

## RESOURCES

- Ambassador Network – Local ethnic host families
- Community Support
  - Leadership Portage County
  - Portage County Business Association
  - The Stevens Point Area Human Resource Association
  - Stevens Point Chamber of Commerce
- Cultural Community Links – Clubs, affinity organizations.
  - University cultural and ethnic affinity groups
- Cultural Support Services - Agencies
  - The University of Wisconsin Foreign Student Office
  - University of Wisconsin Multi Cultural Center
- Cultural Expression – Festivals, holidays, etc.
- Employment – Employers, agencies, etc.
- Expression of Faith – Churches, temples, etc.
- Food Sources – Grocery, local sources
- Language - ESL
  - Literacy Council – ESL
  - University of Wisconsin ESL Program
  - Mid State Technical College
- Immigration Resources
- Interpreting Services
- Cultural Publications

## FUNDING

Donations welcome; send tax deductible contributions to:

P. O. Pox 739  
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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the organization. Ask how you can help by contacting one of the following:

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# Portage County Cultural Festival

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# Multicultural Access

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## WHAT IS THE MULTICULTURAL ACCESS?

The Portage County Multicultural Access (hereafter ACCESS), as a division of the Portage Cultural Festival (PCCF) organization, is committed to helping and promoting a hospitable environment/culture wherein foreign and minority (especially new) residents of Portage County thrive and live productively. This benefits not only those who may access the resources but enriches the community as a whole through increased and sustained diversity of our population.



The initial task ACCESS has undertaken is to enhance the appeal of our community by developing a resource guide and network of 'ambassadors' to help acclimate newcomers to our community.

### WHY HAVE ACCESS?

- ♦ Central Wisconsin faces significant challenges in recruiting and retaining people of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds to live and work within its communities. While there are many social and cultural issues involved, it is clear that there is a great deal more that can be done to welcome and help introduce newcomers to the area.

A number of cultural and ethnic support services exist in and around our community but there does not exist an effective and efficient way of disseminating that information to the many stakeholders with our community that would benefit from the distribution of this information.

### HOW DOES ACCESS FUNCTION?

- ♦ Gathers and disseminates information on culture specific resources that are available within our community.
- ♦ Creates a guide that will help link people of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds that assist them in supporting and celebrating their own unique cultures within our community.
- ♦ Makes guide available to a varied user base, locally and remotely, in multiple formats, including print, electronic, online and eventually by telephone. Resources will be updated regularly as is necessary.



### WHO ARE THE TARGETED POPULATIONS

- ♦ Current and new residents of an ethnically and culturally diverse background
- ♦ Employers and organizations attempting to recruit and/or retain a diverse workforce and student base.
- ♦ Organizations that provide services and support to ethnically and culturally diverse groups within our community
- ♦ International and ethnic residents including student, professionals and other citizens.
- ♦ Other interested parties and members of our community hoping to familiarize themselves with the many cultures that make up our community