

Another Year of Success 16th!

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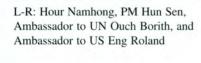
US Attorney General Janet Reno visitation on September 7th. L-R: Saody Ouch, Sovann Kheam, Bunrith Lach, Paul Yin, AG Janet Reno, Danny Div, Samkhann Kheoun, and Vincent Un.

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Meeting with HRH Prince Norodom Rannaridh, President of Cambodian National Assembly, September 3rd.



L-R: Mark E. Goldman, Vathana Ven, Sokhary Chau, Bunrith Lach, HRH Prince Norodom Rannaridh, Sarun Yin, Samkhann Khoeun, Sovann Kheam, and Vincent Un.





Mr. Bunrith Lach, President and Samkhann Khoeun, Executive Director made presentation to Prime Minister Hun Sen and requested for traditional racing boats and received donations to CMAA.

L-R: Mr. Veng Sreyvuth, Minister of Tourism, Dr. Thong Khon, Secretary of State, Mr. Sambath Fennell of Lowell, Mr. Bunrith Lach, Mr. Samkhann Khoeun, and Mr. Paul Yin



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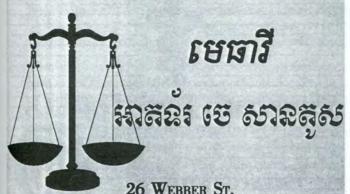
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L-R: Samuth Kaom, CMAA Board, an unidentified person, Dr. David Pugatch, Dr. Pot, Dr. Kong Bun Navy, Dr. Soneath Pond and his wife, Mr. Chuck Sart, CMAA Board, and Att. Thomas Stylianos, CMAA Board at a Cambodian Women and HIV/AIDS forum, presented by the Lowell Community Health Center at CMAA on August 12th.

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Executive Director Message

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our warm invitation to you and your loved ones to attend the agency's 16th Anniversary Celebration & Dinner Banquet to be held at Double Tree Hotel on the 21st of October 2000, from 7:00 PM to 12:00 mid-night. I would also like to welcome you again to another edition of the Khmer Lowell Magazine, a quarterly publication published by the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association (CMAA) of Greater Lowell, Inc. Each and every issue, we try to share with our readers about the different activities that the CMAA has been working on and/or planning to do in the future.



Some important activities worth mentioning here are that the CMAA received, hosted and held meetings with a number of high profile and dignitary guests including the Unites States Attorney General Janet Reno on September 7th; the President of Cambodia's National Assembly, Prince Norodom Ranariddh on September 3rd; the Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen on September 8th in New York; the Friends Without Borders on August 20th as well as other individuals and groups with different important projects benefiting to the CMAA and our community. In addition, I participated in testifying on behalf of the Cambodian American communities at a Town Hall Meeting as part of the White House Initiative on Asian Pacific American Islanders on September 18th, just to name a few here.

I am very pleased to share with you also that we have completed the renovation of the "Metta Health Center". The word Metta is derived from the Cambodian word for "loving kindness" which fits perfectly for this health center that will integrate both the traditional healing and also western methods of treatment, all combined to provide a full range of health and mental health services to cure sickness with a holistic approach touching the body, mind and spirit of any patient seeking alternative medicine. The Metta Center will be staffed by professional bilingual and bicultural medical specialists, traditional healers and also Western doctors, nurses and other health specialists. The Metta Center will be administered by the Lowell Community Health Center, a nonprofit community health center agency with combined experiences of more than thirty years in providing health care services to the Low-income community residents in Lowell area, particularly those of Southeast Asian refugee and immigrant backgrounds and also Lowell's large Hispanic community.

I am proud to say, our commitment to developing a Khmer National Arts and Cultural Center, the first of its kind outside of Cambodia, at the CMAA's 165 Jackson Street headquarters as an integral part of the overall transformation of the former Courier Corporation Mill building in the "One-stop" Center for social, cultural and economic development Center has been making more headway lately. After we made presentation to His Royal Highness Norodom Ranariddh during his royal visitation to Lowell in early September, the prince was very impressed with the CMAA's plan and His Royal Highness promised to help with Cambodian cultural artifacts including paintings, sculptures, and other items for this Arts and Cultural Center.

Other significant contribution to the CMAA and the Lowell's Cambodian community is the gift of two long traditional racing boats called *Touk Ngor* (\S h h), or curved boat from Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia for our *Bonn Oum Touk* (\S h), or better known as the Southeast Asian Water Festival we have been organizing here in Lowell for past four years. And four additional boats will be also donated by the Lowell's Cambodian American businesses for this event as well. These six boats will be carefully and ritually built and made from Cambodia's virgin wood called *Taki* (\S h) strictly followed the ancient formulas just like many traditional racing boats built in Cambodia for this kind of special occasion. Each boat is about 75 feet in length and four feet wide and can accommodate 40-45 rowers. The boat is colorfully decorated and spiritually named to give life to the boats to represent their village, temple, and community. For Lowell, it is our diverse community.

The CMAA and its Water Festival partners will be responsible for shipping these boats from Cambodia to Lowell, Massachusetts for its water festival on the Merrimack River at the Lowell National Historical Park. Of course, shipping these 75 foot-long boats will be a big challenge for us, but we are committed to do whatever we can to get them here in perfect condition for the races, enjoyment, and adoration.

The Boat Committee will be looking into raising enough funds to pay the cost of shipment and other related expenses in bringing these boats from Cambodia to America. We would like to invite you to be part of this cultural exchange and preservation of this unique Southeast Asian heritage by making contribution to the CMAA's Traditional Boat Shipment Fund. Please send your donation to CMAA—165 Jackson Street, Lowell, MA 01852. Please join us as we celebrate our agency's 16th Anniversary on the 21st of October 2000 at the Double Tree Hotel. And thank you for your continuous support. Our tasks would not be possible without your help.

