



**NDASFAA Diversity & Multicultural Initiatives Committee (DMCI)
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The DMCI Committee was engaged in the 2019 spring conference planning, and is promoting this year's philanthropy project, Lake Region Community Shelter. The shelter opened in May of 2016 with the vision to provide temporary shelter for those in need. The shelter serves a variety of guests with different goals and needs, including housing, meals, showers, personal hygiene items and laundry facilities. On behalf of the shelter, their guests and the DMCI committee, thank you for your support of this organization.

The DMCI committee recommended to the NDASFAA Executive Committee to eliminate the scholarship resources page of on the NDASFAA website. After a thorough review conducted by Susan Cordahl, it was determined that many of the links were non-vetted sites and even unsecured. Without the ability to fully evaluate a scholarship resource prior to posting, the committee felt that it was a security concern. Additionally, maintaining another site for scholarships appeared to be a duplication of efforts as institutions and associations maintain such data.

The committee will continue to look for articles focusing on diversity and multicultural issues and make them available to the membership.