

# MARY J. TREGLIA COMMUNITY HOUSE

## Mission Statement

We believe cultural diversity  
strengthens our community.

We strive to identify and respond  
to the needs of the immigrant  
population in Siouxland through  
education, services, advocacy and  
celebration of diversity.

Through these efforts, the

Mary J. Treglia

Community House makes  
possible the self-sufficiency and  
empowerment of the individual.



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*Educating,  
Empowering, &  
Advocating  
for Siouxland's  
Children & Families  
Since 1921*

# EDUCATING

**Pre-School** at Mary Treglia is for three- to five-year old children whose parents are in our ESL classes. Programming is in English, and focuses on developing the cognitive, social, and motor skills necessary to be prepared for Kindergarten.



**Camp Imagination** offers a perfect mix of challenging academics, enriching experiences, and summer fun to keep elementary children active and progressing during the lazy days of summer. The program was designed in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University to specifically address the problem of summer learning loss, but without the feel of summer school.



Campers spend mornings with qualified teachers improving reading and math skills through challenging learning games and experiential activities. Afternoons include language and culture lessons, drama, music, field trips, and other enriching activities.

Such opportunities are ones those in our low-income neighborhood would not normally have. As such, no student pays the almost \$1,000 cost per student. Fees are heavily subsidized by grants, the United Way, and donations from generous community friends like you.

To find out how to sponsor a child for the summer, for a week, or simply to make a tax-deductible contribution to Camp Imagination, please contact the Executive Director, Erica DeLeon, at [erica@marytreglia.org](mailto:erica@marytreglia.org) or (712) 258-5137.



# EMPOWERING

**English Classes** are taught four days per week. Experienced teachers work with three levels of ESL students Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Classes are designed to teach real-life English using such practical modules as Employment, Education, Health, Home Safety, Nutrition, and Personal Communication.



ESL Students also have the benefit of access to the Rosetta Stone language software on MJTCH's computer lab stations. Teachers utilize the software in their lessons, and students are also welcome to use the lab during regular office hours to continue improving their English skills.



**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** provides free tax preparation services and financial literacy education to low income taxpayers. All tax preparers are volunteers who are thoroughly trained and certified through the IRS. In the past two years, preparers at Mary Treglia have returned over \$300,000 in federal income tax refunds to almost 200 low income families.

# ADVOCATING

**Legal Immigration Services** are provided by extensively-trained specialists, who focus on family-based immigration, refugee processing, naturalization cases, and other immigration services essential to our area's immigrants. They are accredited with the Board of Immigration Appeals, and continually train and network with experts regionally and nationally to stay current on immigration law trends.

**Citizenship Classes** help aspiring naturalization candidates learn the English, civics, and U.S. history knowledge required of a new citizen. Classes are held every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and students can join at any time.



**Bilingual Services** help medical offices, attorneys, businesses, and schools locate interpreters in numerous languages. We use an extensive network of staff, volunteers, AmeriCorps members, and independent contractors who are fluent in one or more of the following:

- Spanish
- Oromo
- Somali
- German
- Vietnamese
- Amharic
- French
- Tigrigna

Our interpreters also help our low income clients navigate the complex legal, social, and medical systems of the U.S. by serving as an interpreter and advocate.



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