



KOREAN AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Our dedicated, skilled team of bilingual, bicultural staff and volunteers provide adults and children with high quality, holistic services that respond directly to the challenges faced by Korean American families undergoing trauma and/or adaptation and acculturation stresses.

Changing Lives, Strengthening Families
Since 1983

In 2017,

KFAM strengthened 6,000 Korean American families and individuals in the Greater Los Angeles area through counseling, education, and social services.



KFAM STAFF, BOARD & VOLUNTEERS



LETTER FROM KFAM

Dear KFAM Friends,

We started 2017 with uncertainty and anxiety of what was to come. With 72% of Korean Americans in LA County being foreign-born, and an estimated 15% nationally being undocumented, many of our community members feared the anti-immigrant sentiment that was growing in this country and didn't want to access our services. I recall a client who was a victim of gender-based violence who got a visa and then enrolled in community college so she could learn English and gain job skills. When she heard she would need to go to the DMV to get a state ID card, she dropped out of school rather than run the risk of being on the government's radar.

KFAM's response was to double down in our efforts to ensure our community members knew they had a safe space when they walked through our front door. We tripled the size of our Domestic Violence (DV) Department and launched several new projects in the areas of homelessness prevention, sexual assault, and human trafficking. We provided intensive 40-hour and 2-day trainings on domestic violence and sexual assault to 62 Korean faith leaders so that they could help us end domestic violence, particularly as they are often the first responders to families who are in crisis.

In our Counseling Department, KFAM served 325 Korean Americans with individual and group counseling. 90% were monolingual Korean speakers. Korean immigrants, though fearful, continued to seek our services because we made sure the message went out widely to the public that we welcomed everyone, particularly those who were undocumented, indigent, and uninsured.

With our Asian Foster Family Initiative, we continued to be the only licensed Foster Family Agency in the national specializing in the needs of Asian Pacific Islander (API) foster children and families. KFAM conducted presentations for 681 adults and ran more than \$250,000 worth of TV Public Service Announcements in Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese and English. We gave away over \$100,000 in scholarships and 400 backpacks and presents to provide stability to API foster children who often fall through the cracks.

Thank you to our 34 staff and 13 board members who have invested so much in KFAM to ensure that 6,000+ clients receive the highest level of culturally responsive care available. We hope you enjoy reading more about what we accomplished in 2017.

Sincerely,



Sunny Kang
Chair



Connie Chung Joe
KFAM Executive Director



Namaste
Hello in
India

Help others.

blue + yellow = ?
red + yellow = ?
red + blue = ?
red + red = ?

100
200
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500
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700
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1000

KFAM'S WORK

Asian Foster Family Initiative

KFAM's Asian Foster Family Initiative recruits, trains and supports Korean and other Asian Pacific Islander (API) resource (foster) parents to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate homes to the 800+ API foster children in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. KFAM is the first licensed Foster Family Agency (FFA) in the nation specializing in the API community. In 2017, our services included Christmas Gift Drive, Gifts from the Heart: Backpack Drive, counseling for families and the Hanmi Bank Scholarship Program.

Child Care Food Program

KFAM's Child Care Food Program, working with the US Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Education, subsidizes nutritious meals at licensed day care centers and home providers in Los Angeles and Orange Counties and provides monitoring and training on nutrition, safety, and child development. In 2017, KFAM trained 300 childcare providers and ensured that almost 5,000 children enjoyed nutritious meals and snacks every day.

Child & Youth Wellness

KFAM provides intervention services and education to strengthen families and promote child wellness. We also conduct public awareness campaigns to raise awareness on highly stigmatized family issues in the Korean community such as adolescent depression and child abuse. In 2017, KFAM held our School Readiness Seminar, College Readiness Workshop, Art Workshops, Mommy and Me classes and Youth Mentorship and Health Education Program.

Clinical Counseling

KFAM's mental health services are tailored to the unique needs of Korean American families, adults and children. Our professional bilingual and bicultural counseling services promote recovery, resilience and positive change in the lives of our clients and their families. KFAM provides counseling for children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families as well as psychiatric medication support, and prevention and early intervention services.

Community Programs

KFAM offers free services and programs to provide holistic care and support to our community members. We strive to strengthen families, empower lives, and promote community wellness through a broad range of education, outreach and wellness activities. In 2017, KFAM held a range of educational seminars which included parenting education on teens and sex, Korean Immigrant Parenting, Senior Yoga and a Healthy Life Seminar focusing on seniors.

Domestic Violence

KFAM's Ben Hong Center for Women and Children provides free trauma-informed care and support for domestic violence victims and families. Our continuum of care - from crisis help, workforce development, financial counseling, training of Korean faith leaders, case management, to survivor support - helps them achieve safety, while empowering them as they journey toward healthy, violence-free lives. Recently, we have been expanding our victim services to include sexual assault and human trafficking.

Our services truly provide a vital safety net for resource-poor individuals, families and children without access to care.

WE WILL FOSTER TILL WE CAN'T

An Asian Foster Family Initiative Resource Families' Story

Dean and Maria graduated from the first cohort of KEAM's AFFI program in 2014. Since then they have devoted their lives to fostering and changing the lives of foster children. They hope by sharing their story, more individuals and parents will become resource (foster) parents. Children names have been changed.

