Your gift supporting Cultural Diversity Resources can be multiplied on Giving Hearts Day – Thursday, February 11. Your online contributions made to Cultural Diversity Resources will be matched up to $4,000. The event is a 24-hour online fundraising event created by the Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation that will be held on February 11th, 2016.

To make your contribution, simply go to impactgiveback.org on February 11 and give to “Cultural Diversity Resources”. Match funding from our donors multiplies the impact of your giving on Giving Hearts Day. All donations are tax deductible.
One major outcome of Cultural Diversity Resources’ Bush Foundation Community Innovation grant is the establishment of the Multicultural Alliance in July 2015. MA is a collaborative partnership of CDR with three ethnic nonprofits, in Cass & Clay counties, to advance common goals while leveraging resources and skills to assist New Americans and minorities to achieve educational, social and economic self-sufficiency. This MA partnership resulted in joint services such as: (i) co-sharing office facilities, resources and volunteers for meetings, training, and activities, (ii) English classes using bilingual volunteers in the evenings and weekends for many clients with no or limited English, (iii) referrals to CDR for job development and self-sufficiency with access to interpreters and, (iv) ongoing leadership and nonprofit training for board members, staff and volunteers.

New American Development Agency *Update*

- Bilingual volunteers teach English classes to an average of 15 individuals with limited English Proficiency on Saturdays and Sundays between 4:00-6:00 p.m. with free sewing and knitting classes.
- Education and discussions about Islam and Somali culture held every Saturday for Somali families.
- Volunteers from the community and Tri-college students help students with their school homework and academic performance on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Provides mediation and counseling for couples, parents and families as needed and requested.

Bridgepointe Community Association *Update*

- Food pantry provides food to low income individuals and families.
- Assist with mediation and counseling for couples, parents and families as needed.
- Provides space and referrals for meetings, activities, job development, English classes and homework help for MA members.
- Start community gardening in 2016 for MA members.

Fargo Social Development *Update*

- Organize and coordinate annual soccer tournament for more than 100 adult New Americans from different countries and states.
- Assist and/or refer clients for job development, self-sufficiency, social and educational services.

Angie serves as our front desk receptionist. In her current role; she assist’s our clients in our job development program by finding jobs, filling out paper applications and building resumes. She also works with our clients in the Self-sufficiency program by gathering a needs assessment and then providing the correct referrals.

Angie has more than 10 years of customer service experience with an additional 2 years of reception experience. In her free time, she loves to do research and help others with their projects. Her hobbies are drawing, crafts, and learning Spanish. She is a welcomed new addition to the office, that serves everyone with a smile.
"Community Table" Event

A huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and community members that were able to come out to Welcome Week's "Community Table" event. It was a huge success with over 400 people showing up and over 90 people volunteering their time.

PANGEA — Cultivate our Cultures

Pangea cultivate our cultures, returned November 14, 2015 to the Fargo/Moorhead community. Pangea is a one day, indoor, family celebration of the tremendous cultural diversity in the community. This event was founded by Cultural Diversity Resources in 1994 as a day to celebrate diversity.

Cultures from all over the world in the Fargo/Moorhead area showcase their food, treats, dancers, crafts, traditions and skills as diverse as the people in our area. Groups and individuals perform throughout the day and exhibitors share visions and experiences from the countries of origin. Pangea cultivate our cultures is an annual event with more than 1600 in attendance that increasingly grows every year.

If you would like to volunteer for more events held by CDR, please contact us at cdr.smedia@gmail.com
Cultural Diversity Resources mission is ‘building communities that value diversity.’ Hence, CDR’s program on Youth Development strongly supports the goal of Parent-Teacher-Association which is “To make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.” PTA works towards this purpose while adhering to its' values of Collaboration, Commitment, Accountability, Respect, Inclusivity and Integrity.

CDR’s grant from Consensus Council is focused on ‘Enriching Family Engagement’ in Carl Ben Middle School & Neighborhood. This Middle School has the highest percentage (25%) of ethnically diverse students with 46% registered for free or reduced lunch reflecting low income families living in the neighborhood. CDR and its multicultural alliance of various ethnic-based groups will collaborate with CBE diverse families.

Project on family engagement or involvement includes activities conducted in school, home, and community in Carl Ben Eielsen neighborhood with these goals:

- Teach families about the school system (PTA) and how to collaborate with school teachers and staff to improve students learning and well-being.
- Engage families with opportunities to participate in and out of school events and activities
- Strengthen family’s access to community information and resources to serve families in need.

CDR staff participates in CBE PTA meetings and has sponsored the Art Club, a popular after school activity among students living in the neighborhood. CDR is also a partner in a ‘Day of Compassion’ event on January 25 & 26 where fourth and fifth graders from Carl Ben Eielsen School use the day to build friendships and a better understanding of their self and their relationships with one another. It also brings in high school students to lead small group and team building exercises to strengthens the relationships.

CDR’s programs (e.g. job development, cultural competency education, multi-ethnic leadership & community development, interpreter services) and partnerships with various community agencies will also contribute to community building and education needed by Carl Ben Eielsen residents with disparities to move towards social and economic self-sufficiency.