Asian Pacific Development Center – World Food Day
APDC presents "World Food Day" to give participants the opportunity to learn about three different emerging immigrant and refugee cultures in the metro area. Participants are introduced to a community chef, their food and the culture that they bring to Colorado. APDC will provide a full-day of three food-centered workshops. This is a free event to the public, limited to 15 participants per session who learn about new immigrant cultures within the community.

Athmar Park Neighborhood Association - Movies In the Park
Athmar Park Neighborhood Organization continues to enchant Denver residents with movies in the park for summer 2018 at Huston Lake. This is a free event that brings hundreds of neighbors together, where families bring games and cook-out enjoying the park together, finishing with a wonderful movie. We present our movies in English or Spanish with subtitles.

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC) - Bridging Cultures (Through Art and Storytelling)
"Bridging Cultures Through Art and Storytelling" is a new program at CIRC that uses art and storytelling to build connections. Historically, CIRC has been a Latino dominated coalition, despite the desire be more inclusive of other identities, including Asian American & Pacific Islander immigrants. Bridging Cultures works to overcome this division and connect communities from diverse backgrounds to provide opportunities for real dialogue and relationship building.

Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR) - Cafecitos
In coordination with parent liaisons at four elementary DPS schools, COLOR's convenes parent groups whose children attend these schools. The cafecito model helps brings 10-15 participants together who voluntarily engage in dialogue about issues impacting them, their families and communities. This collaboration between COLOR and the schools helps provide the space to build community with a unique segment of the parent population: Spanish-speaking, immigrant women. Our approach is rooted in trust and relationship building with cultural and linguistic competencies that help us establish a connection with the community while we deliver valuable information to help people further their parenting, life, and navigation skills, and as they integrate into community life in Denver.

Denver Public Library - New Americans Project
The Denver Public Library (DPL) and the Clyfford Still Museum (CSM) will work together to match the Immigrant Integration Mini-Grant in the amount of $10,026 to create a New Americans Day at the Museum. A fun day of food, activities, performers and free museum tours in five languages for at least 150 people, this project will allow participants of DPL's Plaza program and other community members to connect with their city and each other in new, unique ways.

Dream Catcher - Pilot Project 2018
Organizers will host six “Dream Days” at Grant Beacon Middle School. During these 1-2 hour sessions, community members meet with their student partners to talk with them about their dreams, answer questions, and brainstorm key next steps to pursuing their dreams. We view these as “conversation starters” and our hope is that, with parent/guardian permission, some of these initial on-site meetings will turn into shadowing experiences and/or other memorable enriching events.

Groundwork Denver - Celebration Gardens
The Celebration Community Farm is a small quarter-acre garden at the corner of South Birch St. and East Iowa Ave. in Denver. Managed by Groundwork Denver, this community farm is special to the neighborhood for bringing together local residents of diverse ethnicities, backgrounds, and immigrant/refugee status. On this small plot of land, we provide fresh produce, herbs, and greens to Virginia Village and the surrounding area through a pay-what-you-can farm stand. Our farm stand services local residents, which include individuals and families from Afghanistan, Russia, Sudan, Turkey, Jamaica, and El Salvador among others.
**Hope Communities - Refugee Youth Leadership Mini-Conference**
The Girls’ Empowerment Project for adolescent and teen girls at Hope Communities’ East Denver affordable housing community was created to help young women, primarily refugees, to navigate their new world and ensure their holistic success. The girls are often the main integration resource for their parents, and face unique pressures—from the burden of supporting their families economically to facing the realities of early marriage. Poverty and prejudice add additional layers of confusion about their ability to achieve their dreams. This weekly program gathers over 20 girls from a diverse set of backgrounds and cultures, together with adult volunteers, to provide leadership development, personal empowerment, mental health support, cultural integration activities, critical decision-making skills, and social bonding. Funds will be used to host a leadership mini-conference for the Girls Empowerment Project members.

**Hope in Our City - Connecting the Community**
This project organizes community activities in Sun Valley to bring the community together to build relationships with their neighbors, as well as volunteers from outside the community resulting in mutually benefiting relationships. These activities include weekly Women’s Conversation Groups, community meals, and community activities like a 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

**International Heritage Cup Denver**
The International Heritage Cup Denver is a mini-World Cup style soccer event. The event was organized in 2011 to promote outreach and unity in the local Denver Metro Immigrant, Refugee & receiving communities through the beautiful game of soccer.

**Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains - Refugee Advocacy Coalition of Colorado**
The Refugee Action Coalition of Colorado (RACC), with Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains, hosts a hands-on civic engagement leadership training to individuals from both the refugee community and the host community. RACC engages 30 individuals (15 refugees and 15 non-refugees) in a training to: 1) Identify civic concerns specific to their communities, and 2) Interact with community leaders and elected officials to communicate these concerns and participate in civic affairs. This training includes both theoretical and applied components, including classroom training, a visit to the capitol, shared meals, and an opportunity to interface with elected state and city leaders.

**Montbello Organizing Committee - Montbello Alive!**
Montbello Alive! is a spin-off of the 2016 Montbello 50th Anniversary. Event sponsor Montbello Organizing Committee (MOC) held a follow-up event last year to address the Montbello community’s desire to gather, interact, communicate, and hang out with neighbors. More than 2,000 Montbello residents attended the all-day 2017 event that included a parade, music, food, games, and more. As a result of the success, MOC continues to host an annual event now known as Montbello Alive!

