



# Global Friends Coalition 2019 Annual Report

*Fostering Refugee Integration Through Work  
With New Americans and the Greater Grand  
Forks Community.*



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# Words from our Executive Director

I am proud of what we have accomplished in 2019. We couldn't do this work without our volunteers, supporters, Board of Directors, and Youth Liaisons. In 2019, we activated our New American Youth Liaisons and they helped us deliver stronger programs. Their ideas and energy pushed us forward. In 2020, we have brought in New American Advisors, who are meeting with Board members to advise us in our programming.

A strong partnership with the University of North Dakota's Occupational Therapy program and our many community volunteers allows us to go into the homes and schools of New Americans. We have been fortunate to have UND Law students contributing their time. We work most closely with students at Red River High School, and we expanded our mentoring program at East Grand Forks Senior High School students. We were seeing families in stress even before COVID-19. New American families are working hard to provide for their families, but there are obstacles that impede their progress.

This year, we are adding an emphasis on mental health. Our goal is to better understand and support mental health needs among refugees.

Thanks to our volunteers and supporters, Global Friends educates, empowers, and embraces New Americans in the Greater Grand Forks community. Let's keep going!

In service,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Cynthia H. Shabb". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Cynthia Shabb  
Global Friends Coalition Executive Director



# Reflections from the Board President

Throughout 2019, we stayed dedicated to our mission, even though our priorities had evolved. With substantially fewer refugees being resettled in Grand Forks, fewer people needed help finding furniture for new, empty apartments or locating the grocery store nearest their homes. While we still offer that assistance when needed, our efforts are concentrated more on helping New Americans earn citizenship and get promoted at their jobs; exploring and researching mental health needs; and fighting racial and economic stigmas that seem to be louder and more commonplace lately. Rest assured, we still have plenty of work to do.

Included in the strategic plan we created in 2018 are two main goals we've been actively chasing: improve access to mental health resources for New Americans, and improve cultural workplace awareness among New American workers and their employers. Like all work done from scratch, these goals demand tremendous effort, but we have plans in place and we're moving forward with the help of other organizations in our community with their eyes on the same goals. The work is slow and sometimes painstaking, but vital.

Our New American Advisory Council, made up of refugees from diverse backgrounds who serve as liaisons from the populations we serve, offer us insight and information into the struggles New Americans face, as well as ideas about how we can help. Currently, discussions with those advisors have centered around breaking down the stigmas surrounding mental health struggles, and improving access to resources. While stigmas exist in all populations, refugee communities sometimes face a unique set of barriers. For instance, some languages don't even have terms for certain mental health diagnoses, such as bipolar disorder or depression.

But while the work has been daunting, looking back at 2019 also makes me smile. We held our largest community picnic to date, with 700+ attendees. We battled a snowstorm to bring in over \$6000 at Soup in the Studio. We drew 72 attendees to share pie, culture and some tears during A Slice of Thanksgiving. A chilly rain didn't stop the joy at World Refugee Day during the downtown Farmers Market in June.

I don't know what this year will bring. 2020 has been a ride so far, but Global Friends Coalition has again evolved as the needs of New Americans evolve. We're offering translations in several languages of COVID-19 safety information, suggestions and guidelines. We've sent home flyers with school lunches to communicate to parents how important it is to stay home, even avoiding family members who don't live with them.

But while we continue to evolve with the ever-changing needs of the population we serve, we keep our eye toward our mission. We keep pushing for the all-inclusive, respectful, open and appreciative community we envision. Through pandemic, through political strife, through dwindling resettlement, our goal stands firm and our work remains crucial to the wellbeing of our community. Thank you for seeing that. Thank you for working toward that goal with us.

Stay safe and be well.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "Lisa Gibson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Gibson" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Gibson  
Global Friends Coalition Board President

# Financials

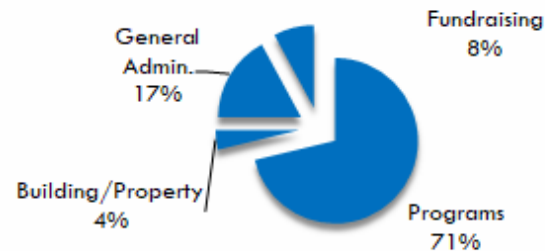
- 300 individuals and 14 organizations donated in 2019
- Donor support reached record-breaking levels
- Increased diversity of revenue sources
- 59% of revenue comes through grants
- Our endowment through the Community Foundation, established in 2016, is now at \$10,982.03

## Revenue



**\$123,704.77**

## Expenses



**\$129,139.86**

# Fundraising Highlights

Global Friends had a record-breaking fundraising year in 2019!

