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## **MSU Outreach and Engagement receives “Collaboration Award” from Immigrant and Refugee Resource Collaborative**

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – Michigan State University’s Office of University Outreach and Engagement has been recognized for contributions to the Mid-Michigan international community by the American Red Cross, Mid-Michigan Chapter, and St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services.

The Immigrant and Refugee Resource Collaborative was formed by the two local community organizations to provide services, promote opportunities, and build a network to foster the realization of Ingham County as a home for people seeking a better life from all parts of the globe.

Robert E. Brown, Associate Director for Community Engagement at University Outreach and Engagement, was recognized for exemplary work and support of the Collaborative’s effort.

“Our vision is of a community where refugees, immigrants, and language minorities are welcomed and are able to integrate and participate fully in society at all levels,” said Mary Flores, St. Vincent Catholic Charities Refugee Services Director.

“Mr. Brown’s guidance has saved hours of time and increased the productivity of the Immigrant and Refugee Resource Collaborative dramatically. His excellent facilitating skills, experience and knowledge provide invaluable contributions as we move forward with this effort. We appreciate how University Outreach and Engagement applies MSU’s land-grant mission by bringing the benefits of university knowledge to the public.”

The Office of University Outreach and Engagement tackles priority issues of concern to society by encouraging, supporting, and collaborating with MSU faculty and community partners to generate, transmit, apply, and preserve knowledge. The aim of this work has always been to enhance the quality of life and economic viability of Michigan residents and beyond.

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