



Ambassador Ghanim Al-Shibli Visits ECVV

Press Release, October 10, 2009: Ambassador Ghanim Al Shibli and family are currently visiting Greenville, NC. In 1982, Mr. Al-Shibli was an Iraqi consulate official in Washington, DC, when Sudan Hussein became president of Iraq. Due to political and ideological differences with Hussein, Al-Shibli requested political asylum from the United States. At that time, he was relocated to Greenville by Protective Services due to several attempted assassinations. His family and he spent 14 years in Greenville. Ghanim worked at ECVV 11 of those years.

After the Gulf War and fall of Sudan Hussein; Al-Shibli, along with other Iraqi exiles, were returned to Baghdad by the U.S. State Department. Al-Shibli participated in writing a new constitution and formulating a new government. After the Iraqi election, Ghanim was named the Iraqi Ambassador to Australia which is the post he still holds.

The Al-Shiblis own a home in Greenville and Baghdad. Whenever Ghanim retires, the family plans to return to Greenville where he still holds a membership in Night Rotary.