Respectfully yours,

Samkhann C. Khoeun, Executive Director

The President's Note

This is an exciting time to be the President of the CMAA. This month, the CMAA will celebrate its 16th year of service to Lowell's Southeast Asian community. At times like this, we are inspired to look back over the past, and one cannot help but be amazed by the changes and progress in Lowell's Cambodian community over the last 16 years. Who would ever have imagined in 1984 that the year 2000 would bring a Cambodian-American city councilor in Lowell? Who would have foreseen that Cambodian-Americans would own many businesses, from markets to jewelry stores, to employment agencies? Who would have dreamed that there would be Cambodian lawyers, teachers, engineers and other professionals in such numbers? Looking at the CMAA itself, who would imagine that it would grow from a small group of people in a small office at the

International Institute into a multi-million multi-service agency with its own historic dollar a year building?

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and overcome. While many Cambodianyouth are going to college, and looking forreers, there are many more who are failing school. While there are many Cambodianbusiness owners, and many more wage earn-

ers and professionals, there are still many people in our community who live below the poverty level. There are still many Cambodian-Americans who cannot speak English well enough to find work. There are still many families experiencing pain because of conflict between parents and children. There are still many people suffering from the trauma of many years of war and killing in Cambodia, still feeling the loss of loved ones to senseless violence.

In the past few months, the CMAA has begun English classes funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education, which are open to anyone who wants to learn English. It has received a grant to begin a family strengthening program to help families in distress through a program that will understand and respect Cambodian culture and values. CMAA has expanded its computer and soldering classes to help more people have access to good jobs that will allow them to support themselves and their families. With the opening of the Metta Health Center, the CMAA has made important progress in turning its mill building into a true center for the community. We will continue to develop programs and projects to help our community become stronger and more successful. I hope that 16 years from now, we look back on the next few years, and the projects we are working on now, and say, "Who could have imagined that we could have accomplished that?"

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The Editor's Word

This is the second time the Khmer Lowell Magazine (KLM) is honored as a special publication, because it is time to celebrate the 16th anniversary of our organization. The main goal is to dedicate this whole issue to our readers. We would like to provide as much information regarding our services to all communities so that they can learn more about the CMAA — as much as they like.

As the CMAA comes up to her "sweet 16" birthday, the KLM also comes to her 4th one. Before 1996, this newsletter was known as the Cambodian MAA Newsletter of Lowell. The reason we changed the name to Khmer Lowell is just to make it short so that it is easy to say and remember — from Cambodian to Khmer, and just take the words MAA Newsletter out and the word Lowell is still there. Also, the meaning and purpose in serving the community are still the same. These two sisters, the CMAA and the KLM, hold hands together working with no complaints just for the community's sake.

Unlike some newsletters or magazines that have their own workers, the KLM has no writers of its own. It comes to life because of the dedication and commitment of many busy CMAA staff and Board of Directors like Mr. Thomas Stylianos. Although they all have their own full-time working duties (more than 40 hours per week), they still take more time out of their own family putting in this work so that their community can benefit from it. Moreover, if we look at the list of the KLM Committee, we see that a few of them are no longer working at the CMAA, but they still contribute their own personal time to support this meaningful work.

Therefore, on behalf of the KLM Committee, I would like to take this good opportunity to give my hundred thanks from the bottom of my heart to all supporters (businesses, readers, and donors) in keeping this magazine as part of your business and your life.

With love and respect,

Margaret Tham, Editor In Chief



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យ៉ាងណាមិញ ទោះបីជាកុមារី ទស្សធាវដ្តីខ្មែរឡូវែល យើងនេះទើប តែមានអាយុ៨ឆ្នាំក៏ដោយ ក៏នាងមានទឹកចិត្តស្នើហាសង្គមជាតិយ៉ាង ជ្រាលជ្រៅមិនចាញ់រៀមច្បងដទៃទៀតដែរ។ កំពូលនារីទាំងពីរនាក់បង ប្អូននេះគឺសមាគមខ្មែរឡូវែល និងទស្សនាវដ្តីខ្មែរឡូវែល បានកាន់ដៃគ្នា ហើយ ក្តាប់យ៉ាងណែន តស៊ូយ៉ាងស្វិតស្វាញដើម្បីប្រយោជន៍រួមតែ មួយ គឺជួយសង្គមខ្មែរនៅទីក្រុងឡូវែលឲ្យឈោងដល់នូវវឌ្ឍនភាព ដែ ស្របតាមសេចក្តីត្រូវការរបស់គ្រួសារនិមួយៗ។

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ដូច្នេះ នាងខ្ញុំសូមឆ្លៀតឱកាសដ៏ល្អនេះ ថ្លែងនូវអំណរគុណរយដង ដែលផុសចេញពីចិត្តរាប់អានដ៏ពិតប្រាកដ ចំពោះអស់លោក-លោកស្រី ទោះជាពាណិជ្ជករក្ដី ភ្នាក់ងារក្រសួងឯកជនឬរដ្ឋក្ដី ឬជាមិត្តអ្នកអានក្ដី ដែលខិតខំជួយឧបតម្ភយ៉ាងពេញទំហឹង ទាំងផ្លូវចរិកា ផ្លូវកាយនិងចិត្ត ចំពោះទស្សនាវដ្ដីខ្មែរឡូវែលយើង៕

