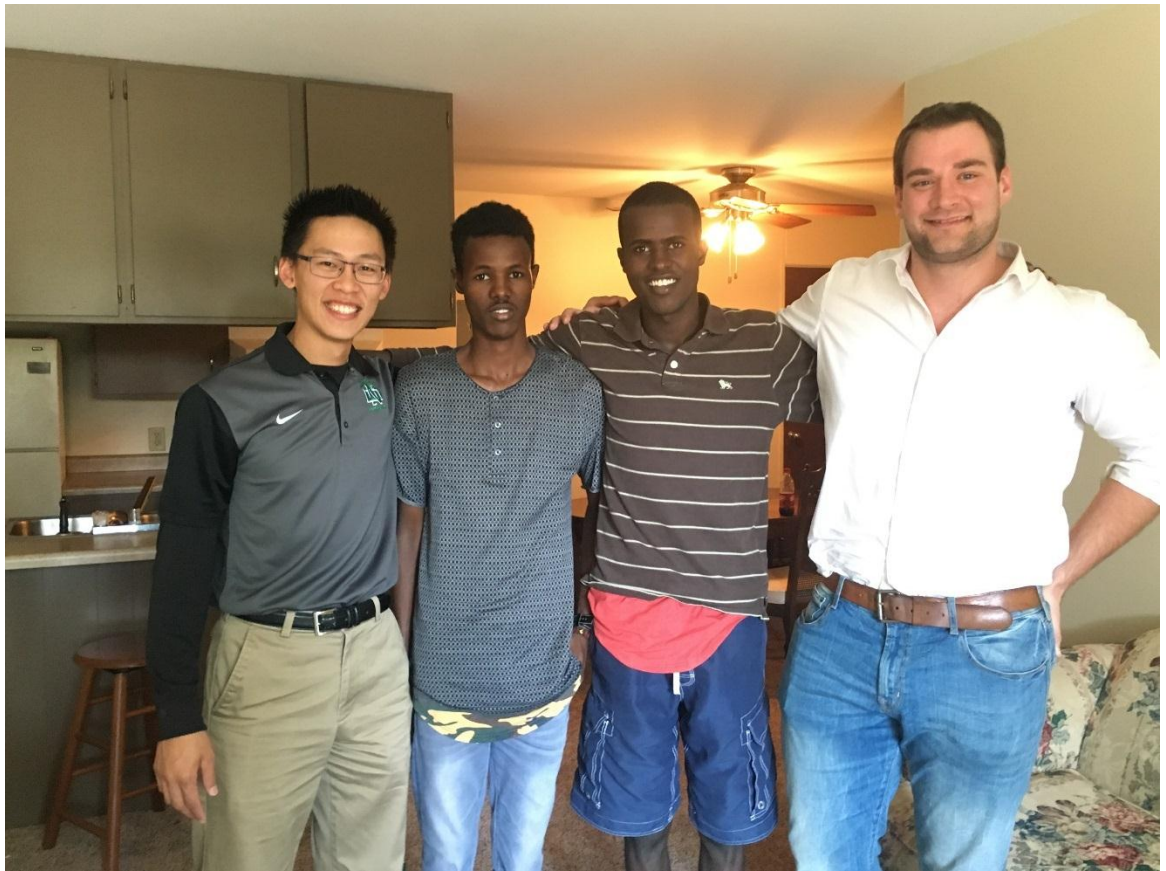


GLOBAL FRIENDS COALITION ANNUAL REPORT



2017

Building friendships with New Americans in the
Greater Grand Forks Community

Global Friends Coalition Annual Report

**BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS WITH NEW AMERICANS IN THE GREATER
GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY**

OUR MISSION

GLOBAL FRIENDS COALITION IS A 501 (C) 3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN GRAND FORKS, ND WHOSE MISSION IS TO BRING TOGETHER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO FOSTER REFUGEE (NEW AMERICAN) INTEGRATION THROUGH WORK WITH NEW AMERICANS AND THE GREATER GRAND FORKS COMMUNITY.