"We believe our life's purpose was to become foster parents. I (Dean) saw a public announcement on LA18 about the lack of Asian foster parents and decided to talk to Maria about attending orientation to learn more about becoming foster parents. I (Maria) worked with emancipated foster youth for twenty years, where many of my students encouraged me to become a foster parent. I never acted upon it, but when Dean brought it up; I thought all signs pointed at fostering. Let's try it.

Throughout the training, topics like culture sensitivity, understanding heritage and trans-racial relationships were brought up. Because the child placed in our home would have his or her own culture, as foster parents embracing and creating opportunities for cultural understanding was emphasized. This hit home to us. My wife and I are a blended family. I am Korean American, my wife is Japanese American adopted by a Caucasian family and our daughter is Korean-Japanese American. We have lived decades embracing our differences and similarities.

We met our two sons at 11 pm in front of our doorstep. Brandon was four and Carter was two. They were brothers who had been taken away due to neglect and exposure to illegal substances in their home. When they arrived, Brandon was wearing only a t-shirt with mismatched shoes, while Carter was wearing a shirt without any shoes. They had no personal belongings with them. It was clear to see that the boys had developmental delays that had not been diagnosed. Both were non-verbal, and their methods of expressing themselves were different. In the beginning, Carter refused to be held and rejected any kind of affection.

Over time, through an accumulation of therapy, constant affection and family centered events, Carter slowly started opening up. He began talking, jumping, playing and

became the bright and lively little boy that he was supposed to be. The brothers learned to trust, love and respect. We love our boys and want only what is best for them. Though it can be challenging at times, we would not have it any other way. Everything, *we mean Everything* has changed since becoming foster parents. We chase after our children, sleep less, worry more and our once quiet home is now a fortress of fun and noise. But children give us a different type of joy through their laughter, smiles and hugs that is hard to find elsewhere. They give us purpose, which helps us continue to grow and learn too. Most importantly, they teach us how to love unconditionally. We now know it is possible to bring individuals who were not "born by blood" into your family and to love unconditionally.

I (Maria) was adopted, but I was told that in Japan orphans were a curse and no one wanted to adopt children because they could come from "bad blood." I understand where the stereotype surrounding orphans developed, but of course, they are not true. I know Asian culture is based on the celebration and importance of the community. There is a folklore that says it takes a village to raise a child. I think if Asians and Asian Americans knew there were so many Asian children in the foster system, they would step forward to care for the children. We cannot complain about the problems if we are not a part of a potential solution – whether that means fostering or adopting or supporting and providing resources for parents who foster and/or adopt. We can all contribute to help children who may potentially be forgotten, ignored or forced to live in despair and hopelessness. We have learned many things as foster parents. Fostering is a blessing and very fulfilling. We wouldn't have it any other way. We will foster till we can't."

We absolutely understand how important food, rituals, language, customs and the aesthetic environment are all very important to a child's sense of security.



FOSTERING LOVE GALA

34th Annual Fundraising Gala, Thursday September 21, 2017



Celebrating 34 years of service, KFAM highlighted our Asian Foster Family Initiative (AFFI) Program



Over 400 guests gathered together to raise \$230,000

Impact

1,498

Individual Counseling
Sessions for adults and children

813

calls to the Asian Foster
Family Initiative Hotline

135+

participants attended
Parenting, Couple, and Healthy
Senior Life Seminars

149

survivors of Domestic Violence served with
a comprehensive range of case management,
counseling and support group services

46,611

healthy meals and snacks served
annually to children through our
Child Care Food Program

107

children exposed to
violence served through
counseling and art therapy



in 2017

28

families graduated 24-hour training for resource (foster) parents

303

backpacks filled with age-appropriate supplies delivered to foster children

13

Family Wellness Seminars presented to the Community

681

individuals participated in AFFI Presentations to learn how to become resource (foster) parents



\$100,000+

awarded in scholarships through Hanmi Bank

62

Faith Leaders trained in DV to become better first responders

85

Students attended College and School Readiness Workshops



LAUGH FOR THE KIDS

Fundraiser - Comedy Night, September 21, 2017 (Helen Hong, Matthew Moy, Connie Chung Joe, Atsuko Okatsuka)

40-HOUR TRAINING AT MIJU THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Domestic Violence/Family Violence Advocate Training for Future Faith Leaders





CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT HEALTHY EATING

Learning about different types of vegetables and fruits through sensory and music

AFFI BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

Volunteers helping stuff 300+ backpacks with school age appropriate supplies





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FINANCIAL REVIEW

January - December 2017

2017 Revenue

Government Contracts and Grants	\$3,722,050*
Foundations and Corporations	\$954,115
Fundraising Events (net)	\$185,622
Fees for Service	\$57,116
Individual Contributions	\$71,827
Interest Income	\$962
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Total Revenue	\$4,991,692

2017 Expenses

Programs and Services	
Asian Foster Family Initiative	\$508,965
Child Care Food Program	\$3,397,920*
Clinical Counseling	\$578,182
Domestic/Family Violence	\$269,102
General/Administrative & Fundraising	\$195,745
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Total Expenses	\$4,949,914

*Including \$2,976,697 in Child Care Food Program disbursements



HEALTHY LIFE SEMINAR

Seniors learning how to live a happier and healthier life by understanding physical and mental changes

MOMMY AND ME CLASSES

Stimulating toddlers' senses through a slinky activity with mothers and their children



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LA County Department of Mental Health
LA County Department of Public Social Services
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US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

\$200,000 AND UP

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\$50,000 TO \$199,999

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