

2021 IMPACT REPORT

Building a **vibrant**, **healthy**, and **empowered**
Korean American community in the Bay Area.



RISING TOGETHER

2021 was a year like none other. We entered the second year of a worldwide pandemic and saw a staggering spate of hate crimes against Asian Americans. We had to reimagine work and school, cancel major life events, and altogether change the way we engage with the outside world. The physical, psychological, and emotional toll was very real.

In the midst of all of the challenges, we'd like to take a moment to reflect with gratitude for our greater community and what we have built. Because of your unwavering support, we have distributed a total of \$2MM in grants since our inception in 2014. This year, we also convened (while masked!), connected, and collaborated with community leaders to bring solidarity, voice, and empowerment during these pivotal times.

You showed up for us this year. This impact report provides a snapshot of some of the programmatic work we did in the last year, thanks to all of you: our donors and supporters, volunteers, and our dedicated community partners.

The past year has underscored our community's resilience, resourcefulness, and ability to adapt - sentiments reflected during our 6th annual gala which featured a deeply moving conversation with U.S. Representatives Marilyn Strickland (WA) and Andy Kim (NJ) and actor and advocate Daniel Dae Kim about the importance of voice and visibility.

As we enter this new year, KACF-SF is more committed than ever to empowering our community and grantee partners through our philanthropic and grantmaking efforts. Thank you for believing in us and standing with us.

GRANTMAKING

KACF-SF invests in nonprofit organizations providing Korean language in-person and telehealth counseling for low-income individuals and families; social service outreach and navigation; shelter and advocacy for domestic violence survivors; legal aid for vulnerable community members; and senior care programs and meals.

In 2021, KACF-SF awarded **14 grants**, totalling **nearly \$350,000**, to nonprofit organizations providing these critical services. **THANK YOU** to our nonprofit partners that are on the frontlines and making a meaningful difference:

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SIMPLE STEPS COMMUNITY CONNECTION



"After being hospitalized for a year, I lost my home, money, and job. There was no one around me to help. However, receiving assistance gave me hope to live again. I couldn't tell how much I felt grateful for all the support I received."

- Grantee Beneficiary



WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED:

Grantee highlights from 2021

10,000+

community members directly reached through our grant-funded programs

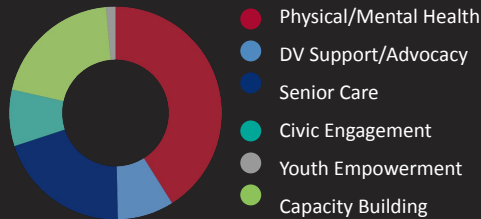
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caregivers and seniors connected to receive direct social service supports

770

individuals received counseling and/or linkages to relevant mental health resources

% FUNDING BY PRIORITY AREA



6

Master of Social Work interns specifically trained to support Korean and other immigrant communities

10

community members educated to identify and respond to domestic violence in the community

95

legal permanent residents assisted through the naturalization process to become US citizens

160

San Francisco seniors received with wellness check-ins and food delivery

MENTAL HEALTH SPOTLIGHT

We are in the midst of a mental health crisis. Therapists, psychologists and other healthcare workers across the world have seen a spiking demand. Our local grantee partners share the challenge of increased need and severity of cases, while facing a shortage of bilingual providers. KACF-SF worked with two organizations to develop an innovative solution.

Soaring to Wellness with K.I.T.E: *Korean Integrated Telehealth Experience*

In direct response to growing mental health needs - and the limited number of Korean speaking providers in the Bay Area, KACF-SF invited Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) and Korean American Family Services (KFAM) to design a program to increase access to, and support navigation of, behavioral health resources to Korean community members in the Bay Area.

Together, the two agencies developed K.I.T.E., a care coordination model to maximize wellness outcomes and expand the number of available culturally and linguistically competent providers through via telehealth, connecting clients in the Bay Area to Korean resources in Los Angeles.

In its first year, K.I.T.E. supported a total of 6 clients with mental health therapy and services and 8 clients with psychiatric evaluations and medication support.

These figures do not include additional community members that do not meet K.I.T.E. service criteria, and for whom the AACI coordinator provides linkages to more appropriate local services and resources.



"A key success was the ability for us to serve clients who otherwise would be unable to receive behavioral health services because they were unable to afford insurance and did not qualify for Medi-Cal, but more specifically to provide the case management support to engage these community members and enhance their success in treatment via care coordination and linkage to resources."

