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DIA DE LA RAZA AT THE MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER
Event was held Saturday, October 17

Dubuque, Iowa – The Multicultural Family Center (MFC) held its first Dia de la Raza also known as “Day of the Races” on Saturday, October 17. Over 100 people attended this three-hour event at the MFC, which included exhibits from countries all over the world including: Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Peru, Sudan and the United States. Dia de la Raza also included presentations on various countries, native dancing and a variety of foods from around the world.

This was the first major community event since the grand opening of the MFC in its new location on September 19, 2009. Tara Velez, Director of the Multicultural Family Center, said, “There was a great turnout for this event because people are so excited to share their culture with others. It was the perfect family event with music, dancing, food and socializing. It was just a glimpse into all the culture that Dubuque has to offer.”

The new Multicultural Family Center is now open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The following are some of the programs offered at the MFC: English Language Classes, Family Art Classes, Family Literacy Computer Classes, Resume Workshops, After School Homework Help, Family Movie Night, Dance Club for Teens, Drama Club for Youth, Teen Night, Computer Recycling Program, and Free Internet and Computer Access. The MFC encourages families to visit the new location at 1157 Central Avenue to learn more about current and upcoming programs.

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If you would like more information about this celebration or about the Multicultural Family Center, please call Tara at 690.6041 or email Tara at tvelez@cityofdubuque.org.