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**Bhutanese Community Celebrates 2nd Annual Bhutanese Day
Highlighting a “Epic Journey From Bhutan to Syracuse”**

Syracuse, New York – On Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., the Bhutanese community will host the 2nd Annual Bhutanese Day in Syracuse, at Franklin Magnet School, 428 South Alvord Street, Syracuse, NY. The 2014 program, “Our Epic Journey From Bhutan to Syracuse,” will inform attendees what life was like in Bhutan before camp internment, why the Bhutanese refugees left their country, and what life was like in refugee camps. The programs launched to repatriate to Bhutan and the accomplishments of Syracuse’s Bhutanese residents over the last six years will be highlighted as well. Examples of Bhutanese culture through song, dance and food samples will be included in the program.

Bhutanese Day in Syracuse is held annually in March, celebrating the first Bhutanese family’s arrival in Syracuse. Hari Adhikari and his family were the first Bhutanese family to resettle in Syracuse, arriving on March 4, 2008. There are approximately 2,500 Bhutanese resettled in Central New York.

Distinguished attendee's and speakers will include New York State Congressman Dan Maffei, New York State Senate representatives, New York State Assembly representatives, Syracuse City School District representatives, refugee resettlement agency representatives from InterFaith Works, Catholic Charities, and Onondaga County Northside CYO, neighboring city friends, and Bhutanese community representatives from Syracuse.

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