DSMUSA

WELCOMING WEEK
TOOLKIT

The success of our community depends on making sure that all Iowans feel welcome, fully reach their human potential and become contributing members of the community. New Iowans are a vital part of our community – bringing in fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, filling important talent needs for our businesses and contributing to our economy significantly.

Iowa has a long tradition of welcoming refugees and immigrants and we want to continue the tradition of building a welcoming environment in our community where all are welcome, accepted and included.

Regardless of where we are born or what we look like, Iowans are united in the effort to build a stronger region. By recognizing the contributions that all Iowans make to create a vibrant culture, future-ready workforces and a growing economy, our community prospers and becomes inclusive to those who call it home.

Let us come together to build communities where every resident has the opportunity to contribute at their best; to create more prosperous communities and to reaffirm that Iowa stands as a beacon of freedom, equality and opportunity.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION DURING NATIONAL WELCOMING WEEK ON SEPT. 13 – 22.

- There are several exciting events and celebrations taking place throughout DSM and in your own neighborhood! Encourage your neighbors to attend with you and share your experience on social media.
  - **#DSMUSA, #globalDSM, #WelcomingWeek2019**
  - Please tag @DSMPartnership @WDMCS @CityOfDSM add your org.
- If your organization is interested in hosting any events, please contact Sanjita Pradhan at (515) 286-4988 or spradhan@DSMpartnership.com.
- If you know of any additional events happening around the Greater Des Moines (DSM) region, please email Sanjita Pradhan by Sept. 9 so it can be added to the regional community events calendar.

GREATER DES MOINES PARTNERSHIP

EVENTS LIST

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13
Film: "America First: The Legacy of an Immigration Raid"
Plymouth's Welcoming Migrants Committee & Standing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)

MONDAY, SEPT. 16
Volunteer Intake Service at Justice for Our Neighbor (JFON)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18
Potluck and Bible Study with Trinity Las Americas

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19
Family Night at the West Des Moines Public Library

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20
Chrysalis Inspired Event featuring Dolores Huerta

A Tribute to a Living Legend: Dolores Huerta | Des Moines University

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 – SUNDAY, SEPT. 22
World Food & Music Festival
Stop at the mainstage area on Sept. 20 at 11 A.M. to observe a Naturalization Ceremony and welcome the region's new Americans. Interested in volunteering at The Festival? Find out how.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21
Passport to Prosperity Gala: Iowa International Center
LSI Global Greens Farmers Market
YMCA of Greater Des Moines Open House

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22
Peace Day 5k & International Festival: Iowa Resource for International Service

BEYOND WELCOMING WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 – TUESDAY, OCT. 15
National Hispanic Heritage Month

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 – SUNDAY, SEPT. 29
White Eagle Multicultural Pow Wow

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28
Latino Heritage Festival
CultureALL Events: West Des Moines Public Library
ESL Volunteer Teacher Training
Touring Dinner Club

THURSDAY, OCT. 10
Refugee Summit

WANT TO CONSIDER HOSTING AN EVENT?

HERE IS A LIST OF EVENT IDEAS. PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ANY SUPPORT.

- Host a donation drive for local refugee resettlement agencies.
- Host a storytelling at the library, church or other similar gathering. Invite people from various walks of life to interact, get to know each other and build personal bridges.
- Host a film followed by discussion to learn about other cultures and life stories. Some examples include "Human Flow" (2017), "Undocumented" (2010) and "Welcome to Shelbyville" (2009).
- Ask libraries to display books on immigration, host coffee talks, open house, etc.
- Host 'coffee and conversations' at your workplaces to get to know diverse communities.
- Host potlucks to bring people together through food and learn about each other.

Want to host one of these events or have a new idea?
Please contact Sanjita Pradhan at spradhan@DSMPartnership.com

2019 WELCOMING WEEK CHALLENGE

VISIT AS MANY ETHNIC RESTAURANTS BETWEEN SEPT. 13 – 22 AND POST ON SOCIAL USING #DSMUSA, #GLOBALDSM AND #WELCOMINGWEEK2019!

Here are a list of ethnic restaurants in the DSM region, please be sure to check your local ethnic restaurants in your own city.

AFRICAN

TASTE OF AFRICA
Pan-African
2500 Martin Luther King Jr Pkwy Suite #3,
Des Moines, IA 50310

PATIENCE'S AFRICAN CUISINE
Pan-African
3652, 3811 Douglas Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50310

AFRICANA HALAL RESTAURANT
Pan-African
2907 Douglas Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50310

SOMALI RESTAURANT (CAFÉ AMIRA)
Somali
4940 Franklin Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50310

ASIAN/SOUTH ASIAN

MEKONG SANDWICH
Vietnamese
3308 2nd Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50313

WASABI CHI
Japanese/Chinese
5418 Douglas Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50310

HONG KONG CHINESE
Chinese
4120 University Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50311

BLU THAI
Thai
215 E Walnut St,
Des Moines, IA 50309

EVEREST
Nepali/Indian
6401 SE 14th St.
Des Moines, IA 50320

A DONG
Vietnamese
1511 High St,
Des Moines, IA 50309

ROLLING WOK CAFÉ
Pan-Asian
1534 E Grand Ave E,
Des Moines, IA 50316

C FRESH MARKET
Pan-Asian
801 University Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50314

AROY-DEE
Thai
2128 Indianola Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50315

NUT POB
Thai
3322 Indianola Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50315