**Museo de las Americas - 3rd Annual Lucha Libre**
Museo de las Americas presents the 3rd Annual Lucha Libre event presented through the ConnectArte series, a monthly event that brings families together to engage in community activities that improve social engagement and awareness. Lucha Libre is a form of Mexican wrestling known for its colorful masks, rapid sequences of holds, as well as “high-flying” maneuvers. The event features a professional wrestling ring and up to ten local and international luchadores from Hugo’s Lucha Libre Company. The performance is highly interactive and engages audiences of all ages in an hour-long show filled with drama and humor. The event is accompanied by a small exhibition of photographs and luchador masks that highlight the cultural significance of the sport as well as the elements of fashion and performance art involved in the development of a Lucha Libre.
Rocky Mountain Prep - Educator Advocacy Collaborative
This project supports a team of public school educators who are starting a conversation on how to best support immigrant and refugee student socio-emotional learning within their classrooms. In addition, the group will examine the impact of family trauma caused by immigration status and living with the uncertainty under current immigration policy. Most importantly, educators will focus on creating awareness around the issues faced by immigrant and refugee students and families to advocate for policy at the district, city, and state that safeguard their rights to a public education.

Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning, Interpreter Network - SIV Appreciation Event
The SIV Appreciation event will honor military interpreters and connect them with other veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and community members who want to thank them for their service. Former military interpreters from Iraq and Afghanistan share their experiences working within the American military and their new life in the U.S. American veterans or an active duty members will also share their experiences of working with interpreters overseas. Spring Institute will honor each attendee with Special Immigrant Visa status with a certificate of appreciation for their service.

Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning – Unveiled: An Intercultural and Interfaith event
This event will bring together women from the Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu and other faiths to discuss the veil in Islam and in their cultures, religious faiths, and personal histories. The evening takes place over a shared meal during which women engage in facilitated discussions about culture and religion, gender roles, and identity. Women learn about each other in a safe space through speakers, facilitated small-group conversations, food, and dancing. This event is organized by a consortium of organizations, including Spring Institute, Meet the Middle East, Weddings by Wafa, and the Colorado Muslim Speakers Bureau, as well as a team of volunteers.

Youth Employment Academy - Arts Street@YEA: Journey to Unity
The Arts Street@YEA Journey to Unity project works with a group of 30 under-served youth, ages 14-21, over a 6 week period, during the summer of 2018 in the La Alma/Lincoln Park, Sun Valley and Globeville neighborhoods. YEA participants have the opportunity to explore the potential to change negative opinions or strengthen positive perceptions about immigration. Partnering with Birdseed Collective in Globeville and Denver Housing Authority, Arts Street uses creative vehicles as storytelling such as podcasts and community art, and youth will work with an inter-generational group of community members and residents of public housing to explore their many different journeys to the U.S. This project seeks to show that all people have value in our community regardless of immigration status and to bring neighbors and community members together to learn about immigration issues from those most affected. In addition, this project includes a video production of all of the interviews with a final video produced to showcase all of the completed projects at a Denver Housing Authority Wall of Fame event and the "I am Denver" event in September 2018.
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**El Centro Humanitario Protects Rights for Day Laborers - Wage Theft**
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The Wage Theft Campaign is a collective effort of the community to end the wage exploitation of low wage, temporary and casual workers in Colorado. Through its Wage Theft Clinic, El Centro has helped recover tens of thousands of dollars. This work informs its leading role in advocacy and organizing efforts to strengthen workers’ rights and enhance penalties for unscrupulous employers. El Centro’s Wage Theft Program provides direct services to resolve wage theft cases and offers worker’s rights trainings, fact-finding services, and collaborates with Denver University’s College of Law and other specialized wage-theft lawyers to resolve these cases. “Thou shalt not steal— it’s a pretty straightforward message,” says Interfaith Worker Justice Executive Director Kim Bobo.

**Focus Points Family Resource Center - Building Community Through Heritage Food**
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In 2016, Focus Points opened Comal Heritage Food Incubator, the first social enterprise to launch from the organizations’ Economic Development Department. Comal is a heritage food business incubator located in northeast Denver’s TAXI development. The social enterprise is open for lunch Monday through Friday and offers aspiring entrepreneurs hands-on training and experience within a professional kitchen, a sustainable wage, and an opportunity to formally sell their food to an enthusiastic public. Currently, lunch service rotates between Latino and Syrian heritage foods and serves an Ethiopian coffee service every Thursday afternoon. “Building Community through Heritage Food,” celebrates Latino, Syrian, and Ethiopian cultures. Comal’s cooks prepare heritage foods to share with one another and the community. Guests are invited to take part in interactive games that promote conversation as well as culturally-focused learning opportunities. Prior to the event, Comal members have the opportunity to prepare personal narratives or demonstrations that bring to life their experiences as refugees and immigrants and how these experiences are woven into their cooking.

**History Colorado - "We Are Colorado"**
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"We Are Colorado" is a community engagement initiative of History Colorado to connect with communities traditionally underrepresented at the museum. The Neighborhood Memory Project is a writing and storytelling program geared towards long-term residents and new residents of a specific neighborhood. We use site-based remembering techniques to jumpstart writing and storytelling that re-animates the community history of a place. Neighbors write stories of resilience and community connection that resurrect and forge stronger identities. Once stories are captured, local artists take the site-based memories and transform them into neighborhood art that serves to reanimate the value of community and interpret the personal histories of residents. The reclamation of history and the artistic interpretation of community memory create defensible neighborhoods and forge strong community bonds. This process merges the power of creative place making with the power of historic reclamation in ways that grow our communal understanding of our community’s place-based past and potential. This project will focus on the Globeville and Eylria/Swansea neighborhoods given the dynamic process of change and disruption the neighborhood members are experiencing. The Neighborhood Memory Project is a process to foster community cohesion and shared identity.