



MEDIA KIT

Maangaar Voices

Maangaar means “unique mind” in Somali.

ABOUT US

Maangaar Voices is a Minnesota 501(c)(3) nonprofit that empowers autistic people and people with disabilities in immigrant communities, and their families and support networks, through storytelling, supportive spaces, education, person-centered practices and advocacy for policy and systems change.

Founded in 2024, it builds on nearly two decades of grassroots advocacy by Somali parents and allies. Its name comes from Maangaar, a Somali word meaning “unique mind” that offers an affirming way to talk about autism.

Its programs include Wellness Wednesdays, a weekly virtual support group for women in the disability community; private swim lessons for Muslim women with FOSS Swim School in Burnsville; Inclusive Faith Spaces, with sensory-friendly Eid and inclusive dugsi classes; the annual Maangaar Summit; and Maangaar Media, which shares the community’s stories.

FAST FACTS

2024 Founded, after nearly two decades of grassroots advocacy

205 women registered for Wellness Wednesdays, from 4 countries

175 women enrolled in private swim lessons since Summer 2025

3 Maangaar Summits: 2024, 2025 and the next on November 27, 2026

PROGRAMS

Wellness Wednesdays
Private swim lessons
Inclusive Faith Spaces
Maangaar Summit
Maangaar Media

BOARD

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RECENT COVERAGE

POWER 104.7 FM	Somali moms in Minnesota coordinate swimming lessons for caregivers of autistic children	August 4, 2026
The Star (Kenya)	Breaking silence on autism: A father's story of denial, shame and learning	June 3, 2026
Refugee Health Conference · Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers	Keynote speaker: Anisa Hagi-Mohamed, MA, linguist, poet, author and community leader	April 13, 2026
The 74	Children With Disabilities Particularly Vulnerable to Minneapolis ICE Crackdown	January 23, 2026
Suggest	7-Year-Old Dies After Suffering Medical Emergency At Minnesota School	September 26, 2025
CBS News Minnesota	St. Cloud family searching for answers after child dies following medical emergency at school	September 23, 2025
Haybad Films · SPNN	Maangaar	August 5, 2025
Access Press	An array of disability issues is the focus for several Bush Fellows	July 1, 2025

All coverage: maangaarvoices.org/press

BRAND COLORS

 Maangaar Blue #2C97CA

 Gold #DFB05D

 Plum #5F2A5D

LOGOS

Download the stacked logo, horizontal logo and infinity mark at maangaarvoices.org/press.

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