Established in 1992, Hmong Cultural Center’s Mission is to promote the personal development of children, youth, and adults through Hmong cultural education while providing resources that enhance cross-cultural awareness and understanding between Hmong and non-Hmong persons.

Multicultural Education and Race Relations Outreach Programs to Promote Cross-Cultural Understanding Between Hmong and non-Hmong

Hmong Resource Center: The Hmong Resource Center is a heavily utilized program that provides community outreach activities related to multicultural education for the purposes of promoting positive race relations in the Minneapolis-St. Paul community. Hundreds of individual college and secondary school students and community members such as educators and health and medical professionals use the Resource Center each year to find information about the Hmong. The Resource Center also publishes a Hmong Studies scholarly journal and compiles and disseminates its own Hmong-related social science research in relation to important socioeconomic and social justice issues. All of these activities are intended to improve understanding and group relations between Hmong and non-Hmong while also improving the ability of core institutions in the mainstream society to serve Hmong-Americans in a culturally competent manner.

Building Bridges

Teaching about the Hmong in Our Communities Program: To respond to the need for community education about the Hmong refugee experience, Hmong refugees from Wat Thamkrabok and Hmong contributions to Minnesota and the United States, the Hmong Cultural Center’s Building Bridges race relations outreach program provides comprehensive and interactive multicultural education presentations about the Hmong to groups in the Twin Cities community, Greater Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Building Bridges program is intended to promote dialogue and understanding and reduce stereotypes that divide our communities.

Adult Education and Literacy Programs to promote the personal development and self-sufficiency of Hmong adults in American Society

Citizenship Program: This program prepares adults for their citizenship exams by teaching them about American laws, history and government while tutoring them for their citizenship interviews.

ESL Program: This program teaches adults Basic English vocabulary and grammar as well as workforce skills such as computer keyboarding.

Educational Programs to promote the personal development, self-esteem, and social skills of Children, Youth and Adults

Qeej Musical Instrument and Dance Programs: The Qeej after-school program teaches children and youth, aged 6 to 18, how to play the Qeej instrument, traditional Qeej songs, and how to perform Qeej dances. The Qeej instrument is an important cultural identifier for the Hmong people and plays an intrinsic role in Hmong funerals. This program helps reconnect children and youth to the culture of their parents. The Qeej program also includes guest speakers on important youth issues and academic enrichment activities for children and youth. The dance program provides instruction to children and youth in traditional Hmong and Asian dances.

Hmong Men’s Circle:
The Hmong Men’s Circle provides culturally-specific guest speakers, cultural education, and field trips to promote positive social development for Hmong male youth.

Hmoob Kab Lis Kev Cai (Cultural Customs): This 12 year old program teaches adults and youth traditional songs and rituals associated with Mej Koob (the traditional Hmong Marriage Ceremony) and Kev Pam Tuag (Funeral Customs) in order to help ensure the survival of Hmong culture and tradition.
Adult Basic Education in 2006 Stats

Adult Basic Education Classes:

Total number of students: 181
Men: 43%
Women: 59%

Forty-Six percent of Hmong Cultural Center’s Adult Basic Education Students moved up a level in testing from May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006.

Traditional Education in 2006 Stats

Marriage (Meej Koob) Ceremony Class:

Total number of students: 48
Male: 100%
Female: 0%

Funeral (Kav Xwm thiab Txiv Xaiv) Ceremony Class:

Total number of students: 35
Male: 100%
Female: 0%

Qeej Class:

Total number of students: 35
Male: 94%
Female: 6%

Dance Class:

Total number of students: 30
Male: 13%
Female: 87%

Hmong Men’s Circle in 2006 Stats:

Total number of participant: 10
Male: 100%
Female: 0%

Volunteers with Adult Basic Education and the Hmong Resource Center Stats

Total number of volunteers in 2006: 21
Male: 57%
Female: 43%
Multicultural Education at the Hmong Resource Center in 2006

The Hmong Resource Center is a primary provider of multicultural education resources and race relations outreach activities related to the Hmong people and to groups in the Twin Cities area and the Upper Midwest. The Hmong Cultural Center serves as the Hmong representative organization on the Council of Advisors of Tolerance Minnesota.

2006 Hmong Resource Center User Stats from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

Total number of visitors: 762

% of Hmong: 39%
% of Non-Hmong: 61%
Over the age of 18: 83%
Under the age of 18: 17%
Local resident: 81%
Non-local resident: 19%
Academic or User (Affiliate with College or University): 27%

Number of Hmong Resource Center Visitors Affiliated with Universities or Colleges 1/01/06-12/31/06

Minnesota-Based

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In addition, more than 700 persons attended the Building Bridges Multicultural Education Presentations about the Hmong Culture and History from the Hmong Cultural Center in 2006. The presentation was also given through the state of Minnesota and in Wisconsin. The majority of these participants in the presentation were Educators, Health Care Workers, or in the Social Services field. The entire Building Bridges program curriculum may be viewed online at www.learnabouthmong.com in the “Hmong 101presentation” section.
A tutor worked with an ESL student in the late afternoon class.

An Adult refugee student who arrived from Wat Thamkrabok, Thailand studies English in an Evening English as a Second Language Class at the Hmong Cultural Center.
SCENES FROM HMONG CULTURAL CENTER

Jonny Lee instructs a Beginner Qeej Student to play the traditional Hmong instrument.

Mexai Xiong instructs the more advance students in the Advance Qeej Class.
Qeej students received recognition.

Graduates of Mej Koob Marriage Ceremony Training Program are recognized along with their teacher Tougeu Leepalao.
Hmong Cultural Center Dancers at the 2006 Hmong Resource Fair. The Hmong Resource Fair was held on Saturday, October 21, 2006 from 10am till 2pm at Arlington Sr. High School in St. Paul, MN. It was a tremendous success.

Hmong Cultural Center Dancers Performed at the Hmong Cultural Center Annual Picnic on June 23, 2006 at Battle Creek Regional Park, Maplewood, MN.
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Mexai Xiong, Qeej Program Mentor
Blia Lee, Dance Instructor
**HMONG CULTURAL CENTER, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

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| NET INCOME                        | $23,351   |
The 2006 Hmong Cultural Center fundraising banquet was held at FoodSmart Restaurant in Saint Paul on Sunday, October 28. It was a great success. Almost $4,000 was raised from the community to support the cultural education programs (Qeej, Dance, and Marriage and Funeral Ceremony Instruction) at Hmong Cultural Center in 2007.

Individual Financial Contributors to the 2006 Hmong Cultural Center Fundraising Banquet Included:

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www.nea.gov

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