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2017 Board of Directors

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2017 Staff

- **Cynthia Shabb**, Executive Director
- **Kathryn Kester**, Volunteer Coordinator
- **Alek Krumm**, Special Projects Coordinator (Remote)

A Story from the Executive Director...

Part of the beauty of my position is that we are small enough that I get to visit with many people. I see the challenges, the resiliency, and the progress first hand with the families that I am fortunate to interact with and get to know. For example, let me tell you about Zeineb*. When Kathryn Kester, our program coordinator, and I went to Zeineb's home to introduce her to University of North Dakota Occupational Therapy student volunteers in 2016, Zeineb immediately called up a friend and asked her to come and interpret for her. This past December, Global Friends conducted an assessment of English amongst our students who are attending our classes and Zeineb was one of them. Her proficiency level had greatly increased. When I shared her accomplishments, her first response was, "thank you, it's because of Global Friends volunteers and classes." Recently, I had the good fortune of seeing Zeineb at a parent teacher meeting at a local elementary school. Guess who was asking questions? You're right, Zeineb!

We often taut the accomplishments of our organization. And, it is true we are growing. This year our volunteers put in 6,685 volunteer hours—a 24.9% increase over last year. Our volunteers provide direct support to New Americans, and tell their friends, their neighbors, their exercise groups, and the church and civic groups they belong about New Americans. Our volunteers are on our "front lines" armed with correct knowledge about New Americans and what they bring to the community.

In friendship,

Cynthia H. Shabb, Executive Director

*we are only using the first name

Reflections from the Board President...

Every year brings new opportunities and challenges and Global Friends evolves to meet those needs—all while keeping our core mission of fostering New American integration through work with New Americans and the broader community. We founded our organization when we realized the impact a long-term integration program could have on this community. And as dynamics evolved over the years, we introduced new programs, modified approaches, and crafted ourselves into what the community needed at that point in time. Just a few days into 2017, a new and major hurdle emerged, and we jumped into action.

House Bill 1427 was introduced in the state legislature, and it threatened to stigmatize New Americans and establish a moratorium on refugee resettlement in the state. While legislative action was a new threat for us, Global Friends responded as we always do: assess the issue, strategize an approach, engage partners, and mobilize support. In response to pushback from allies in different sectors and cities, the bill was radically modified, and the threat of a moratorium was removed.

Leadership requires a mix of reacting to new conditions and proactively setting a broader vision for what this community can be. 2017 showed our ability to do both. We swiftly responded to this emerging issue, and simultaneously utilized the situation to inform our path forward in 2018. I have no doubt that we will continue to shift into what our times and this community need.

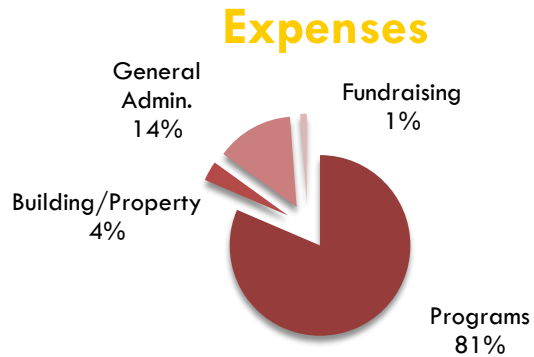
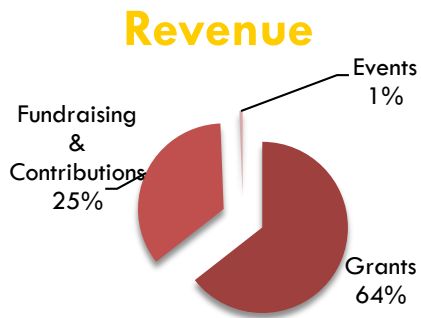
To new learning and new growth,

