

# South Central Immigrant Services

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## Kaleidoscope of Cultures

On March 22, local business people and service providers had the opportunity to attend a Kaleidoscope of Cultures - five local immigrants shared their stories of moving to South Central Manitoba. Each of the storytellers have been in Manitoba for different lengths of time.

### Storytellers:

Natalya Shepelyova arrived from Kazakhstan about 6 months ago.

Chang Liu first arrived from China approximately 3 years ago, she has spent time in China since then.

Angeline Waloh was born in Liberia and moved to a refugee camp in Ghana. She was sponsored to come to Canada in 2009.

Ed Rogalsky arrived from Germany over 10 years ago.

Juan Neufeld immigrated from Mexico about 30 years ago.



Many of the storytellers faced similar challenges like finding jobs that fit their qualifications, getting driver's licenses, adjusting to Canadian culture, experiencing homesickness, leaving family behind and learning English. Attendees heard more than once that people chose to leave good jobs and established lives to move to Canada for the sake of their children.

After the program, guests were treated to delicious cultural desserts prepared by Marina Sawazki.



