



COMMUNITY CONNECT CENTER



Fargo-Moorhead is a vibrant tapestry woven with the stories of New Americans who have chosen to call this place home. Many arrive as refugees, seeking safety and a fresh start. But building a life in a new land comes with challenges. From navigating cultural differences to securing stable housing and employment, newcomers often face an uphill climb. That's where the Community Connect Center (CCC) steps in. Founded in 2015 by South Sudanese refugees, CCC provides crucial support and resources, empowering people to thrive in their community.

Our Mission: To empower New Americans, especially those from South Sudanese and other East African backgrounds, by providing holistic support for community integration, self-sufficiency, and resilience.

Our Vision: A thriving, inclusive community where every individual has the resources and support to succeed.

Our New Name: Formerly known as the South Sudanese Foundation, our new name, Community Connect Center, reflects our mission to connect diverse communities and promote a unified network of support.

Why the Name Change?

Reflecting a Broader Mission: Our new name encompasses our mission to support not only South Sudanese individuals but all New Americans and low-income families in need.

Unified Identity: The name "Community Connect Center" emphasizes our role in bridging cultural gaps, connecting resources, and building a cohesive support system for all.

Expansion of Services: With the rebranding, we aim to attract a diverse group of participants, volunteers, and partners, fostering a stronger, inclusive community.

Our Programs



After-School Program: Educational and recreational activities for youth, focusing on academic support, mentorship, and cultural identity reinforcement.



Workforce Development and Training: Job readiness workshops, skill development, and support for obtaining credentials that prepare participants for meaningful employment.



Youth Services: Leadership workshops, career guidance, and social skills development, fostering resilience and ambition in young community members.



Food Pantry: Access to culturally relevant, nutritious food for families facing food insecurity while building community health and wellness.



Housing Assistance: Support with housing applications, navigating rental agreements, and connecting individuals with affordable housing resources.



Transportation Services: Assistance with securing reliable transportation addressing a critical need for accessing jobs, education, and essential services.



Interpretation/Translation: Language support services for community members with limited English proficiency, helping them access essential services and resources confidently.



Achievements and Impact

Outreach: Reached over 1,000 families, raising awareness about available services and building strong community relationships.

Youth Development: Enrolled over 200 youth in educational and career development programs, with many reporting improved academic performance and social skills.

Employment Success: Assisted over 100 individuals in securing job placements through workforce development initiatives, significantly boosting economic stability in the community.

Housing: Supported over 50 families in finding stable housing, providing resources for a secure and healthy living environment.

Food Security: Distributed over 10,000 pounds of food through the food pantry, addressing critical nutritional needs.

Future Goals and Expansion

Enhanced Community Outreach: Increase partnerships with local organizations to further extend our services and create a more supportive network.

Expansion of Youth Programs: Develop additional workshops and mentorship opportunities to support youth in their educational and career journeys.

Capacity Building for Workforce Development: Provide advanced training and certification programs to meet the evolving needs of the job market.

Digital Literacy and Technology Access: Launch programs to improve digital literacy, providing essential tech skills and resources for participants.

Sustainable Funding Initiatives: Establish grant opportunities and fundraising campaigns to sustain and expand our services.



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