



## this issue

Food and Friendship at UNP **P.1**

Startup Incubator **P.2**

A Student's Reflection **P.3**

Upcoming Events **P.4**

## New Partnership with NASW, Utah

Written by Julianne Rabb

In the fall of 2015, UNP began working with a group of University of Utah Master of Social Work (MSW) graduates from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds as they prepared for the clinical license exam. Often students who take the exam have found that it is very rooted in *this* culture and less intuitive for people from other backgrounds. As current professionals in the field, the resident participants reported a strong desire to increase their professional capacity by attaining their clinical licensure, and called upon UNP to support their efforts.

In partnership with the University of Utah's College of Social Work, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Utah Chapter is providing support through donated study guides and tuition for an all-day training led by faculty. UNP is committed to supporting this professional pathway for MSW graduates of all backgrounds, specifically those focused on addressing the content through a multi-cultural perspective. The study group meets weekly at the UNP Hartland Partnership Center in Salt Lake City. Contact Julianne Rabb at 801.973.5945 for more information.

## Food and Friendship

Written by Sarah Munro

In recent months the changing political climate in the country has generated a great deal of fear and anxiety in immigrant and refugee communities, and has left many people in UNP's networks unsure about the future, and even whether they belong in this community any more. Many of our friends and colleagues who are leaders in the neighborhoods had shared the exhaustion of trying to ease the panic of their many friends and relatives, and the weight of being the ones who their communities turn to for support in challenging times.

To demonstrate UNP's deep and ongoing commitment to west side communities and to working will all in a spirit of respect and dignity, UNP hosted a Friendship Dinner in March to extend a hand of support and connection to these community leaders. With a group of 35+ leaders from all over the world, we sat together, ate together, and in three different languages offered a moment to relax and take care of each other. People who came reflected that it was a welcoming and enjoyable experience. This is the kind of world we all want to see.

## Cena de la Amistad

Escrito por Teresa Molina

El mes pasado, UNP invitó a los líderes comunitarios a una cena de amistad en Hartland Center. El ambiente social, tenso por las recientes políticas de inmigración y rumores reales o ficticios, ha desencadenado reacciones post-traumáticas en una gran parte de la comunidad del lado oeste, donde muchos residentes son inmigrantes, de origen refugiado y de color. Como consecuencia, muchos líderes que están ayudando a la comunidad, también necesitan espacio para la reflexión y reuniones amistosas, donde puedan volver a conectarse con la realidad de que la sociedad es lo que hacemos de ella. Personas de diferentes etnias, estatus socioeconómico, género, edad e idiomas asistieron a la cena. Hubo un ejercicio de meditación y relajación, facilitado en inglés, español y árabe. Los asistentes disfrutaron de la experiencia, diciendo que lo harían de nuevo. UNP se complace en trabajar juntos para apoyar a todos los grupos de la comunidad y continuar abogando por el acceso a la salud, la educación, el empleo y la vivienda para todos los residentes del lado oeste, apoyando la creación de asociaciones comunitarias para beneficio mutuo y respeto por las diferencias. Reiteramos otra vez nuestra solidaridad y nuestro compromiso con nuestra comunidad.