Robin David, Board President

2017 Financials

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 27.3% increase in distinct donors as compared to 2016
- 64% of revenue comes through grants
- Our endowment through the Community Foundation, established in 2016, is now at \$11,495.99



TOTAL INCOME: \$138,827.21

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$140,303.50

2017 MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Giving Hearts Day

- Impact Foundation Regional Fundraiser
- 140 donors (68 new)
- \$10,536.45 raised (includes matching gift)

Soup in the Studio

- Featured artist: Sandy Arnes-Johnson
- \$5,687.00 raised
- Music provided by Ali Rood

Slice of Thanksgiving

- Global Friends Coalition's fall pie fundraiser
- 36 donors; 82 attendees
- \$3,380.00 raised

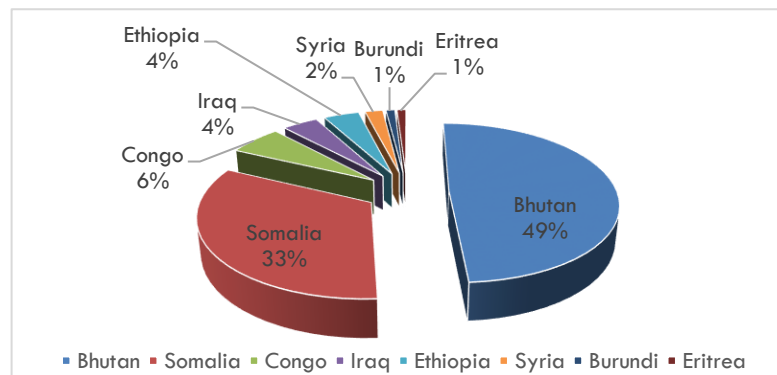
Our Major Programs

Family Mentors and Adult Literacy Program

WHAT IS IT?

New Americans are provided cultural knowledge and English language skills in their homes to create a better life for themselves in Grand Forks.

WHO ARE WE SERVING?



- Served roughly 230 New Americans through our Family Mentors and Adult Literacy Program
- 110 volunteers dedicated to this program
- Volunteer mentors and tutors amassed more than 6,685 hours of service as compared to 5,350 in 2016
- 58% of New Americans served have lived in the U.S. longer than 12 months
- Continued our partnership with the University of North Dakota's Occupational Therapy department
- **Volunteers Recognized: Clara Jurivich: Volunteer of the Year; Emily Adams and Julia McBride: Occupational Therapy Students of the Year**

- **2018 Goal: Assess New Americans' English level when they begin and at the end of six months**

Fostering community in Greater Grand Forks!



Our Major Programs

Resilient Youth Program

WHAT IS IT?

New American youth gain academic, social, and personal competencies to succeed in Grand Forks.

- Supported 133 New American youth through programming and one-on-one mentoring
- 89 mentors assisted with homework, provide academic support, and build English skills and confidence
- Two field trip experiences: Grand Forks Historic Walking tour with legislator Corey Mock followed by a picnic at Lincoln Drive Park and Valley Corn Maze
- **2018 Goal: Offer a field trip for New American seniors at Red River High School**



GRAND FORKS HISTORIC WALKING TOUR WITH COREY MOCK

Corey Mock shared many stories about the early years of Grand Forks.

Valley Corn Maze was requested again in 2017. This activity is really popular—it gets people outside, having fun.



VALLEY CORN MAZE FIELD TRIP 2017

Our Major Programs

Community Outreach & Advocacy Program

WHAT IS IT?

New Americans and members of Greater Grand Forks are provided opportunities to learn more about our community and become engaged in meaningful ways.

MAJOR EVENTS:

World Refugee Day



Community Picnic



FAST FACTS:

- 11th annual picnic
- 400+ attendees
- Co-hosted with the Swedish Community

- Reached more than 2,800 individuals with 43 community presentations and events
- Major events: World Refugee Day & Community Picnic
- Premier of video, “Who are Refugees in Grand Forks” highlighting five New Americans in Grand Forks
- 2017 Goal: Increase educational activities for New Americans and the Greater Grand Forks community

World Refugee Day honors refugees and recalls the plight that brings people to Grand Forks.

