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Designing Women: A Cross-Cultural Design Celebration

DENVER, July 10, 2017 -- ECDC African Community Center’s We Made This program, a sewing training and social enterprise initiative for Denver-area refugees, invites you to Designing Women: A Cross-Cultural Design Collaboration. Lt. Governor Donna Lynne and Mayor Michael Hancock will both join the celebration to share welcoming remarks. Additionally, ACC Managing Director, Melissa Theesen, will also be available for questions regarding ECDC ACC’s renewed initiatives following the recently implemented executive orders regarding refugees. Theesen states, “Refugees bring incredible resilience, creativity, and passion to our community. The showcase designs are going to be remarkable.”

The event will take place on Friday, July 21, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Space Gallery, 400 Santa Fe Drive, Denver. The order of events for media coverage are as follows:

- 5:45 p.m. Remarks from Lt. Governor Donna Lynne
- 6:00 p.m. Remarks from Mayor Michael B. Hancock
- 6:15 p.m. ACC Managing Director Melissa Theesen available for questions
- 7:30 p.m. “Design Walk” with appearances from refugee artisans and local designers

The event will be an opportunity to showcase unique cross-cultural designs, experience and understand the design process, and show support for Denver’s refugee community and the work of ECDC’s African Community Center and We Made This.


ECDC African Community Center (ACC) is a branch office of the Ethiopian Community Development Council that has helped refugees and immigrants build safe, sustainable lives in the Denver area for more than 15 years. Reception and placement activities that ACC conducts are paid for, in part, through financial assistance provided by the Department of State. We Made This is a program of ECDC/ACC, which is funded in part by the Colorado Refugee Services Program. CRSP is a division of the Colorado Department of Human Services and funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Refugee Resettlement. ACC is a 501(c)(3) entity. For more information about ACC, visit www.acc-den.org and follow on Facebook.

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