The Greater Mankato Diversity Council’s mission is to build a community where the attitudes and actions of people foster mutual respect so all people can fully participate.

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Who We Are
Established in 2004, the Greater Mankato Diversity Council (GMDC) exists to enhance Greater Mankato’s commitment to creating an inclusive and welcoming community.

Through education, communication and celebration, this community-focused, community-led, non-profit organization actively affirms and promotes the full participation of all regardless of race, religion, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, age, income class, marital status or national origin. GMDC serves as a resource and emphasizes respecting differences and does not advocate for any particular group or individual.

Goals and Priorities
The GMDC’s mission will be realized by focusing on the following goals:

- Build capacity in the community to proactively address issues of diversity and discrimination by celebrating differences;
- Build capacity in the community to eliminate racism and all forms of discrimination;
- Build community awareness and support for diversity among individuals, businesses and organizations; and
- Expand diversity education programs for all.
The GMDC Council will challenge stereotypes with accurate information and serve as a resource for schools, individuals, businesses and organizations.

Prejudice Reduction Workshops
These workshops focus on respectful behavior and appreciation for human differences. Workshops were conducted in more than 47 middle school classrooms in March 2005, exposing more than 1,200 students to the message of mutual respect.

Joe Broze, teacher
“Diversity/respect…we teach it every day, but it is nice to have community members drive home the importance of ‘respecting differences’…thank you to all those involved in this worthwhile program.”

Haley Nourie, student
“The movie was good. I learned that you don’t treat people bad just because they are different than you… like having a different skin color.”

Gregorio Mendez-Ortega, facilitator
“It created awareness on how diverse a classroom really is; not only different skin groups and nationalities were represented, but also different states and towns as well.”

Community Outreach
The GMDC presents a variety of business and non-profit organizations to share and discuss diversity issues being dealt with today. See the latest Community Outreach events at www.mankatodiversity.com.

The GMDC website provides diversity information and resources. Learn more about who we are, what we do and how to get involved at www.mankatodiversity.com.

Mankato Area International Festival cultural entertainers.

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