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Local Youth's Art "Spices Up" Foods of All Nations Program

APPLETON, Wis., September 9, 2004 – Diversity is a sweet thing for 11 year old Manoj Dadi. His colorful pencil illustration, full of flags and national costumes arranged around a bowl of “global dessert” was chosen as the grand prizewinner in the first annual Youth Poster Contest sponsored by the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center. The theme of the poster contest was “Diversity- The Spice of Life”. Dadi is the son of Srinivasa and Rama Dadi and is a 6th grader at Ferber Elementary in Appleton.

Dadi’s artwork will become the program cover for the upcoming Foods of All Nations event, to be held outdoors in downtown Appleton on Saturday, September 18 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Authentic foods from over 20 different nationalities and regions will be available, along with an afternoon-long program of music and dance provided by local performers and groups.

Admission to the Foods of All Nations event is \$7 at the gate, and \$6 for seniors, students or advance tickets. Children age 6 and under are free. Tickets are available through the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center, 128 N. Oneida, Appleton, 428-2875, at Harmony Café, and through other area multicultural organizations.

This is the seventh annual Foods of All Nations event, which this year is being co-hosted by the new Multicultural Center along with founder Toward Community: Unity in Diversity.

Valley Transit is offering 25 cent fares on Saturday, September 18 to encourage people to take the bus to the event, which will be held outdoors right across the street from the Valley Transit Center. Washington Street between Appleton and Morrison will be blocked off for the event.

The Multicultural Center is a non-profit umbrella organization enabled by the generous sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Appleton to be a resource for groups that promote diversity and harmony in the Fox Cities. The Multicultural Center also serves a gathering place for anyone to access the wide range of diversity in the Fox Cities for information and connections.

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Manoj Dadi explaining the symbols in his winning poster to Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center Treasurer Dr. Bola Delano-Oriaran and President Mary Wisnet.

