

HMONG CULTURAL CENTER 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

2016 Hmong Cultural Center Program Accomplishments

Adult Basic Education Program (Citizenship and English Classes for Adults)

321 students served with 23,950 hours of instruction in Citizenship and English classes.

Qeej Musical Instrument Program

33 students served with instruction in the Hmong Qeej instrument and Qeej songs played in the traditional Hmong funeral ceremony

Wedding and Funeral Songs Program

37 students served with instruction in traditional Hmong Wedding and Funeral Songs

Hmong History Center Exhibit Center Visitors

From January 1 to December 31, 2016:

Physical Visitors

604 Total Physical Visitors toured exhibits

Hmong 101 Program

Sample of Groups Served with educational information about Hmong culture and history:

Hennepin County Libraries - Brooklyn Park, North Regional, Hopkins, Golden Valley.

Minnesota Library Association Conference, Duluth, MN.

Eastside Elders Center, Saint Paul, MN

Goodwill Easter Seals Staff In-service, Saint Paul, MN

Neighborhood House, Saint Paul, MN

City of Saint Paul Staff in-service, MN

Equal Opportunity Employment Commission (EEOC) - Mpls/Milwaukee/Chicago

Ramsey County Emergency Services, Saint Paul, MN

Women's Community, Wausau, WI

Bluestone Physicians Services, Stillwater, MN

Customized Options, Saint Paul, MN



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Cultural Arts Education, Multicultural Education, Adult Basic Education

It is the mission of the Hmong Cultural Center to promote the personal development of children, youth, and adults through education while providing resources that enhance cross-cultural awareness and understanding between Hmong and Non-Hmong.

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Hmong Cultural Center Programs

Adult Basic Education Program - The Adult Basic Education Programs at Hmong Cultural Center include English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes, Occupational English Classes and Citizenship Classes. Hmong Cultural Center is a member of the Saint Paul Community Literacy Consortium.

Hmong Wedding and Funeral Songs Program - This 25 year old program at Hmong Cultural Center teaches adults and youth traditional orally recited songs and procedures associated with MeejKoob (the traditional Hmong Marriage Ceremony) and Kev PamTuag (Funeral Ceremony) in order to help ensure the survival of Hmong culture and traditions.

Qeej Musical Instrument Program - The popular afterschool Qeej classes at Hmong Cultural Center teach students in the art of the Qeej - a traditional instrument widely known as a cultural symbol of Hmong identity. Lessons include playing and dancing with the Qeej instrument.

Dance Program - The afterschool dance classes at Hmong Cultural Center teach children and youth traditional Hmong, Lao and Asian dance forms.

Hmong Resource Center Library - The collections of the Hmong Resource Center library include more than 800 Hmong-related books, 400 Hmong-related theses and dissertations, 850 Hmong-related academic journal articles, over 3,500 Hmong-related newspaper articles and 311 videos as well as 52 CDs and 32 DVDs. The library likely has the largest collection of Hmong-related theses and dissertations and journal articles of any institution in the United States. The library also hosts a growing virtual library collection on the internet (www.hmonglibrary.org)

Hmong History Center - The center provides a growing selection of exhibits and interpretive materials that teach visitors about Hmong culture and history with an emphasis on the experiences of Hmong Minnesotans and the rich Hmong folk arts tradition. (www.hmonghistorycenter.org)

Hmong 101 Program - To respond to the need for community education about the Hmong experience, Hmong history and culture and Hmong American contributions to the U.S., the Hmong Cultural Center provides comprehensive and interactive multicultural education presentations about the Hmong to groups in Minnesota, the Upper Midwest and the entire United States through its groundbreaking Hmong 101 workshops and webinars as well as online classes (www.hmong101.com)

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Community:

Thank you so much for your support of Hmong Cultural Center over the past year! We have several exciting initiatives happening in 2017 that I would like to briefly share with you. These arose out of our 5 year Strategic Plan now in its fourth year of implementation. We continue to successfully build new outreach in our Adult Basic Education programs (English as a Second Language, Work English and Citizenship) with newer immigrant/refugee communities including the Karen and Somalis in Saint Paul in addition to the Hmong community we have long served.

Over the past year, we have built online classes teaching Hmong Wedding and Funeral Procedures, the Qeej instrument and Hmong 101: An Introduction to Hmong Culture and History allowing us to reach many people outside of Minnesota with internet-based cultural instruction. We are also continuing to build new educational exhibits in our Hmong History Center with expanded panels in our permanent exhibit *Hmong Minnesota: Yesterday and Today* developed in partnership with *Museology* to help teach our Saint Paul and Minnesota community about Hmong History and Culture. We are quite excited to be currently building interactive displays to teach visitors about Hmong music and folk art forms. The *Hmong Folk Arts Experience Interactive Exhibit* will launch at the end of 2017 as we celebrate our 25th anniversary!

Txongpao Lee, Executive Director

**HMONG CULTURAL CENTER, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**

INCOME	<u>Total (\$)</u>
Grants-government	181,034
Donations, Private Grants, Contributions	134,047
Misc Income	981
TOTAL INCOME AND SUPPORT	\$340,914

EXPENSES	
Payroll	211,544
Supplies	3,917
Rent Maintenance	36,187
Insurance	6,004
Communication	4,573
Contract Services	17,513
Community Outreach	486
Resource Center Expenses	15,838
Staff and Board Development	587
Printing	68
Equipment	4,618
Travel/Transportation	11,691
Service Charges	927
Other Expenses	1,490

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$315,443**

NET INCOME **\$25,471**

HMONG CULTURAL CENTER PROGRAM EXPENSES 2016

Adult Basic Education	\$216,403
Hmong History Center and Library	\$31,778
Hmong Cultural Arts Education Program	\$13,036

BALANCE SHEET

Total Liabilities	\$8,497
Total Current Liabilities	\$8,497
Restricted Net Assets	\$27,953
Total Net Assets	\$57,517
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$66,014

Copies of the organization's most recent audit and Hmong Cultural Center's Form 990 are available on the organizational website at www.hmongcc.org



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