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Mankato-The Greater Mankato Diversity Council (GMDC) will host its annual event beginning at 5 p.m., Monday, September 26 at the Country Inn and Suites, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato. This first-time event features speaker Nay Malloy Howell, with the YMCA of the USA, cultural entertainment, partner recognition and a video premiere. Over the past year, GMDC, with the help of its partners and other community supporters, has moved forward as it strives to create an inclusive and welcoming community. Recent accomplishments include:

- Successfully implementing its Prejudice Reduction Workshops to more than 1,200 seventh and eighth grade students in Mankato area public and private schools
- Hiring and training 25 local Prejudice Reduction Workshop facilitators
- Developing a video for the sixth-grade curriculum and other educational materials
- Creating a calendar that highlights local cultural events, international observances and major religious holidays

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