



Neighborhood Empowerment & Resource Centre (NEARC)

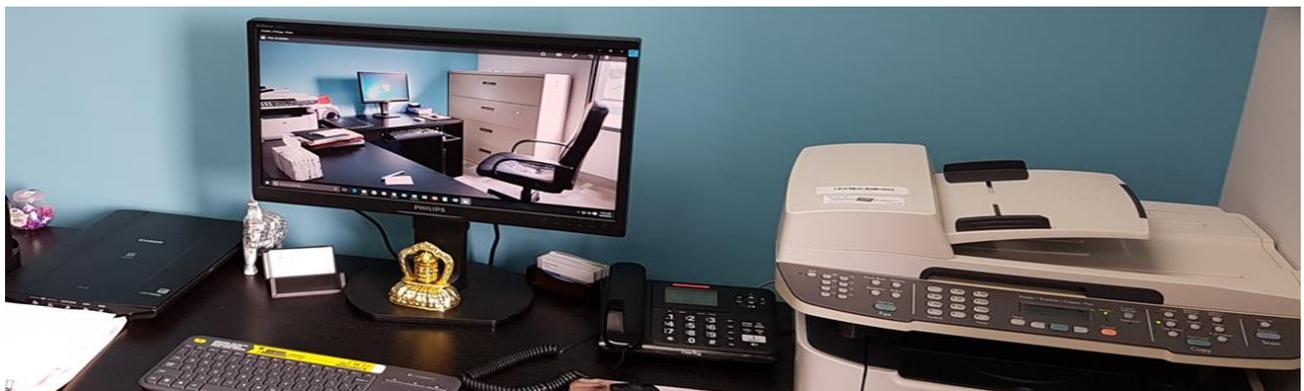
A not-for-profit: Helping, Educating, & Empowering Immigrants and Newcomer Families

Annual Report 2015-2016

Neighborhood Empowerment and Resource Centre Incorporated (NEARC Inc.) is an emerging community based not-for-profit organization, which strongly believes that any approaches for the community empowerment should assist individuals and communities to identify their own needs; and refer to right resources so that they would be able to help identify a process to initiate necessary action to make things happen. This might be done through strategic planning activities, education and training activities, information sharing and so on. It may also involve partnering with other resource agencies in order to reduce any potential duplication of similar efforts.



NEARC Finally Moves to its Professional Office Space at 61 Juno Street



It was one of the most successful year for Neighborhood Empowerment and Resource Centre Incorporated (NEARC Inc.) as it moved to more professional office space in February of this year. Now, it is conveniently co-located with Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg and Youth Agencies Alliance at 300-61 Juno Street. Being co-located with these agencies provide strategic importance to its programs and operations. NEARC Inc. is proud partner member of Youth Agencies Alliance (<http://www.youthagenciesalliance.com/>) and member of Manitoba Association of Newcomer Serving Organizations (MANSO).

Some of the Highlights of the Programs & Activities in 2015-2016

- Ad-Hoc Committee was officially dissolved
- 1st Annual General Meeting was convened and formed a Seven Member Board
- In order to serve efficiently a three-member Special Task Force is formed
- Professional Development and capacity building sponsored by Sports Manitoba
- Redesigned our website with the technical support from RS-MED COM Inc.
- Assisted Manitoba Start to facilitate information session for the farm Job
- Organized an Information Session on Rent Assist which was sponsored by United Way
- Supported, guided and provided regular meeting space Nepali Speaking Seniors
- Partnered with Manitoba Association for Senior Centers and other organizations
- NEARC Inc. got two dedicated times at the RecPlex at the University of Winnipeg
- Promoted youth recreational activities through **ParticipACTION Teen Challenge**
- Partnered with various like-minded organizations to execute some common projects:
 - Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg (BGCW)
 - Sexuality Education and Resource Centre (SERC)
 - Youth Agencies Alliance (YAA)
 - Manitoba Association of Newcomer Serving Organizations (MANSO)
 - Manitoba Association of Seniors Centre (MASC)
 - Manitoba Start
 - Success Skills Centre Inc.
 - Volunteer Manitoba
 - Central Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA)



Board of Directors (BoD) with Executive Director in the middle, Shakila Atayee, BoD is missing

Change in the Board:

One of our Board of Directors, Dr. Thaneshwor Kaloni was offered a Research Scientist position at California State University at Northridge. In order to bridge the gap, NEARC Inc. approached Mr. Subas Dahal, a seasoned Social Worker associated with Family Dynamics. And as he agreed to be in the NEARC Inc. Team, Mr. Dahal was appointed as a Board of Directors.

