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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Re: IMAA Receives Grant Support from Rochester Area Foundation

Today, the Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association – IMAA – received notification from the Rochester Area Foundation (RAF) that their request for \$25,000 to support a building project has been granted. IMAA, founded in Rochester in 1984 as a nonprofit organization serving immigrants and refugees, is raising money to purchase the environmentally friendly and energy efficient building being constructed for them in NW Rochester by A.E. Benike. This new building will serve IMAA's need for a friendly and welcoming environment that is accessible and protects the privacy and dignity of its clients. The IMAA believes the new building will be an asset to Rochester and is inviting community participation in a way that will reflect the clients it serves.

IMAA is very pleased to count the RAF as a supporter of this project. IMAA considers this an affirmation of their decisions; to pursue "green" methodologies, to pursue purchase of the building, and to pursue more funding sources to realize the dream. Thanks to RAF for investing in IMAA!

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