



A TRUSTED PLACE TO HEAR THE TRUTH



Maria

Maria, who works at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Minneapolis, provided us (the CDC visitors and MINI guests) with some valuable insight about the trust issue with Latinos and the church.

Maria explained that Latinos remember that back in their village in Mexico, no one had a telephone or any way to communicate with each other so when there was news that people needed to know, the church would ring the bell and everyone would gather at the church.

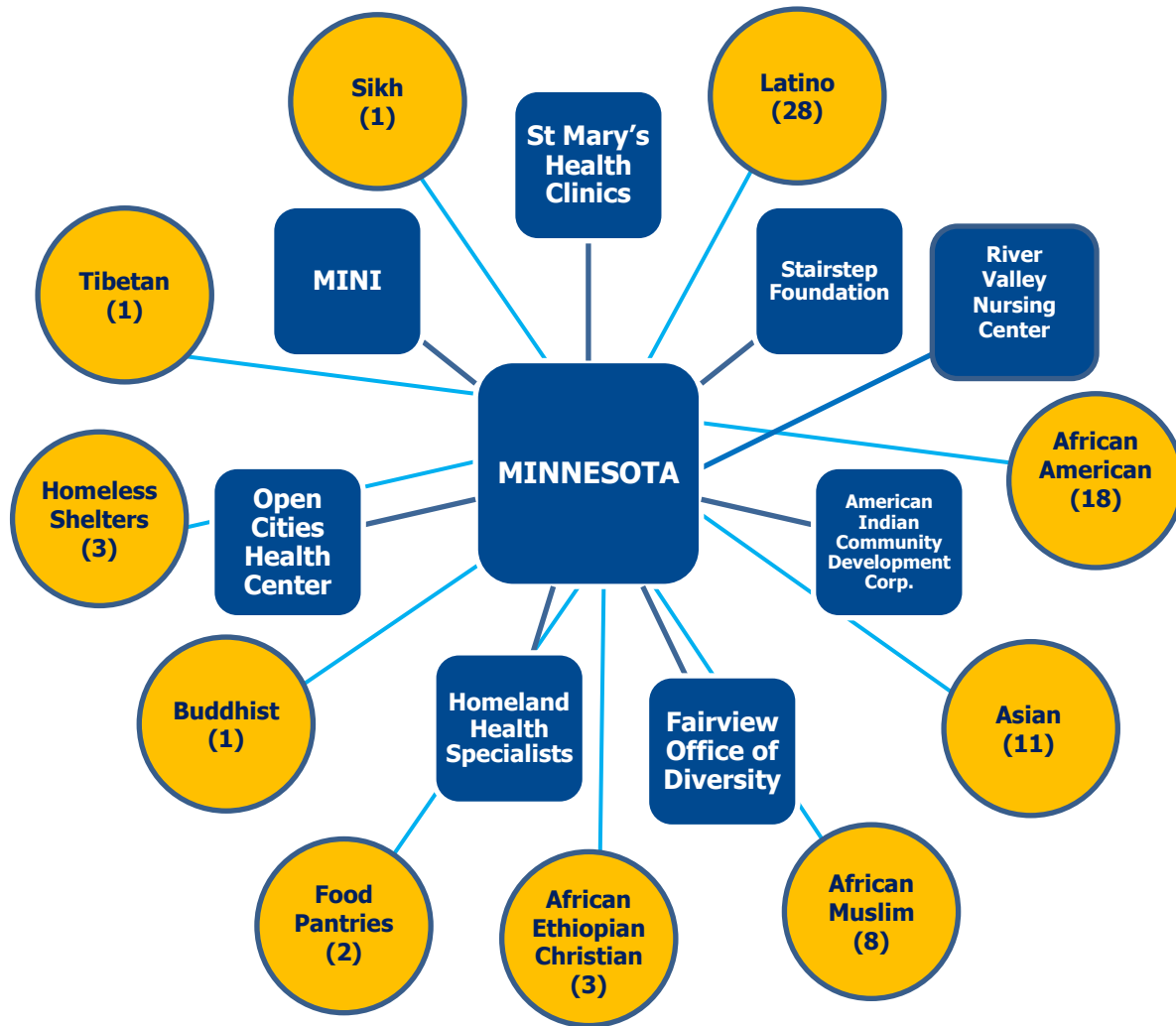
She explained that the church is still ringing the bell, so to speak – it is a trusted place where people know they will hear the truth.

We now understand better that it is in their culture and traditions to listen to the church and that news that comes from the church is considered important. They believe this is information they need to pay attention to and the church is looking out for their best interests.

Maria also gave us thanks for helping her community -- the Latino community.

She explained that often times Latinos feel that they are not welcome and that people do not really care about their well-being or their situation. They work incredibly hard in difficult jobs and struggle, but they feel a sense of apathy from the outside community.

As such, Maria was very thankful that St. Mary's Health Clinics and their partners brought the flu shots to her community.



VACCINATION REACH

- 102 vaccination events
- 7,285 persons vaccinated
 - Hispanic/Latino 41%
 - Asian/Pacific Islander 32%
 - Caucasian 10%
 - African-American 9%
 - African 5%
 - Unspecified 2%
 - Native American 1%

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- 8 Core Partners
- 102 Vaccination Site Partners serving:
 - 28 Latino
 - 18 African American
 - 11 Asian
 - 8 African Muslim
 - 3 African Ethiopian Christian
 - 2 food pantries
 - 3 homeless shelters
 - 1 Buddhist
 - 1 Tibetan
 - 1 Sikh
 - Remaining clinics served multiple ethnicities