PHO REAL
Vietnamese
200 4th St,
Des Moines, IA 50309

JJ JASMINE THAI CUISINE
Thai
400 Walnut St,
Des Moines, IA 50309

LZAZA INDO-PAK CUISINE
Indo-Pakistani
1409 23rd St,
Des Moines, IA 50311

PHO 515
Vietnamese
801 University Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50314

CAFÉ FUZION
Pan-Asian
1240 E 14th St,
Des Moines, IA 50316

SOOK'S KOREAN KICTCHEN
Korean
Food Truck

INDIA STAR
Indian
5514 Douglas Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50310

THAI FLAVORS
Chinese
1254 E 14th St,
Des Moines, IA 50316

CHENG'S GARDEN
Pan-Asian
3708 Merle Hay Rd,
Des Moines, IA 50310

KATHMANDU
Nepali
4121 SE 14th St,
Des Moines, IA 50320

TNT VIETNAMESE
Vietnamese
3452 Martin Luther King Jr Pkwy,
Des Moines, IA 50310

VIETNAM CAFE
Vietnamese
3800 Merle Hay Road
Des Moines, IA 50310

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LATIN/CENTRAL/ SOUTH AMERICAN

EL RODEO
Mexican
1234 E Euclid Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50316

CEVICHE
Cuban
223 E Walnut St,
Des Moines, IA 50309

PUERTO RICO RESTAURANT
Puerto Rican
6611 University Ave,, Suite 101
Windsor Heights, IA 50324

RANCHO ALEGRE
Mexican
3308 Indianola Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50315

OLD WEST
Mexican
4138 Fleur Dr #2324,
Des Moines, IA 50321

TEQUILA RESTAURANTE & CANTINA
Mexican
2824 Easton Blvd,
Des Moines, IA 50317

TACO'S MARIANA'S
Mexican
1305 University Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50314

VIVA MEXICAN RESTAURANT
Mexican
6101 Grand Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50312

PUEBLO VIEJO
Mexican
3841 E 14th St,
Des Moines, IA 50313

LA CUSCALETCA
El Salvadorian
1014 E 14th St,
Des Moines, IA 50316

TAMALES INDUSTRY
Mexican
3800 Merle Hay Road
Des Moines, IA 50310

TACOS DEGOLLADO
Mexican
Food Truck

LOS LAURELES
Mexican/Latin American
1518 E Grand Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50316

TACOS LA FAMILIA
Mexican
1610 6th Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50314

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Mexican
1610 6th Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50314

FERNANDO'S
Mexican
2316 University Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50311

5 DE MAYO
Mexican
5118 SE 14th St,
Des Moines, IA 50320

LA CABANA
Mexican
1435 Army Post Rd,
Des Moines, IA 50315

DELICIAS BY LORENA
Latin American
In-Home

BAH BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE *Brazilian*
2301 Ingersoll Ave #500,
Des Moines, IA 50312

PANKA
Peruvian
2708 Ingersoll Ave suite 200,
Des Moines, IA 50312

EL PATIO
Mexican
1434 Des Moines St,
Des Moines, IA 50316

MICHOACANA
Mexican
1552 E Grand Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50316

ISLA DEL PACIFICO
Mexican
1434 Des Moines St,
Des Moines, IA 50316

LA PENA
Mexican
2010 Indianola Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50315

LA TAPATILA GROCERY
Mexican
1440 Des Moines St,
Des Moines, IA 50316

CHAMO VENEZUELAN KITCHEN
Venezuelan
Food Truck

LA CALLE
Venezuelan/Latin American
Food Truck

EUROPEAN/ MEDITERRANEAN/ MIDDLE EASTERN

PHOENIX CAFÉ
Bosnian
6769 Hickman Rd,
Des Moines, IA 50322

TURSI'S LATIN KING
Italian
2200 Hubbell Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50317

3B GRILL
Bosnian
3500 Merle Hay Rd,
Des Moines, IA 50310

HESSEN HAUS
German
101 SW 4th St,
Des Moines, IA 50309

LAZIZE
Lebanese/Middle Eastern
3800 Merle Hay Road
Des Moines, IA 50310

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OPEN SESAME
Lebanese/Mediterranean
313 E Locust St,
Des Moines, IA 50309

DJANGO
French
1420 Locust St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

CHOCOLATERIE STAM
Dutch
2814 Ingersoll Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50312

OLYMPIC FLAME
Greek
514 E Grand Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50309

GAZALI'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL
Mediterranean
1205 25th St,
Des Moines, IA 50311

CHRISTOPHER'S
Italian
2816 Beaver Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50310

ESTRADA
Bosnian
3029 Merle Hay Rd,
Des Moines, IA 50310

KARAM'S GRILL
Mediterranean
Food Truck

SCORNOVACCA'S RESTAURANT
Italian
1930 SE 14th St,
Des Moines, IA 50320

UKRAINIAN VILLAGE: DUMPLINGS AND CREPES
Ukrainian
1620 Pleasant St,
Des Moines, Iowa 50314 (food stand)

PROOF
Mediterranean
1301 Locust St C,
Des Moines, IA 50309

MACCABEE'S KOSHER DELI
Kosher/Isreali
1150 Polk Blvd,
Des Moines, IA 50311

NOAH'S ARK
Italian
2400 Ingersoll Ave,
Des Moines, IA 50312

CAJUN/CREOLE/ CARIBBEAN

FAT TUESDAYS
Cajun
6112 SW 9th St,
Des Moines, IA 50315

ROOTZ AFRO CARIBBEAN CUISINE
Afro Caribbean
Food Stand

MISS MOLLY'S JAMAICAN PATTY
Jamaican
Food Truck