This year’s attendance at our community picnic was outstanding; despite cloudy skies and light rain before hand—we had over 400 people!

Thank you, Donors.

Neighbors (\$0-49)

David Adams	Katie Edgar	Hillary Kempenich
Amanda Allen	Andrine Evers	Susan Kerr
Kaitlyn Anderson	Krista Foerster	Kathryn Kester
Austin Atkinson	Adam Fortwengler	Mary Kester
Kalen Ault	Susan Fristad	Muriel Kingery
Chris Basgier	Lisa Gibson	Jenn Kolodka
Mary Bauer	Melissa Gjellstad	Melissa Korslien
Marilyn Berg	Jacob Greenmyer	Tracy Kuchan
Patricia Berggren	Julene Griffin	Robin Landwehr
Rachel Bock	Cheri Halcrow	Yvette Lapierre
Janiel Bollman	Collin Hanson	Brian Larrabee
Rose Brandt	Aprill Hastings	Kristen Larsen-Schmidt
Deborah Brude	Brent Hella	Brooke Lentz
Mike Brue	Susan Hewitt	Lynn Liepold
Natalie Buck	Emily Hill	Kaia Lunde
Calvin Burkholder	Kara Hung	Michael Maragos
Laurie Burkholder	Jane Hutzol	John Martsolf
Katy Bushaw	Daniel Inman	Richard McGurran
Larissa Campbell	Janice Jelliff	Nell Mertz
Anne Christopherson	Brent Jiran	Emily Montgomery
Erica Claus-Numsali	Marsha Johnson	Monica Musich
Katie Dachtler	G.A. Johnson	Kathleen Ness
Christine Dewey	Tiffany Johnson	Myrna Olson
Kathleen Dixon	Brenda Johnson	Janise Pachnik
Kristijana Dogan	Stacy Johnston	David Pankratz
Taylor Drees	Keller Karlstrom	Kristine Paranica

Dianne Paulsen	Zachary Selzler	Erin Theis
Allison Peterson	Jamie Serber	John Thode
Lynnell Popowski	Molly Soeby	Robin Tracy
Cynthia Prescott	Marsha Soltis	Brooke VanLooy
Amy Riker	Lashonda Soma	Nic Wagner
Andrea Sandahl	Linda St. Onge	Marcus Weaver-Hightower
Allison Schild	Deborah Swanson	Patricia & Russell Wilber
Mary Schill	Lydia Tackett	
Ione Seidlinger	Karen Tankersley	

Advocates (\$50-99)

Grand Forks Rural Confirmation	Elaine Carlson	Mara Jiran
Sure Foot Corporation	Douglas Carpenter	Tori Johnson
University of North Dakota	YeeHan Chu	Linda Karlstrom
First Lutheran Church	Karen Cisek	Theresa Keehr
Blue Stocking Book Club	Jane Croeker	Kaitlyn Kelly
Karen & Rich Axvig	Cassel Everson	Karalyn Kester
Bernell Bachmeier	Rosemary Flynn	Theresa Knox
Becca Bahnmilller	Ron Franz	Alek Krumm
Carenlee Barkdull & Bret Weber	Kathy Freeman	Amy Larson
Barbara Beach	Christopher Gable	Jackie Marks
Joy Becker	Suzanne Gandrud	Daphne McCurdy
Betty Bloomquist	Larry Grossman	Bernadette Meberg
Dawn Botsford	Vivian Grotte	Patti Medall
Al Boucher & Thomasine Heitkamp	Donna Hastings	Joel Medd
Cheryl Brooks	Candace Hennekens	Judith & Barry Milavetz
Dominique Buchholz	Kayla Hochstetler	Denise Mills
	Scott Holdman	Rachel Navarro
	Rex Huss	Mary O'Leary

