

Uniting For Equality

A Collaborative Project of Fargo-Moorhead Based Organizations

“Core Community Values”

Community Climate:

We believe that a community that is open and inclusive, and values diverse perspectives and practices is strong, healthy, and united. Therefore, to create this environment all people need to take an active role in building a stronger community by ensuring accessibility and equal access to education, safe shelter and affordable housing, transportation, healthcare, childcare, workplaces that reflect the diversity of the community, a livable wage, and requiring that those in power embrace diverse groups as assets and resources. These and other strategies reflect the spirit of the United Nation’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Education:

We believe that education ensures a better life and better adjustment to society and allows us to live harmoniously with each other. Therefore, everyone should have equal access to an education at all levels, and the schools should provide welcoming environments for all their students, ensuring that all students graduate from high school.

Housing:

We believe that having a home ensures comfort, safety, and is a basic human right. Therefore, our community should provide an adequate amount of affordable housing so that no one needs to pay more than 30% of their income for housing.

Public Safety:

We believe all people deserve to be treated equally and have their rights and property protected. Therefore, we should work towards eliminating discrimination by public safety officers and agencies, and public safety agency personnel should reflect the communities they serve.

Income and Employment:

We believe that jobs and income create self-sufficiency and stimulate the economy, raise the standards of living and quality of life for people in the community, and aids society in meeting basic human needs. Therefore, all people should have adequate income and resources to meet the basic needs of their family, and the community’s living wage should strive to match the universal living wage formula.

Recreation and Sports:

We believe that recreation and sports help bring people together, promote family activity, and promote the well being and overall health of individuals. Therefore, these activities should be affordable and accessible to all community members.

Uniting For Equality Collaborative Members:

YWCA of Fargo Moorhead, Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living, Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, Minnkota Health Project, Minnkota Center, F-M Area Coalition for Homeless Persons, Women’s Network of the Red River Valley, Pride Collective and Community Center, The Moorhead Justice Circle, The MSUM Social Work Department, The People Escaping Poverty Project (PEPP), The Great Plains Food Bank, The Trinity Lutheran Church Social Concerns Committee, Creative Care for Reaching Independence (CCRI), Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian of Moorhead Clay Wilkin Homeless Assistance Prevention Program, Clay Wilkin Opportunity Council, The Social Concerns Board of the First Congregational Church and Churches United for the Homeless, Red River Friends (Quakers), Habitat For Humanity and Individual members.

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