

# ECDC NEWS

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## **A TASTE OF CULTURES DAY Sharing Cultures for Global Harmony**

*(Arlington, Virginia)* - The Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) will commemorate A Taste of Cultures Day on July 27, from 12pm to 4pm at the Walter Reed Community Center in Arlington, Virginia, in celebration of the diverse cultures and ethnic heritage of the area's immigrant community.

Through this yearly event, ECDC aims to build a bridge to bring together and forge a deeper understanding of cultures and contributions of immigrants and the wider community. Each year, the event features traditional ethnic foods, music, and art. This year's celebrations will include music and dancing from African, Asian, Latin American, and European cultures; Ethiopian and Caribbean food; African artwork and jewelry; and face painting for children.

"Immigrants add color and variety - things that make America such a great place to live. Often when one thinks of immigrants to America, their contributions do not also come to mind immediately. We hope to change this through A Taste of Cultures Day by showcasing the richness and diversity of the immigrant community," said Dr. Tsehaye Teferra, Ethiopian Community Development Council's President.

Originally founded to respond to the needs of a growing Ethiopian community in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, ECDC has grown to assist immigrants and refugees from other parts of the world. Over the past 18 years, ECDC has been an active community member in Arlington, dedicated to serving and representing the multi-cultural community through culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate programs and services.

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