

HMONG CULTURAL CENTER 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

2017 Hmong Cultural Center Program Accomplishments

Adult Basic Education Program (Citizenship, ESL and Occupational English Classes for Adults)
344 students served with 26,383 hours of instruction.

Qeej Musical Instrument Program

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

Wedding and Funeral Songs Program

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

Online Classes

34 students served with instruction including Hmong 101 (14), Wedding (10), Funeral (7), and Qeej (3)

Museum Exhibit Center and Library Visitors

From January 1 to December 31, 2017:

Physical Visitors

466 Total Physical Visitors toured exhibits or used Library

Hmong 101 Program

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

Hennepin County Libraries

DEED

US Department of Agriculture

Customized Options

University of Saint Thomas

Herzing University

Lutheran Outdoors of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD

Jesus Fellowship of Believers Youth Group, Menominee, WI

Lifesource, Minneapolis, MN

Saint Paul, MN Urban Ministry/Church Youth Group, Clifton, TX



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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, Job Counseling Services 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, 900 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)

Museum Exhibit Center - The Museum Exhibit Center provides a growing selection of interactive 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 U.S. (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 2018 that I would like to briefly share with you. We continue to successfully build new outreach in our Adult Basic Education programs (English as a Second Language, Occupational 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. I would like to emphasize that our Citizenship program is one of the largest of its kind in Minneapolis-St. Paul and continues to help many of our neighbors earn their U.S. Naturalization so they can exercise their full rights as Americans.

We are also continue to build new educational exhibits in our Museum Exhibit Center which now features 22 panels in our permanent exhibit *Hmong Minnesota: Yesterday and Today* developed in partnership with *Museology and Design Uake* to help teach our Saint Paul and Minnesota community about Hmong History and Culture. This year we will continue to install additional interactive ipad stations for a total of 7 such stations teaching visitors about the Hmong Folk Arts including Qeej, Wedding and Funeral Songs, Embroidery, traditional musical instruments, Hmong sung poetry and Hmong history including the Secret War and Hmong history in the U.S. With these resources available to the public, Hmong Cultural Center is a primary site for multicultural education about the Hmong in the Twin Cities area and Minnesota.

Txongpao Lee, Executive Director

**HMONG CULTURAL CENTER, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

INCOME	<u>Total (\$)</u>
Grants-government	333,871.09
Donations, Private Grants, Contributions	83,350.99
Misc Income	5,031.72
TOTAL INCOME AND SUPPORT	\$422,253.80
EXPENSES	
Payroll	331,374.26
Postage/Shipping	216.44
Supplies	4,849.75
Rent Maintenance	49,200.00
Insurance	4,801.66
Communication	6,962.29
Contract Services	31,112.95
Events/Activities	175.00
Resource Center Expenses	5,000.00
Citizenship Program Expenses	13,471.98
Dance Program Expenses	23.59
Books/Cultural Items	5,016.94
Staff and Board Development	825.43
Printing	2,152.21
Equipment	8,840.15
Travel/Transportation	9,760.16
Service Charges	986.39
Depreciation Expenses	\$1,597.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,974.20
Other Expenses	2973.15
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$480,340.40
NET INCOME	(\$58,086.60)

HMONG CULTURAL CENTER PROGRAM EXPENSES 2016

Adult Basic Education	\$309,023.98
Museum Exhibit Center and Library	\$19,203.96
Hmong Cultural Arts Education Program	\$ 9,461.36

BALANCE SHEET

Total Liabilities	\$42,080.45
Total Current Liabilities	\$42,080.45
Restricted Net Assets	\$20,235.43
Total Net Assets	\$58,811.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$100,891.60

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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Hmong Cultural Center's Programs**

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