- Grantee Partner

KEEPING SENIORS SAFE

San Francisco officials reported an alarming 567% uptick in hate crimes targeting Asian Americans in 2021. A survey by Korean Center Inc found that 95% of seniors felt unsafe walking outside of their homes; 62% said they do not know how to report a hate crime for themselves or on behalf of someone else. These figures are staggering and heartbreaking, and we knew we had to do something.

Thanks to a grant from Invest in Others, KACF-SF was able to organize the distribution of thousands of personal alarm devices and bilingual “How to Report a Hate Crime” informational booklets to improve the safety and security of our most vulnerable community members across Northern California. The alarms and booklets empower individuals to live their lives with less fear and know where to turn for additional support.

“Thank you! I distributed at my church and the elderly loved it. Even though I hope there will be no situation to use it.”

- Alarm & booklet recipient



7,500

“How to Report a Hate Crime” booklets distributed



4,000

personal alarm devices distributed

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

KACF-SF's work spans generations. In addition to ensuring the wellbeing of our elders, we are also dedicated to building the next generation of community-minded Korean American leaders.

KAREN HA SCHOLARSHIP

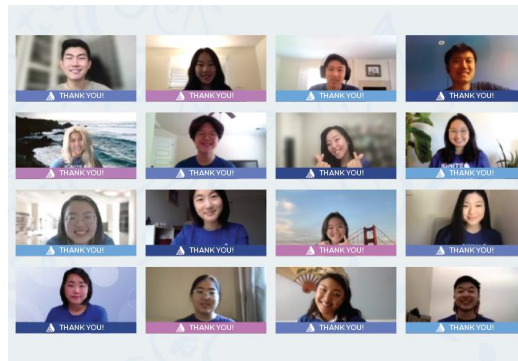
The Karen Ha Scholarship provides financial assistance and mentorship opportunities to talented and under-resourced students. In 2021, we added Rachel Kim and Ellie Kim to our growing list of scholarship recipients. They show us that the future is bright!

IGNITENEXTGEN FELLOWSHIP

Hosted by the Council of Korean Americans and Korean American Coalition - LA, IgniteNextGen instilled 31 college students and young professionals from across the country with leadership skills and civic awareness. KACF-SF proudly supported the 2021 program by providing operational support and special guest speakers.

SILICON VALLEY KOREAN SCHOOL MENTORING EVENT

KACF-SF engaged young professionals in our network to participate in the Korean school's mentorship speaker series, where they shared their life and career journeys - and words of encouragement - with 190 eager learners.



BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

We are more amplified, mobilized, and empowered when we work together. KACF-SF is grateful to be in community for our constellation of supporters.

COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE

Our participatory grantmaking process invites community members to gain a better understanding of the issues that our nonprofit partners address - and ensures that KACF-SF investments are aligned with the priorities of the greater constituency. In 2021, we had 15 enthusiastic and engaged volunteers join us in reviewing, assessing, and informing our grant decision-making process.

BAY AREA K-COALITION

The Bay Area K-Coalition works to amplify the voices of Korean Americans and promote the wellbeing of our community members. In the last year, we collaborated on joint efforts that promoted connection and civic engagement:

- Community-wide virtual vigil to bring strength and solidarity following the Atlanta shooting and other incidents of anti-Asian hate.
- Convened community leaders from 27 Bay Area Korean American organizations at the first bilingual Korean American Town Hall to encourage civic engagement and community safety.



100%
of Town Hall participants are interested in future events to collaboratively address community issues

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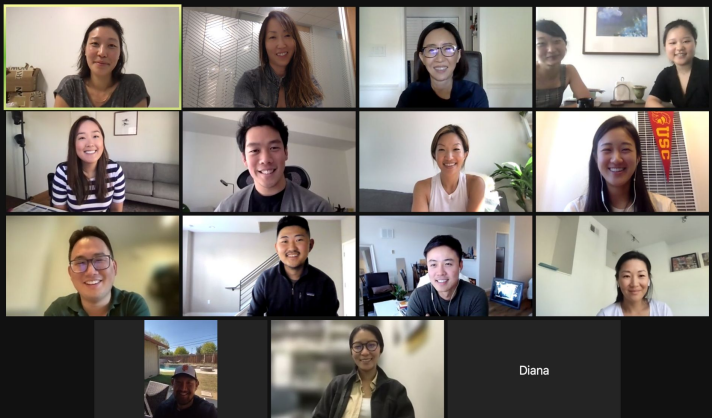
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