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ដើមឡើយ លោក សំខាន់ ខឿន ក្នុងនាមជានាយកប្រតិបត្តិសមាគមខ្មែរ តែងតែបានអញ្ជើញទៅចូលរួមប្រជុំក្នុងគណៈកម្មការបុណ្យអុំទូកប្រចាំទ្វីបអាស៊ីភាគ អង្គេយ៍វៀងរាល់កន្លះខែម្តង។ ដោលបំណងជាចម្បងនៃការប្រជុំគឺខំស្រាវជ្រាវរាវរក មធ្យោបាយដ៏ស័ក្តសិទ្ធណាមួយដើម្បី ជួយកែលម្អសម្ជស្សមុខមាត់ទីក្រុងឡូវ៉ែលឲ្យរឹត តែមានសោភ័ណភាពស្រស់បំព្រងឡើង។ ឯសមាជិកអង្គប្រជុំដែលមានចម្រុះជាតិ សាសន៍ដូចជាជាតិខ្មែរ លាវ អាមេរិកាំង និង វៀតណាមជាដើមនោះ ក៏បានបញ្ចេញ យោបល់តាមការយល់ឃើញ ឬតាមប្រពៃណីយនៃជាតិសាសន៍វៀងៗខ្លួន។ នេះបាន សេចក្តីថា សមាជិក សមាជិកា ដែលទៅចូលរួមប្រជុំទាំងប៉ុន្មានគឺទៅប្រជុំ ទៅនិយាយ ក្នុងនាមតំណាងប្រពៃណី តំណាងជាតិសាសន៍និមួយៗ តែមិនមែនតំណាងឲ្យខ្លួនឯង ឬកំដើម្បីប្រយោជន៍ខ្លួនឯងនោះឡើយ។

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អ្នកស្រី Cheryl West ជាសមាជិកអង្គប្រជុំមួយរូប បានទាក់ទងទៅកញ្ញា ចិត្តា សុស
ហើយកញ្ញា ចិត្តា សុស ក៏បាននាំ អ្នកស្រី Cheryl West ទៅជួបលោក ស៊ាង ស័ក្តិ
នៅវគ្គត្រៃរពនារាម ដើម្បីទៅទាក់ទងព្រះសង្ឃាធិបតី សៅ ឃន និងបានចូលប្រជុំ
ក្នុងគណៈកម្មការនាចុងឆ្នាំ ១៩៩៦។ ក្រោយមក អង្គប្រជុំក៏បានសម្រេចឲ្យលោក
ស័ក្តិជួយទាក់ទងយកទូក ង មួយគូពីប្រទេសកម្ពុជា ហើយគាត់ក៏យល់ព្រមថានឹងចាប់
ធ្វើមធ្វើការនេះនៅខែមេសាឆ្នាំ ១៩៩៧។ ជាអកុសល គ្រាន់តែ គម្រោងការបុណ្យអុំទូក
យើងលេចឡើងបានត្រឹមនេះ លោក សោម នវេព ដែលជាសមាជិកសកម្មមួយរូបក៏
បានទទួលមរណៈភាពលាចាកលោកនេះទៅដោយបន្សល់នូវភាពសោកស្គាយជាទីបំ
ជុំត។

នៅខែមិនា ឆ្នាំ ១៩៩៧ លោក **ប្រាក់ ច្រាំ** និង លោក អ៊ុ**ក ម៉ៅ** ដែលជា ប្រធាន និងអនុប្រធានគណៈកម្មការពុទ្ធសាសនូបត្ថម្ភប្រចាំព្រះរាជាណាចក្រកម្ពុជាក៏ បានអញ្ជើញមកចូលរួមក្នុងមហាសន្និបាទសហគមន៍ព្រះសង្សខ្មែរលើកទី៤។ បន្ទាប់ ពីលោកបានជ្រាបអំពីគម្រោងការបុណ្យអុំទូករបស់យើងនេះ ហើយលោកទាំងពីរមាន ការចាប់អារម្មណ៍យ៉ាងខ្លាំង ហើយក៏សន្យាថានឹងជួយដោះស្រាយរឿងនេះឲ្យទាល់តែ បានដល់ទិសដៅ។ ពេលត្រឡប់ទៅដល់ស្រុកវិញ លោក អ៊ុក ម៉ៅ ខំទាក់ទងជាមួយ ក្រសួងរាជការអំពីគម្រោងការបុណ្យអុំទូកយើងយ៉ាងល្អិតល្អន់។ បន្ទាប់ពីក្រសួងរាជការ ទាំងនោះស្វាគមន៍គាំពារនូវគំនិតនេះហើយ លោកអ៊ុក ម៉ៅក៏ចាប់ផ្ដើមចេញដំណើរទៅ រកជាងធ្វើទូក-ងជាមួយកូនប្រុសគាត់។ គ្រាន់តែចេញទៅរកមិនទាន់បានប៉ុន្មានផង កូន ប្រុសគាត់ក៏ត្រូវបានឃាតការមិនស្គាល់មុខ បាញ់ប្រហារជីវិតទៅ។ លោកអ៊ុក ម៉ៅ ក៏រៀប ចំធ្វើបុណ្យឲ្យក្រូនទាំងប្រញិប្រព្យាប់ ហើយខំបន្ទរកជាង ធ្វីទូក-ងឲ្យត។

