

April 09, 2019

**Re: Letter of Support for the Neighborhood Empowerment and Resource Centre (NEARC Inc.)'s proposal to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) 2019**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the African Communities of Manitoba Inc. (ACOMI), I would like to express strong support for the NEARC Inc's **Empowering Manitoban Youth to Embrace Change: Navigating Paths to Reconciliation**. ACOMI's vision is a vibrant, engaged and sustainable African Canadian presence across Manitoba, contributing to a culturally rich and economically prosperous, socially inclusive society.

Through our partnership and joint efforts, our organizations continue to work together to provide resources, support, and programming to our community. We support the great work NEARC Inc. is doing in providing employment opportunities, capacity building training, paid work internship and various placement programs while mentoring and nurturing them to lead a meaningful life.

NEARC Inc. is a Winnipeg-based newcomer-youth serving not-for-profit organization which promotes youth economic empowerment, engagement, leadership, networking opportunities, capacity building and ultimately leading towards meaningful job for the newcomer youth. NEARC Inc. through intensive research, community consultations, leadership engagement and youth interactions NEARC has developed an innovative and unique approach to integrate Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth in partnership with Indigenous partner Returning to Spirit Inc. This initiative 'Pathways to Reconciliation (P2R)' plans to engage wide array of stakeholders to help paving the bridges between Indigenous & non-Indigenous communities, reducing residual impacts of colonization & promoting harmony in the society SNA and NEARC Inc. have committed to coordinating services to ensure effective, efficient service delivery to youth and their families.

We are confident that NEARC Inc. will carry out this project effectively and productively. We acknowledge the need for this project in our community, and know that NEARC Inc. will work to create a sustainable impact in leadership development and contribution meaningfully in the youth employment and integrating newcomer youth with integrating newcomer and Indigenous youth with more holistic approach.

Should there be a need for further clarification on this letter of support, I can be reached at 204-221-6696 or via email at [info@acom.ca](mailto:info@acom.ca)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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