

# 2017-18 Annual Report



You have the potential to be anything you want. - Fran Watson

## **NEARC INC.**

### Neighborhood Empowerment and Resource Centre Incorporated (NEARC Inc)

Proudly celebrating 4<sup>th</sup> years of serving newcomer youths and families with added responsibility of integrating newcomer youths and indigenous youths through

**MANITOBA YOUTH FORUM (MYF)**



*"We should embrace our immigrant roots and recognize that newcomers to our land are not part of the problem, they are part of the solution" - Roger Mahon*

## Vision

NEARC envisions a just society with culturally diverse, socially empowered, and financially sustainable communities.

## Mission Statement

NEARC Inc. thrives to empower immigrant, newcomer, and disadvantaged families by providing guidance and support to students, and youth.

## Purpose

To address and prevent obstacles faced by newcomer children and youth, and enable their full participation in Canadian society, by facilitating and providing life-skills training, academic guidance, personal mentorship, and connections to employment opportunities.

## Message from the Board President



I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the funders, my fellow Board of Directors, our entire group of newcomer youths and families. On behalf of the NEARC Board, I would like to thank our Executive Director, Mr. Bijaya Pokharel for bringing NEARC to this level despite him being involved in a major car accident in early April 2017. We salute his passion, dedication, and vision and excellent networking capacities with people-friendly approach. Certainly, this has heavily impacted NEARC Inc. Thus, 2017 was very challenging for us.

In the meantime, together as a team, we have been developing and pursuing milestones to create NEARC as a unique, yet crucial youth serving organization in Winnipeg. Many of our initiatives have been taking shape and showing results, while others beginning to take root. We are very proud that NEARC has become an emerging name when it comes to newcomer youth serving organizations in Winnipeg.

As per the mandate of the last year's Annual General Meeting, we are streamlining a much-awaited **Manitoba Youth Forum (MYF)** this year. The MYF has been developed after rigorous consultations with Indigenous and Newcomer Leaders, stakeholders and various organizational partners including the National Centre for the Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR). It is our honour to share that NEARC has been invited to attend the **Reconciliation and Right Relations Workshop** at the Banff Centre of Arts and Creativity in this fall.

As NEARC moves forward with the support from our active and passionate members, through this Annual General Meeting, and mandate is given by the strength of experienced, motivated, and engaged members of our Board of Directors with our enthusiastic Executive Director. We are hoping to grow members this year. We look forward to continuing our growth next year, expanding our reach and impact even further to create a more just world for everyone!

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hom Gartaula'.

Hom Gartaula, PhD

President

## Message from the Executive Director



Neighborhood Empowerment and Resource Centre (NEARC Inc.) is a Winnipeg-based not-for-profit organization serving newcomers youths and families. It is an emerging organization incorporated just four years ago. We are conveniently co-located with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg located at 300-61 Juno Street, Winnipeg, on Treaty # 1 Territory, the historic and traditional lands of the Anishinabek (Ojibway), Ininew (Cree), Oji-Cree, Dene, Dakota, and is the Birthplace of the Métis Nation and the Heart of the Métis Nation Homeland.

NEARC Inc. plays a vital role in creating positive change within newcomer communities regardless of their origin and ethnicities. 2017 has been mix year for NEARC. I am fortunate, yes fortunate to be alive after being involved in the major automobile accident. This incident has changed my perspective to 360 degrees. This has made me more humble, grateful yet resilient towards my purpose to serve the most vulnerable groups. Thus, through our dedicated team of I have decided to Champion our own mandate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM to integrate Newcomer and Indigenous Youths through Manitoba Youth Forum (MYF). With the fresh mandate from this this AGM we will par take this initiative and execute successfully as a Pilot Project. We have done rigorous individual and group consultations from both communities in the process of Building Bridges, Creating Opportunities, Identifying and Removing Barriers. We welcome your expertise, guidance and most importantly your lived experience to integrate Newcomer and Indigenous Communities to create a Harmonious Society.

We are very happy to share that for NEARC has accomplished a lot in 2017. Here are some of the highlights

- Starting this fall NEARC Inc. will be conducting Focus Group Research to identify unmet needs of the newcomer students of the two designated High Schools of the Winnipeg School Division.
- NEARC developed the **Manitoba Youth Forum** to Integrate Newcomer and Indigenous Youths.
- United Way has provided funds for NEARC Inc to attain **Charitable Status**. We are working with a Lawyer.
- NEARC is in the process of developing its new **Strategic Plan**, which will be completed this year.
- We did **Capacity Building Program** to enhance Employability Skills of the Newcomer youths.
- NEARC Inc. help employed several newcomer youths by supporting them as a social collateral
- Maintained very good rapport with some of the funders and build working relationship with more than six Indigenous organization. NEARC has maintained good rapport with the NCTR.
- NEARC was selected for the Executive Leadership Program by Manitoba Not For Profit Federation
- We are invited to attend a prestigious workshop on Reconciliation at Banff with full scholarship

I would like to thank all our Board Members and Team for being there when I needed. Certainly, NEARC is going through very rough time but I am sure, together we will be one of the lead organizations in helping the newcomers in their way forward. And our journey to **Reconciliation** will help re-write Canadian Indigenous History.

Our goal is to create long-lasting changes that promote financial independence through employment, a solid educational base, and healthy lifestyle choices newcomer youths, but we can't do it alone. We invite you to be part of our initiative. Together, we can inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow. Advancing the common good requires all of us to work together and develop a good working relationship. Together, we will achieve lasting, positive change.

Thank you!



**Bijaya Pokharel**

**Executive Director**

## Financial Highlights

SN	Particulars	Amount	Amount
1.	<b>REVENUES</b>		
a)	Balance Forward from Previous Year	\$6,645.62	
b)	Neighborhood Alive	\$7,980.00	
c)	Manitoba Education and Training	\$7,959.60	
d)	Assiniboine Credit Union	\$3,500.00	
e)	United Way	\$4,900.00	
f)	Central Neighborhood	\$4,564.93	
g)	Canadian Heritage	\$4,100.00	
h)	Individual Contributions	\$4500.00	
i)	Interests	\$0.71	
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,150.86</b>	
2.	<b>EXPENSES</b>		
a)	Canada Day Celebration and Elmwood Pride		\$3,500.00
b)	Administration Cost		\$6,660.00
c)	Capacity Building Training		\$4,701.85
d)	Equipment Purchase		\$4,000.00
e)	Communications		\$ 650.00
f)	Training Allowances for Pilot Project and Honorariums		\$14,479.35
g)	Events and Project Sharing Meeting		\$ 2,500.00
h)	Venue Rentals		\$ 6000.00
i)	Hospitality Related Expenses		\$1,500.00
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$43,991.20</b>
3.	<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>\$159.66</b>





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