នេះហើយជាប្រវត្តិដើមនៃពិធីបុណ្យអុំទូកយើងដែលយើងត្រូវដឹងឲ្យច្បាស់ថា មិនមែន ជារឿងកើតឡើងដោយឯកឯងទេ តែជាការកើតឡើងដោយការធ្វើពលិកម្ម កម្លាំងកាយនិងចិត្ត រហូតដល់អាយុជីវិតឡេតផង។ ជាដំបូង ពេលលោក **អ៊ុក-ម៉ៅ** រកជាងធ្វើទូកបានហើយនោះ គាត់ត្រូវទៅកាប់ឈើលើខ្នងភ្នំគីវរម្យដែលជាកន្លែងប្រកប ដោយគ្រោះថ្នាក់ទៀត។ តែក្រោយមកដោយជាងនោះឡើងថ្លៃ គាត់ក៏ប្តូរទៅរកជាង ម្នាក់ឡេតឈ្មោះ ស៊ិន អៀវ នៅស្អាង កោះធំ ខេត្តកណ្តាល។ ធ្វើទូកបានហើយ គាត់ក៏ប្រមូលឧបករណ៍ផ្សេងៗទៅទុកនៅក្នុងវត្តបុទុមវត្តី ក្រុងភ្នំពេញ ដើម្បីរៀប បញ្ជូនចេញ។ ឯព្រះសង្ឃធិបតី សៅ-ឃន លោក សំខាន់-ខឿន និងលោក ស៊ាង ស័ក្តី ក៏បានខំនាំគ្នា ទាក់ទងជាមួយក្រសួងវប្បធម៌ រហូតដល់ ម៉ោង ៣ ម៉ោង៤ រៀប ភ្លឺទើបបានសម្រេច។

នៅថ្ងៃទី២៤ មិថុនា ឆ្នាំ១៩៩៧ គេក៏បានដឹកទូកចេញពីវត្តបុទុមវត្តីឆ្នោះ ទៅផែកំពង់សោម។ តែមិនដឹងជាហេតុអ្វី ក៏ស្រាប់តែគេយកទូកនោះទៅដាក់ឯបន្ទាយ ទាហានដែលពោរពេញទៅដាយគ្រាប់រំសេវទៅវិញ។ ជាអកុសល នៅថ្ងៃទី៥-៦ កក្កដា ក៏មានផ្ទះអាវុធដោយអំពើរដ្ឋប្រហារ។ នៅពេលនោះ លោក អ៊ុក-ម៉ៅ និងអ្នកជំនួយការ ឯទៀតមានការព្រួយបារម្ភណាស់ ព្រោះទូកទាំងពីរកំពុងបិតនៅក្នុងកន្លែងផ្ទះអាវុធនោះដែរ។ ពេលស្ងប់អាវុធហើយ ពួកគេក៏នាំគ្នាទៅមើល។ ពេលយើញថាមិន មានខូចអ្វីទេនោះ ទើបគេសប្បាយឡើងវិញ ហើយក៏នាំគ្នាដឹកទូកនោះចេញទៅកំពង់ផែកំពង់សោមតែម្តង។ ពេលទៅដល់ហើយ ទូកដ៏កំសត់នោះត្រូវស្នាក់នៅទីនោះចំនួន ១០ថ្ងៃទៀត គឺរហូតដល់ថ្ងៃទី២២ កក្កដា ទើបចាប់ដឹកចេញពីកំពង់ផែកំពង់សោម តាម កប៉ាល់ទឹកមកទីក្រុង ឡូវ៉ែល រដ្ឋម៉ាស្សាលរូសិធ សហរដ្ឋអាមេរិកនេះ។

បុណ្យីអុំទូកយើងលើកទី១ គឺធ្វើនៅថ្ងៃសៅរ៍ ទី២៣ ខែសីហា ឆ្នាំ១៩៩៧។ ដោយគិតរំពឹងដឹងច្បាស់ថា ទូកមកពីកម្ពុជាគឺដឹកមកមិនទាន់ទេនោះ លោក សំខាន់ ខឿន ក៏បានស្ទះស្អាររកជួលទូកចិនមួយគូពីបូរី នីវយក ដែលមានតំលៃ២.៣០០ដុល្លា មកប្រណាំងសឺនដើម្បីកុំឲ្យកម្មវិធីបុណ្យអុំទូកយើងលើកទី១នោះវាសោះកក្រោះពេក។ កន្លងផុតទៅបាន៥ថ្ងៃ ទើបទូកយើងនោះមកដល់កំពង់ផែ បសស្គន ហើយត្រូវស្នាក់នៅ ទីនោះដោយមានការត្រួតពិនិត្យពីក្រសួងមានសមត្ថកិច្ច រហូតដល់ថ្ងៃទី១២ ខែកញ្ឆា ឆ្នាំ ១៩៩៧ ទើបទូក-ឯ យើងបានមកដល់មណ្ឌលសមាគមខ្មែរដែលមាន អស័យដ្ឋាននៅ អគារលេខ១៦៥ វិចីចាកសិន ទីក្រុងឡូវ៉ែល រដ្ឋម៉ាសាឈូសិធ ជលាម៉ោង១ និង៥៦នាទី

រស្មៀល ដោយរថយន្តទំនិញហៅថា Tractor Trailer។

ក្រោយពីបាននាំគ្នាអ្យបចំទូកដាក់ទុកក្នុងមណ្ឌលរួចរាល់ហើយ លោក សំខាន់-ខៀន បានអញ្ជើញទៅជួបថ្វាយបង្គំព្រះសង្ឈធិបពី សៅ-យន ដើម្បីគិតគូរ ជ្រើសរើសពេលវេលាធ្វើពិធីប្រសិទ្ធិនាមឬដាក់ឈ្មោះទូក។ កិច្ចពិភាក្សាក់បាន សម្រេចយកថ្ងៃព្រហស្បតិ៍ទី២៣ តុលា ឆ្នាំ១៩៩៧ នៅក្នុងមណ្ឌលសមាគមខ្មែរ ផ្ទាល់តែម្តង។ នៅចន្លោះពេលនោះដែរ ព្រះសង្ឃាធិបពី សៅ-យន់ ក៏បានអ្យបចំជាកន្លែងដើម្បីធ្វើពិធីប្រសិទ្ធិនាមជាមួយលោក និន-ចូរអ្វឹករហូតដល់ម៉ោងជិត១០យប់ គឺត្រជាក់ញរមាត់ ហើយឡើងរឹងដៃរឹងជើងអស់ ត្បិតកាលនោះ គឺនៅក្នុងអគារមិនទាន់មាន បើកកំដៅនៅឡើយទេ។ លោក សំខាន់-ខៀន បានទាក់ទងអញ្ជើញភ្ញៀវកិត្តិយសជា ច្រើនតាមក្រសួងនានា។ ឯលោក ស៊ាខ-សគ្គិ កំខំសាកសួរលោក-អ្នកឯឡេតៗ



