew Lopez' *The Whipping Man* at Archbold Theater, to be directed by Timothy Bond. The Award reception and presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the Stage production to follow at 7:30 p.m. For tickets contact InterFaith Works at (315) 481-6801, ext. 119, or email [cwd1@interfaithworkscny.org](mailto:cwd1@interfaithworkscny.org)

We are all very proud of Abdulilah and his tireless efforts. He has been a great role model for both volunteers and students at NSLC.

"Working at the NSLC is an honor for me. Helping newcomers is an obligation. I feel that I learned, and am still learning, a lot in this great country, America. I owe this country, and it is time to pay back. I know that empowering newcomers through education will help them get good jobs, be successful at school, and will help parents help their kids with homework." (Abdulilah)

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## NSLC: helping to build bridges in the community

To help the families with whom we work to adjust to life in Syracuse, the North Side Learning Center is proud to partner with a grassroots group of women called "A Unity of Sisters." The goal is to bridge the gap in cultural understanding; communication, and support between women and girls of African and African American descent. New and exciting conversations will take place which will build on the strengths and skills of our clients, and inspire a more robust climate of acceptance and partnership in Syracuse. Stay tuned!

# NSLC Success Story: Younis Mosleh & Y.M. Cleaning Services



My name is Younis Mosleh, I came to America four years ago from Yemen. I attended the North Side Learning Center. They provided English classes and one-on-one tutoring that helped me learn English and understand the community around me. They also helped me find my first job with a cleaning company. In the three years I have worked with this company, I have been promoted twice. First, as a supervisor and then as an assistant manager. This motivated me to start my own cleaning company, Y.M. Cleaning Services. My company provides both commercial and residential cleaning services in Onondaga County. I am honored to implement my values and the values of NSLC in my company, to work hard and provide quality services. If you or anyone you know needs any cleaning services, I'd be glad to delight you with my work and services. Thank you for supporting the NSLC. Contact Younis at (315) 395-4385

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## ABOUT THE NSLC

*The mission of North Side Learning Center of Syracuse is to integrate adult and youth newcomers into the community as productive members through literacy development programs.*

Established in the fall of 2009, we assist people in achieving self-sufficiency, independence and self-actualization through education, job preparedness and entrepreneurship opportunity development. Our goal is empower our students to be active participants in their families and communities and to pursue the "American Dream."

We understand the value of investing in our future by investing in the parents, who, if empowered, will empower their children, who are the future of our world. What we do every day matters, and we hold ourselves accountable for living out our Core Values with the children, families, and clients we serve, as well as with each other.

These values are at the heart of what we do:

N – Neighborly Love and Respect

S – Solidarity

L – Loyalty

C – Compassion

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