- All-time high in total individual donations, up 41% over 2018
- All-time high in the number of individual donors, up 36% over 2018
- All-time high in the number of multi-gift donors, up 75% over 2018
- All-time high donor retention rate (62%), up 12% over 2018
- Average donation amount increased 37% over 2018



## Giving Hearts Day

**\$18,565.50**

**A 200% increase  
over 2018 and our  
best GHD to date!**

## Soup in the Studio

**\$6,015.97**

**Featured Artist:  
Karla Nelson  
Music Provided by:  
Ron Franz**

## Year End Giving

**\$5,375.00**

**A 141% increase  
over 2018's letter  
campaign.**



“I always feel I’m learning as much every Wednesday night as the students are. It’s just a gift for us to be able to work with them.”

- Pat Wilber, *Global Friends* Citizenship Teacher (pictured above, far right)

# Family Mentors and Adult Education

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

Classes included English, Citizenship, Driving, Social Hour, and Sewing

## Global Friends 2019 Overview:

Served over 200 New Americans

201 volunteers and about 3,000 total hours

97% of New Americans served have lived in the U.S. longer than 12 months

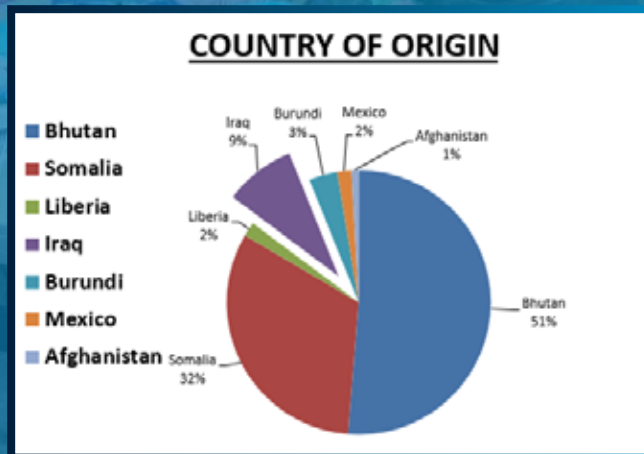
About 50% of New Americans we worked with were under 18 years old

## Volunteers of the Year:

**Sewing Class Teachers** - Karen Axvig, Jeannie Sollom, Kristi Larson, Pam Hennes, Cindy Jensen, Melody Nord, Donnette Arndt, Debbie Rham, Julie Hill, and Dawn Pearson

## UND Occupational Therapy Students of the Year:

Courtney Haugen, Parkey Hoey, Caelin Hansen, and Jordyn Himley



# Resilient Youth

New American youth are matched with mentors and/or tutors to develop their English skills, provide academic support, develop leadership skills, and cultivate confidence.



Served over 100 New American youth within Red River High School and East Grand Forks High School

Eight youth served as Youth Liaisons to our Board of Directors, providing knowledge, experience, and insight into our work - as well as community service.

Provided scholarships for various community activities such as the NDMOA art camp.

Provided a Red River HS senior field trip for an art project with artist Terri Berg



“ A majority of our EL students left the mentorship experience with increased self-confidence in their academics. And, many of our EL students left the mentorship experience seeing themselves as possible post secondary students (in some avenue).”

*- High School Administrator*



Physicians and medical students from UND's School of Medicine administered blood pressure and glucose level checks to 200 people at the Community Picnic. One of the physicians said he felt this was "so important. One person's glucose levels were so high that we recommended they head to the emergency room." - *Local Physician*

# Community Outreach & Advocacy

The Greater Grand Forks community is provided opportunities to learn more about the people, cultures, and experiences brought here through refugee resettlement - and to come together to celebrate our community as one.

We reached more than 2,100 individuals through 36 community presentations and events.

World Refugee Day honors refugees, recalls the plight that brings people to Grand Forks, and celebrates the diversity our new neighbors bring to our community. In 2019, it was recognized with a program in front of City Hall.

Despite a week of terrible storms and severe flooding in the area, more than 700 smiling faces came together to celebrate in University Park for our 13th annual Community Picnic.



# Thank You Donors

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