(តទៅទំព័រទី១០)

ដើម្បីជួយដាក់ឈ្មោះ ហើយដែលមានដូចតទៅនេះ ៖ ១-នាគរាជមានឬទ្ទិធ្លង់ទ្វីប ២-សក់ក្រអូប ៣-អារុណនាវិប្បទិ ៤-មហារំអិល ៦-មច្ចមហារ់អិល ៥-ហនុមាន ៨-មហាវិជ័យ ៧-សុវណ្ណមច្ឆានប់ ៩-កំហែងប្តូទី ១០-បុប្ផាមានឬទ្ធិ

លុះប្រមូលឈ្មោះទូកបានហើយ លោកស័ក្តិក៏ជ្រើសរកវិធីជីសយកឈ្មោះ ពីរចេញពីចំណោម ឈ្មោះទាំងដប់ខាងលើនេះ។ ដើម្បីឲ្យបានស័ក្តិសមការជ្រើស រើសឈ្មោះទូកបានឈរលើ កត្តាសំខាន់និងចាំបាច់ ៤យ៉ាងដូចកទៅនេះ ៖

១-ត្រូវយកតែឈ្មោះណាដែលស្របនឹងទូកដែលបានធ្លងផុតពីគ្រោះថ្នាក់ដោយអាវុធ។ ២-ត្រូវរកឈ្មោះប្រុសមួយស្រីមួយជាឌូនឹងគ្នា។

៣-ដាក់ឈ្មោះទូកនៅថ្ងៃព្រហស្បតិ៍ ត្រូវតែរកឈ្មោះណាដែលផ្ដើមឡើងដោយអក្សរ

៤-យកតែឈ្មោះណាដែលជនជាតិបរទេសងាយយល់ន័យ។

ដូច្នេះឈ្មោះទូកទាំងពីរចុងក្រោយក់ត្រូវបានជ្រើសអីសជាលក្ខភាពដោយ សរសេរឈ្មោះ រួចមួរដាក់ចូលក្នុងថង់ ហើយលូកចាប់តាមបែបប្រាថ្នា។ អ្នកស្រី Cheryl West ល្អកិច្ចាប់យកបានឈ្មោះ មហាវិជ័យ «Mahavichey=Great Victory» ជាឈ្មោះប្រុស ត្រូវបានទៅលើទូកមួយដែលមានរាងស្គម ឯឈ្មោះបុប្បមានឫទ្ធិ «bophameanrith-Glorious Flower» ជាឈ្មោះស្រី ត្រូវបានទៅលើទូកមួយ ដែលមានរាងធាត់។

ដាក់ឈ្មោះរួចហើយ គេក៏តម្កល់ទូកទុកក្នុងមណ្ឌលសមាគមខ្មែររហូត ដល់ថ្ងៃទី២២ ខែសីហា ឆ្នាំ១៩៩៨ ត្រូវជាថ្ងៃធ្វើបុណ្យអុំទូកលើកទី២ ទើបលោកស័ក្តិ និងលោកអាចារ្យ 🛛 😝 សុខ នាំគ្នាំជ្យបច់ពិធីអញ្ជើញ មហាវិជ័យនិងបុបា្វមានឬខ្ទិ យ៉ាងត្រឹមត្រូវដើម្បីយកទៅប្រណាំង។ តែការនេះ មិនមែនយកទៅងាយៗ ដូចគេយក ទូកទៅបង់សំណាញ់នោះទេ។ ព្រោះអ្វី? ព្រោះទូកទាំងពីរនេះបានមកដោយសារការធ្វើ ពលិកម្មដ៏ធំធេងសំបើមណាស់។

ឬណ្យអុំទូកយើងទាំងពីរលើកខាងលើនេះ មានឈ្មោះល្បីសុសសាយ ទៅសពុទិសា ដែលបានធ្វើឲ្យជនានុជនកោតសរសេរក្រៃលែង។ មិនតែប៉ុណ្ណោះ បុណ្យនេះក៏បានធ្វើឲ្យទីក្រុងឡូវ៉ែលបានក្លាយទៅជាទីក្រុងលេខ១ ហៅថា All America City កាលពីថ្ងៃទី២៦ ខែមិថុនា ឆ្នាំ១៩៩៩ នោះឡេវគផឹង។ នៅថ្ងៃសៅរ៍ ទី២១ ខែសីហា ឆ្នាំ១៩៩៩ គឺជាថ្ងៃបុណ្យអុំទូកលើកទី៣ ដោយប្រើទូកខ្មែរយើងទាំងពីរដែលមានស្រាប់ ហើយនោះ។ នៅថ្ងៃទី១៩ ខែសីហា ឆ្នាំ២០០០ គឺជាថ្ងៃបុណ្យអុំទូកលើកទី៤ដោយ មានទូកខ្មែរយើង២ និងទូកលាវ២។

ទោះមានទូកប៉ុន្មាននិងបុណ្យអុំទូកលើកទីប៉ុន្មានក៏ដោយ ក៏សមាគមខ្មែរយើង តែងតែបានចាត់ចែងរប្រចំ ធ្វើបុណ្យអុំទូកយើងនេះ យ៉ាងសកម្មនិងប្រុងប្រយ័ត្នជុំ ដែលធ្មេសប្រហែសឡើយ។ ជាពិសេស គឺយើងបានប្រកាសផ្សាយ ដំណឹងគ្រប់ទិសទី បណ្តាលឲ្យមានជំនាន់ជនចូលរួមរាប់ម៉ឺននាក់ និងនិមន្តព្រះសង្បស្ថាប័នព្រះពុទ្ធសាសនា ខ្មែរជាព្រះអធិបតីតាមបែបព្រះពុទ្ធសាសនា ដែលនៅក្នុងនោះក៏មានសម្ដេចព្រះមហា

