

✂ June Events ✂

Youth Natural Leaders Training

June 5 - 7, 2018, 9:00am – 3:00 pm

The FIRST EVER Youth Natural Leaders Training offers opportunities for high school students entering 11th and 12 grades to develop leadership and public speaking skills, and learn about local government, community resource and leadership opportunities. This training will help youth develop the confidence and skills required to help themselves and others around them to succeed. This training will help youth feel more confident and capable while helping others in the community. When applying for college, and jobs, these youth can highlight their leadership experiences as a Youth Natural Leader, and show you are a lifelong learner and helper. ([Flyer Here](#))



WORLD REFUGEE DAY
COLORADO

June 20, 2018

10:00am – 12:00pm the Capital Building in
Denver Civic Center (west steps) &
5:00 – 10:00 pm @ Sie FilmCenter
2510 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80206

After celebrating World Refugee Day with our partners in Denver make your way down to the Sie Film Center join VEC and RBazaar and the United Nations Association of Denver for a reception, film, and market.

Write Our World Summer Camp

Session 1: Graduated 6th – 8th graders

June 18 – July 6, 9:00 – 11:30am

Monday - Friday

Session 2: Graduated 3rd – 5th graders

July 9 – July 27, 9:00 – 11:30am

Monday – Friday

Village Exchange Center and Write Our World are teaming up to provide a fun and educational Summer Camp! Young people will write, illustrate and publish their own bilingual e-books, and have fun doing sports, dance, art and swimming! Session 1 is for graduated 6th to 8th graders. Session 2 is for graduated 3rd to 5th graders. Daily schedule available upon request.

([Flyer Here](#))

Register today! Call Amy (510) 717-6720 or
email amy@villageexchangecenter.org

✂ Last Month's Spotlight ✂



Thank you to the Bhutanese Community Colorado and the various Nepali groups who organized their Shrimad Bhagwat Pooja at VEC last month! It was a beautiful and well attended 7-day religious festival with over 2000 participants over the course of the week. We are excited to host more events like this for our community, please call our office (720) 668-9968 or email sam@villageexchangecenter.org if you are interested in organizing a cultural or religious celebration at VEC.



✂ Partner News ✂

Our partner **Restoration Project International (RPI)** is holding a Networking and Information Sharing Event at the Posner Center for International Development at 1031 33rd Street, Denver, CO 80205. The event is **June 28** from **4:00pm – 6:00pm**, if you plan on attending please **RSVP to info@restorationpi.org**. This is a platform for networking, information sharing, and learning for stakeholders of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual

assault. Learn more about Restoration Project International at <https://restorationpi.org/>

Aurora Interfaith Community Services (ACIS) is temporarily operating out of our center while their location on Clinton Street is renovated. ACIS is a non-profit agency whose services include a food bank, a clothing bank, school supplies, limited assistance with transportation and utilities, and employment and human services assistance. ACIS is currently **taking new clients** please call them at **(303) 360-0260** to **schedule an appointment**.

www.aurorainterfaithcommunityservices.org/

✂ Programs and Services ✂

ADULT EDUCATION

ESL Classes with APDC (Asian Pacific Development Center)

What: 10-week class, students learn reading, writing and speaking life-skills English for the job, family and society.

When: High-Beginning Class: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$25/10 weeks and \$20/book

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Citizenship Class with APDC

What: 10-week class prepares students with citizenship test and interview vocabulary, the 100 civics questions, interview practice, and assistance filling out the citizenship application (N-400).

When: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Cost: FREE

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Sponsor: Office of International & Immigrant Affairs



English Conversation Circle

What: A conversation circle focused on improving conversational and speaking skills. Call to register.

When: Mondays, 10:00 – 12:00 pm

Cost: FREE

Phone: (303) 915-3105

Email: di_ots@hotmail.com

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Care – Drop-In Hours

What: The Village Exchange Center provides a safe space where all are welcome to come for general support, a place to ask questions, to get help with community needs and concerns and tell your story.

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Cost: FREE

Email: marcel@villageexchangecenter.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Diabetes Prevention Program (in Spanish)

What: Weekly course in diabetes prevention and wellness taught in Spanish. Call or email to register.

When: Tuesdays, 11:00 – 12:30 pm

Cost: FREE

Email: lmendivil@denverymca.org

Phone: (303) 591-5685

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Host Org(s): YMCA

Mobile Food Pantry

What: Mobile food truck brings food for the community twice a month.

When: 2nd and 4th Thursday every month, 3:00 – 4:00 pm (**June 14 and 28**)

Cost: FREE

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Host Org(s): Bread of Life Community Outreach & Village Exchange Center

Scrap Booking & Storytelling

What: Learn how to create colorful memories and life stories in beautiful scrapbook pages; and have a fun social time. All experience levels welcome.

When: 1st Monday every month 4:00 – 9:00 pm

Cost: FREE

Email: betty@villageexchangecenter.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010

Room: Martin Luther King Room

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Write Our World Summer Camp

What: A fun and educational Summer Camp offered over two sessions. Young people will write, illustrate and publish their own bilingual e-books, and have fun doing sports, dance, art and swimming!

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❖ Get Involved ❖

Host Your Event in our Center

VEC has a variety of spaces and rooms available for rent for special events, classes and services. Please contact us through our website at <https://villageexchangecenter.org/contact-us/> or by phone at (720) 668-9968.

Volunteer with Us

Volunteer applications are always welcomed. Areas of need include: **youth tutoring, event staffing, and front office reception.** Contact us through our website or call us at (720) 668-9968 for more information about how to volunteer your time!



Betty helps kids make Mother's Day Cards May 10, 2018

Special Event Sponsorship

The Village Exchange Center often looking for sponsorship support for special events. Contact amy@villageexchangecenter.org to learn about upcoming sponsorship opportunities.

Support Our Work

You can make contributions through our website using our online donation form.

www.villageexchangecenter.org/donate/.

In-Kind Donations

As a new and emerging organization, we also welcome in-kind donations. Currently we are in need of:

- Classroom-size whiteboards
- Projectors and other AV and IT equipment
- Recreational and educational items for our afterschool program such as board/card games, art materials, books, and sports equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, etc.)

Donate While Shopping

We are participating in AmazonSmile! Follow this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-5174986> and 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon will be donated quarterly to the Village Exchange Center through a direct deposit! Remember to bookmark this link and always start from the www.smile.amazon.com link every time you shop at Amazon!

Share Your News and Events in our Newsletter

Do you have something to add to future issues of *The Exchange*? Send content submissions to Kasey@villageexchangecenter.org.

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