Brief Summary of Finance 2015-2016

Revenues	\$7,330.02
Expenses	\$7,330.02
Balance as of April 01, 2016	\$1,159.98
Liability of NEARC Inc.	\$1,703.59

Information Session on Rent Assist:

This information session on Rent Assist Program was one of the most successful event of the NEARC Inc. It was mainly focused on providing the information on 'Shelter Benefits for Low-Income Manitobans'. As the Government of Manitoba has introduced the Rent Assist Program. Despite very limited time, NEARC Inc. showed an exceptional managerial as well as leadership role to make it a success event. This session was attended the representatives of seven ethno-cultural communities. At the last minute, the session was sponsored by the United Way of Winnipeg. Once again, we would like to thank United Way for providing this one-time opportunity. It was facilitated by Catherine Gates, Director of Planning and Policy Development, Workforce Development and Income Support Division of Manitoba.



Participants posing for the group photo after the Session was over with the presenters and organizers

Resource Exploration:

One of the most challenging part for any new organization like NEARC Inc. is securing adequate funding for its programs and activities. We are very proud to secure funding mentioned below with our intensive approach with various funders. However, this was not enough to run even our basic programs and management cost to provide best services to our clients. NEARC Inc. has developed a strategy and developed a three-member core project team, who is responsible for securing funds its operation and programs. During the resource exploration phase, NEARC Inc. has developed very good rapport with some of the funders such as United Way of Winnipeg, Neighborhood Alive!

From Isolation to Engagement:

This is NEARC Inc.'s Special Project with Nepali Speaking Seniors mainly residing in downtown area. Through this initiative, every Saturday these seniors meet for two hours at NEARC's Office located at 61 Juno Street. Space has been generously provided by Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg as a complimentary contribution and our Executive Director has been generously volunteering this great cause. We have partnered with Manitoba Association for Senior Centers (MASC). Connie Newman, Executive Director of the MASC is playing key role in promoting this socially isolated group. We are also thankful to A & O: Support Services for Older Adults. NEARC Inc. has been planning to apply for the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP).



Nepali Speaking Seniors during the planning meeting sharing their issues and concerns

Youth Empowerment:

Since its inception, NEARC Inc. has been committed to empower youth by providing various opportunities. Currently, NEARC Inc. has invested heavily to promote youth employment for the newcomer youths. For this, it has already submitted a Pilot Project 16 through First Jobs Fund and Neighborhood Renewal Fund of the Neighborhood Alive! If successful, NEARC Inc. plans to provide work-placement for these newcomer youth at risk. We plan to recruit 16 youth for 16 weeks. We are working closely with the Crime Prevention Branch to lessen crime through education and awareness and providing opportunities for the youth. If successful, we plan to execute this project in early September. NEARC Inc. is also working together other partners to apply for other bigger projects at Federal Level under Service Canada's Skills Link Project. We plan to provide 180 youths over the span of next three years. We have also applied for Summer Job Project, if successful we would be hiring 4 Summer Students for eight weeks this Summer. We have two dedicated time at RecPlex of the University of Winnipeg for recreational purposes.



Memberships & Networking:

NEARC Inc. is a proud member of Manitoba Association of Newcomer Serving Organizations (MANSO) and also a member of Youth Agencies Alliances (YAA). In the past year alone, NEARC Inc. has networked with like-minded organizations and individuals. If any of you see there is any possibility that we can work on collaborations and partnership, please do not hesitate to contact NEARC Inc. directly.



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