យោសនន្លោបាននិមន្តចូលរួមធ្វើធម្មយាគ្រាជាគម្រួសន្តិភាពដែរ។

នេះហើយជាវ័យវឌ្ឍនភាពនៃបុណ្យអុំទូកយើង ដែលយើងត្រូវតែទទួល ស្គាល់ថាជារបស់នៃខ្លួនយើងទៅអនាគត ដោយកំណត់ច្បាស់លាស់ថាទោះច័ព្ទមីន ឬមិន ចម្រើនក៏អាស្រ័យលើយើងដែរ។ សូមកុំបីមានគំនិតអញនិយម ហើយយករឿង ផ្ទាល់ខ្លួនមកលាយឡំឥ្យូខូចប្រយោជន៍សង្គមជាពិឥ្យូសោះ។

ដោយ ស៊ាង ស័ក្តិ

ពិធីមុណ្យម្រប់ម្រិយនៅនីគ្រួខន្សទែល

ដោយស៊ាង សក្តិ

ពិធីបុណ្យប្រជាប្រិយ គឺជាបុណ្យប្រពៃណីមួយដែលតែងតែប្រារព្ធឡើងជាអ្យង រាល់ថ្ងៃសៅរ-អាទិត្យ នាដំណាច់ខែកក្កដានៅក្នុងបរិជណសាលាក្រុងឡូវែល។ បុណ្យ នេះមាន សារៈសំខាន់ណាស់ក្នុងការរចនាសម្ព័ន្ធចងមិត្តភាពរវាងជាតិសាសន៍និមួយៗ

ដែលមានវប្បធម៌ខុសគ្នា។

នៅឆ្នាំ២០០០នេះ ពិធីបុណ្យប្រជាប្រិយបានចាប់ផ្តើមនៅថ្ងៃសៅរ៍-អាទិត្យ ២៩-៣០ ខែ កក្កដា។ ជាជ្យងរាល់ពេល ឲ្យតែជិតដល់ថ្ងៃកំណត់ហើយ គឺគេចំណាំ ឃើញមានការជ្យូប ចំនៅក្នុងបរិជណសាលាក្រុងឡូវែលដូចជាដាក់រនាំងមិនឲ្យដើរហើរ លើកន្លែងហាមឃាត់ សង់រោងធំល្មមសំរាប់ឥន្រ្តីករ៉ ជ្យូបចំកៅអ៊ីពីមុខរោងសំរាប់ទស្ស និកជនព្រមទាំងតម្លើង តួបលក់គ្រឿងឧបអាាគបរិអោគក្នុងរបៀបជៀបរយដ៏មានសណ្ដាប់ ធ្នាប់ជាដើម។ ចំណែកនៅសមាគមខ្មែរឯណោះវិញ ក៏ម៉ានការប្រជុំរៀបចំកម្លាំងទិញមូប អាហារជាសជ្ជៈ និងរបស់ប្រើប្រាស់ក្រៀមទុកជាស្រេចហើយដែរ។

លុះដល់ថ្ងៃបុណ្យហើយបុគ្គលិកនិងអ្នកជំនួយទាំងអស់បានមកជួបជុំគ្នានៅ មណ្ឌលសមាគមខ្មែរវេលាម៉ោង ៤ និង ៤៥ នាទីព្រឹក ដើម្បីដឹកជញ្ជូនម្ហូបអាហាររបស់ របរទៅសាលាក្រុង។ ពេលនេះទើបយើងមើលឃើញថា មានវិថីខ្លះត្រូវបានបិទ មិនឲ្យរថយន្ត ចេញចូលព្រោះនៅតាមដងវិថីទាំងនេះក៏មានពម្លើងតួបលក់ទំនិញជាហូរ ហែរដែរ។ ឯក្រុមប៉ូលីសវិញក៏ខំយាមរក្សាការពារសន្និសុខពាសពេញគួរជាទឹកក់ កៅដែរ។

យើងនាំគ្នាអុប្រចំការដាក់លក់តាមមុខការអុង្រៗខ្លួន។ ចំណែកឯនៅតាមតួបជិតខាង យើងកំពុវបច់ដាក់តាមចំណង់ចំណូលចិត្តនិងគាមប្រពៃណីរបស់គេព្យងៗខ្លួនដែរ។ មាន កូនរថយន្តតូចមួយដឹកទឹកកកដាក់តាមតូបនានាពុំមានការខ្វះខាតឡើយ។ ការប្បបចំ ចេះតែប្រព្រឹត្តទៅជា បណ្ដើរដោយរីករាយ។ យើងសង្កេតឃើញលោក ចក់ សាវិ , យាម ទិត, ថូម៉ាំស ស្នីលីយ៉ាណូស និង កញ្ញា សារ៉ា គុណ ជាគណៈកម្មាធិការនាយកកំបាន ចូលរួមជួយរៀបចំនិងលក់ម្ហូបអាហារនេះដែរ។ យើងលក់សាច់គោចង្កាក់ និងស្លាប មាន់អាំង, បាយធា, មីធា ព្រមទាំងជាសព្ទៈមានទឹកក្រូច, ទឹកដូង, ទឹកសណ្ដែកជាដើម

ដែលសុទ្ធពែទទួលលើកដុំពីផ្សារ លក់ម្ហូបនិងអោជនីយដ្ឋាននានា។

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Ara Ara

Light of Cambodian Children (LCC) is established on the universal concepts of peace, love, compassion, justice, and forgiveness. LCC has a unique quality in that every member volunteers his or her time. As a non-profit and non-governmental organization, we hope to bridge the generation gap within Khmer families so we can start the healing process in the aftermath of civil strife. In addition to providing humanitarian relief for children in Cambodia, we will build a future based on non-violence, caring, and understanding among Khmer descendants. We believe that education is an essential part of that healing process, thus we support and strongly encourage Khmer descendants to pursue and complete higher education.

