Event to raise funds and friends for area immigrant and refugee services

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Welcome Dayton and its community partners invite the Dayton-area community to attend a special event raising funds and friends for immigrant and refugee services.

"One City. Many People, Many Voices" will take place on Thursday, May 11, in the historic roundhouse at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds (1043 S. Main St.), from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at onecity.ablelaw.org, starting at $100 per person. Higher levels of contribution and sponsorship are available. People unable to attend the event can donate through the site.

Event proceeds will benefit immigrant and refugee support services including the Immigrant Legal Defense Fund and Welcome Dayton Natural Helpers.

"We see this fundraiser as an important step in providing a means for the greater Dayton community to invest in welcoming the immigrants who are already here and who may come in the future," said Melissa Bertolo, Welcome Dayton coordinator. "In light of some of the changes occurring at the federal level, Welcome Dayton and community partners decided it is important to come together to ensure that immigrants and refugees in our community continue to have access to vital services."

Welcome Dayton is a community initiative that has been internationally recognized for supporting immigrant integration and creating an immigrant friendly city. It was adopted by the Dayton City Commission in 2011, and is administered by the City of Dayton Human Relations Council.

For more information, go to welcomedayton.org or call 333-1422.

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