Edwin Olson	Nancy Sarafolean	Janice Tangen
Rosa Panzarella	Linnea Schluessler	Gregory Taylor
Karen Pietras	Carol Schneweis	Mackenzie Teepen
Ann Porter	Alice Senechal	Kyle Thorson
Susan Raatz	Terri Staples	Roxanne Vaughan
Youna Rhee	Kirsten Stromsodt	Aida Wakefield
Anneli Ryan	Hayley Svedjan	Cathy Williams
Kristine Sandbeck	Victoria Swift	
Chang Yi		

Providers (\$100-249)

Sacred Heart Church	Angela Harrison-Urlacher	Carolyn Ozaki
Sharon Lutheran Women of the ELCA	Trudy Iseminger	Faye Pederson
Valley Community Health Centers	Warren Jensen	Anna Picklo
Sayjen Aldridge	Sam Johnson	Phyllis Quam
Susan Bigwood	Thomas Johnson	Alex Reichert
Stacy Bjorgaard	Kristi Larson	Mark Sanford
Lyn Burton	Rebecca Gottberg	Judy Schill
Marjorie Cleveringa	Kerry Lentz	James Schill
Kristine & Joseph Dinsmore	Karen Lovelace	David Stadem
Deb Glennen & Don Miller	James Manos	Michelle Staggs
Aaron Goodrich	WG McGimpsey	Ivona Todorovic
Rachel Greenlee	Barry & Judith Milavetz	Lois Wilde
Kelly Greenlees	Treasure Omdahl	Tom Wogsland
	Dean Opp	Sonia Zimmerman

Visionaries (\$250-499)

Toasted Frog	Kaye Carlson	Mark & Gwen Halaas
Harmon & Julie Abrahamson	Cheryl & Dale Fadley	Kit Johnson
Brent Braga	Chuck Haga	Clara Jurivich

Robbin Rendahl	Jill & Richard Shafer	Kari Torkelson
Humanitarians (\$500-999)		
First Presbyterian Church	John & Kathy Fick	Cecilia Volden & David Lambeth
Sing Along Messiah Fundraiser by the GF Chorales	Andre Kehn	
Charles Christianson & Mary Wakefield	Margot & Grant McGimpsey	
	David & Cathy Perry	

Philanthropists (\$1,000+)

Philadelphia Macaroni	Barry & Ann Folson	Erin & Carter Kunz
Retrax Holdings, Llc	Hal & Kathleen Gershman	Cynthia & John Shabb
Robin David & Brian Schill	Family Foundation	Jenna & Joe Zavoral

Thank you, Volunteers.

Emily Adams	Rachel Bock	Margarita Cosing
Braxton Aldridge	Zachary Bohn	Samanta Coyle
Sayjen Aldridge	Rachel Bonneville	Samantha Criswell
Kathy Allard	Cody Boyle	Nancy Cronquist
Gina Allen	Brent Braga	Ethan Custer
Jennifer Allen	Riley Brainard	Rachel Custer
Paige Amann	Hannah Brandon	Haily Datz
Nichole Arne	Joshua Brandon	Robin David
Yared Assefa	Jordan Brownell	Elias Dean
Karen Axvig	Melissa Bucholz	Stephanie Deese
Emily Bachmeier	Madelin Buscho	Ranju Dhungana
Sabrina Balgamwalla	Tasha Byzekski	Erin Dingman
Chris Basgier	Zack Campbell	Valerie Doze
Lacey Basgier	Elaine Carlson	Jess Drady
Barb Beach	Breanna Carroll	Claire Eidenschink
Kristina Beiswenger	Norris J. Chin	Caleb Eilts
Emilea Berhow	Michelle Chronister	Kim Elden
Ian Bjerke	Nicholas Chronister	Ole Elden
Kathryn Bjerke	Sean Cleary	Dalton Fetsch

