

## **2020 Human Rights Awards**

Excerpts from nomination forms received

### **Jamaal Abegaz**

Jamaal has shown exemplary ambition, awareness, care, and compassion through his voluntary activism as an individual and as a leader of the local Black Lives Matter and Red River Valley Democratic Socialists of America chapters.

### **Ahmed Shil**

Ahmed has made an impact on the community through his work during the pandemic. He has helped to connect local organizations to the United Way of Cass and Clay. He created a Covid-19 response team with seven immigrant organizations. Through this work, he has provided valuable education to immigrants in the community to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the community. He has also assisted with food distribution to those that have been infected.

### **Kari Yates**

Kari has worked hard to serve the New American community. She has worked to connect New American parents with the school district, volunteered in teaching English classes for New Americans, and has even assisted with food distribution for New American communities during the pandemic.

### **Moorhead Police Athletics and Activities League**

In 2019, Moorhead Police Athletics and Activities League (PAL) helped 780 kids by providing opportunities for them to have one-on-one contact with law enforcement officers. Through programs such as Shop-with-a-Cop, Cops and Kids hockey game, bike donations and more, PAL looks for ways to have positive impacts with community youth. PAL's goal is to provide a positive influence, to empower relationships and reduce juvenile crime. Over 85% of officer time is donated off-shift and the remaining time is donated by the Moorhead Police Department. PAL believes that these positive interactions will not only help kids in high risk and disadvantaged situations, but the officers as well.