In furtherance of our mission, on August 12, 2000 Light of Cambodian Children set a new standard for reaching out to the next generation of Cambodian Americans. Light of Cambodian Children on that Saturday night awarded two individuals two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollar scholarships that will go toward their educational expense.

Out of many deserving applicants, two were chosen to be our first Cambodian American Scholarship LCC's Scholars. Congratulations!! The recipients were Savuth Phann and Sokunna Thay. Both recipients are recent high school graduates from Massachusetts. Savuth Phann graduated from Lowell High School and he will be attending the University of Massachusetts at Lowell in the fall, while Sokunna Thay, a graduate of Cathedral High School will enter her freshman year at Emerson College in September.

This unprecedented event culminated from many efforts in encouraging our youth to reach their potential as an individual. Through our scholarship, we will promote and encourage Cambodian youth to set high goals for their education and to attain those goals. Light of Cambodian Children will do our part by reaching out to our youth to educate them as well as by serving as a motivating force for our next generation. Besides celebrating our first Scholarship Awards, LCC had a chance to recognize many individuals recognized as role models by our youth. These individuals were chosen by nominations from youth throughout New England area.

This is our first time in creating and awarding scholarship. Many of our members are very hopeful that we can increase both the number of recipients and the dollar amount in coming years. Through intensive, vigorous fundraising and support from individuals, Cambodian American Scholarship will definitely become a fixture of our organization. Light of Cambodian Children will be not only a place where our next generation get scholarship money, but another resource for Cambodian youth.

As a Chairperson for Cambodian American Scholarship, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals, companies, and agencies that made our scholarship possible. Thank you for making a difference in our youths' lives. Your time and donations go a long way for our youth.

Deborah Pov Ye Chairperson of Cambodian American Scholarship Committee

The Great Success of MSSP at CMAA

Funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) via the Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (MORI), after two years of hard work, the Massachusetts Self-Sufficiency Program (MSSP) has ended its mission very successfully.

The MSSP focuses on many important services helping refugees to reach self-sufficiency. It is the combination of two programs, the Employment Services Program for adults and the Youth Services Program for at risk youth. These services include, but are not limited to, enrollment in ESL and or native language class, support services, employment placement, and obtaining self-sufficiency.

The staff has worked very hard regardless of bad time or weather; they work

day and night, weekends and holidays, and hot or cold. They always take turns to be with the training classes held on Tuesday and Thursday nights and almost all day on Saturday.

Outreaching to the community and other community services providers is also done without any complaint. Whenever a cultural event is held, like Cambodian New Year, Water Festival, or Folk Festival — and mostly they fall on holidays and weekends — the MSSP staff is always there passing out brochures or flyers to people. The staff attends as many public meetings and trainings as possible regardless of where they are held — temples, churches, restaurants, schools, or even on public streets. The local public media like Lowell Telecommunications Corporation (LTC), Media One, and the Cambodian media (CLPTV, CCN, KLTC, KCN) are the right hand of the MSSP in terms of spreading the word about the services to the community.

Following are just some examples of successful activities of the project. Keep in mind that there are two more months to go before the project year is ended — so, more numbers should be added onto each outcome. Most of the areas of the program are outstanding in terms of reaching the goals. For the whole two year project, the goal for enrollment is 430, and the outcome is already 653; the job placement goal is 128, and the outcome is 312; obtaining self-sufficiency is 76, and the outcome is 122. With our assistance, some of those employed clients even earn more than \$18.00 per hour with full benefits.

However, the main concern area in the project is to help in reducing/ terminating people from public assistance (the goal is 96, and the outcome is 45). About 100 clients who were placed in employment by the MSSP were just one short step away from public assistance programs such as Welfare, Mass Health, or Food Stamp; without our help, they would be in need of these services.

Moreover, besides receiving needed services such as legal, education, medical, and many more for their families and them-



selves, the MSSP clients also receive job skills training which is really in demand at the present time. From October 1998 to July 2000, about 100 clients were enrolled in the computer and electronics/soldering class; 82 had been exposed to the training, and 79 of them were awarded a certificate of achievement or perfect attendance. Right after they finished their classes (and some were still in the middle of their training) many of them already have job offers paying from \$11.00 to \$15.00 per hour.

Now, there are about 85 names on the waiting list for the next training. They had been called for a screening test, just to see how much they can read and write English; 56 showed up for the testing because some of them either moved out of the state, got a job, or their phone was disconnected. According to the plan, in the migdle of September 2000, another 30 to 50 clients will be enrolled in the next training cycle. Hopefully, in the beginning of the 2001's, in answering the need of the community in job skills training, more classes will be added. Then, more students will be enrolled and class size is reduced so that the quality of learning could be better.

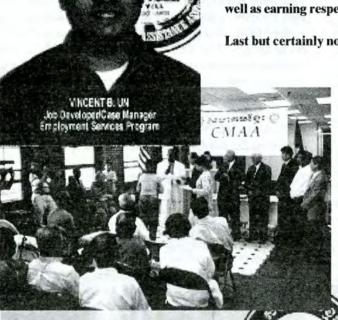
While the activities of the project make the MSSP a successful program in the state, they also elevate the status of the CMAA among private sectors, with companies ranging from manufacturing to secretarial. Through our program and especially in terms of employment services, the CMAA is one of the leading agencies attracting many companies to seek our services while at the same time attracting Cambodians from all walks of life. This in turn puts CMAA on the national map as well as earning respect from local employment agencies.