John Fick	Megan Hilgers	Rachel Lantz
Kathy Fick	Declan Hoffman	Kristi Larson
Angie Floden	Levi Hoffman	Rebecca Larson
Audrey Floden	Ambria Hoover	Sadie Larson
Cory Floden	Lora Horner	Sydney Larson
Lydia Floden	Miranda Hosking	Megan Lauck
Quincie Floden	Alison Host	Courtney Leben
Kaitlin Foley	Luke Huff Towle	Emily LeBlanc
Haley Folkens	Maddysen Hull	Emma Lee
Carly Forbes	Cheryl Hunter	Mackenzie Lee
Adam Fortwengler	Joshua Hunter	Mariah LeRoux
Susan Fristad	Tiffany Huwe	LaRae LeTexier
Mackenzie Funke	Kailey Jerome	Sheila Liming
Madison Gerszewski	Kit Johnson	Joan Lin
Lisa Gibson	Mike Johnson	Hallie Longtin
Tyler Giegerich	Nicholas Johnson	Kaia Lunde
Aaron Goodrich	Tom Johnson	Chyna Lynner
Jessica Goodrich	Tori Johnson	Cody Mach
Heather Goodwater	Michaela Johnson	Jessica Magee
Kaitlyn Grad	Clara Jurivich	Peter Mammy
Jacob Greenmyer	Kadan Kaej	Kaitlin Mankie
Richard Grove	Hannah Karlins	Ellen Manos
Sadie Gunderson	Karissa Kempel	Doug Marshall
Chuck Haga	Susan Kerow	Sandy Marshall
Kay Hager	Wlat Khoshnaw	Olivia Mayasich
Sarah Hanson	Susan Kiesow	Julia McBrien
Ian Harlander	Mary Lynn Kindberg	Jade McFarren
Katie Hautman	Bailey Kitko	Margot McGimpsey
Marissa Hayward	Bethany Klemetsrud	Jenna Meissner
Ashley Heinze	Emily Kollodge	Kristin Miller
Alycia Heisler	Alexis Kotrba	Erika Moderow
Kelsey Hemberger	Monica Kuehl	Shelby Moderow
Mellisa Hendry	Erin Kunz	Kara Moore
Kole Hermanson	Maddy Lamb	Jazmin Nelson
Courtney Heupel	Shantel Lang	Jenna Nelson

Marie Neuman	Robbin Rendahl	Katie Stover
Queen Ngale	Emily Roberts	Fatema Suleiman
Annie Nickum	Johnny Rosales Jr.	Jenna Tamburino
Haley Nielsen	Josh Russel	Breanna Taralson
RaMae Norton	Helen Sawaya	Reginald Tarr
Bailey Odegaard	Kate Schaab	Angie Thompson
Shayla O'Leary	Melanie Schindler	Daniel Todorovic
Dili Oli	Linnea Scholuessler	Hailey Tollefson
Patricia Olsen	Sarah Schwartz	Ginger Tryznka
Erin O'Neil	Ione Seidlilinger	Joe Tusha
Ashlyn Ouse Grindberg	Jamie Serber	Molly Vail
Prakash Pathak	Jill Shafer	Brooke VanLooy
Alaina Patry	Brock Shaide	Nicholas Wahlstrand
Alycia Peacock	Emily Shawkat	Paige Warren
Megan Peterson	Isnino Shukri	Shelby Wassink
Saniya Pilgaonkar	Nicole Sinclair	Elizabeth Wek
Ayli Pinedo Carrero	Sydney Slais	Heidi Wells
Austin Pithey	Jenna Smith	Elise Wheelock
Samantha Plutko	Katie Snell	Pat Wilber
Diktsha Pokhrel	Grace Spanos	Brittany Winter
Amira Ragab	Jamie St. Germain	Zeineb Yousif
Maxwell Ramstad	Haleigh Stenseth	Ashley Ystaas
Ali Raza	Maari Stocker	Joanna Yutrzenka

Thank you, Granters.