Last but certainly not least, the MSSP has become a regular program in terms of

training clients regarding rules and regulations of a safe working environment. The collaboration with the Merrimack Valley Project (MVP) has been as successful as the MSSP organization itself.

Therefore, on behalf of our MSSP clients, I would like to give many

thanks to the funding provider and also to all hard working ESP and YSP staffs at the CMAA.



Congratulations!
MSSP-ESP Staff

Margaret L. Tham Vincent B. Un Debra P. Ye



CMAA Graduation Ceremony

On August 12, 2000, CMAA threw a celebration for our graduates who had recently finished their training in computer, electronics, and citizenship. This is the second time of the year that our Cambodian community, Laotian, and Vietnamese community come together to support this job skill training education. Moreover, the ceremony was honored by many more people like the Employment Service(ESP) and the Citizenship program (CAP) funding provider, CMAA Board of Directors, CMAA staffs, teachers, graduates, and their friends and family. There were about 150 people who came to congratulate those 108 graduates.

The above participants included Mr. Tony Chavez—ORI Deputy Director, Bunrith Lach—CMAA Chairman, Chuck Sar—CMAA Vice President, Thomas Styllianos—Secretary of B.O.D., Chantha Bin—B.O.D., Samuth Korm—B.O.D., Samkhann Khoeun—CMAA Executive Director, Renay Martin—UPS Employment Supervisor. We would like to apologize to the rest of the good hearted people who attended the party at that time for being unable to list your name here, like the representative from the Vocational School of Greater Lowell, CMAA B.O.D., and other friends. However, your presence at that special moment was very important and will live long in our hearts, especially in those 108 young and old, males and females, Cambodians, Laotians, and Vietnamese students.

Among them, 42 were from the ESP; 22 from the soldering class and 20 from the computer class. Although 9 students were not awarded due to their inability in passing the test, they deserve a certificate of attendance because they came to the class regularly and they did well on the class exercise. Six students were acknowledged as outstanding students.

Since it was held on Saturday, and some of the graduates had to work, only about 2/3 of the graduates could attend. However, it was a lovely ceremony with about 200 people participating. Certificates and gifts were given to the students and instructors after the special guests' speeches were done.

The best thing out of the training is that many graduates have received employment right away and with a good salary; for people who are already employed do have good opportunity in bringing themselves up. They get pay at least \$11.00 per hour; some of them even get up to \$14.00 it depends on their past experience. So far, we know that four people have started their job the rest of them are still hard to reach since they work different shifts. Some of them are people who receive public assistance programs.

Most of our graduates are much older, ages 24 and up. They usually don't speak or write English much; that is why they like to learn. The CMAA program offers them a great opportunity in learning and improving themselves, their family, and their community as well. So, just seeing them walk up the stage and getting their certificate, it shows that they are really dedicated to the education. Although they did not say in words, they still could not hide their emotion at that time their eyes were full of tears of joy and were so bright while their face really full of happiness when

they received their certificate, or when they talked to their friends and family. Some even have their pictures taken with teachers and staffs, so that they can keep the photo as their souvenir of the great occasion they had with the CMAA. Coordinated by Samuel Sok, Margaret Tham, Thysan Sam, and hosted by Margaret Tham, this CMAA special event was written down deeply in the graduates' heart as well in the participants'. It enhances the existed good relationship of the CMAA and the other communities.

The CMAA wishes well to all the past and present graduates, to people who attempt in improving their life conditions, and also to ones who are in need of changing themselves through education.





Graduation Ceremony for students who have completed Basic Computer Skills, Soldering, and Citizenship & Civic Education, August 2000

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(ឥពីភាគមុន)

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៤- ឈប់ពិសាស្រា ឬគ្រឿងស្រវឹងផ្សេងៗ។

៥- ត្រូវហាត់ប្រាណឲ្យបានទៀងទាត់។

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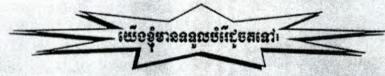


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16th Anniversary Dinner & Banquet

Saturday, October 21, 2000 Doubletree Hotel - Lowell

Event Program

6:30p.m. Cocktail - Cash bar

7:30p.m. Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Bunrith Lach, President of CMAA

7:35p.m. Guest Speakers

Honorable Steve Panagiatakos, State Senator

7:45p.m. Dinner

Cultural Entertainment by CMAA Friendship Dance Troupe

8:30p.m. Community Achievement Award Presentation

Mr. Andrew C. Bailey, Esq., Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP

Mr. Donald Washburn, MASSBANK

Ms. Monica Am, Amara Fashion & Boutique

Ms. Maly Thai, Pailin Supermarket

Mr. Srun Sry, Battambang Market

Mr. Samoeun Lek, Asia World Enterprise, Inc.

Mr. Kanara Loeu, Safeway Insurance Agency

9:00p.m. Closing Remarks by Samkhann C. Khoeun, Executive Director of CMAA

9:05p.m. Dancing with H2O (KoungKear) Band, with Special Appearance by

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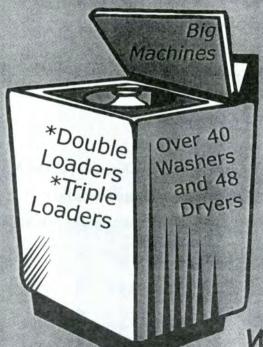
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A Capital Campaign The Southeast Asian Family & Youth Center មហ្សមស្នេសសំរាមគ្រួសារ សិខ យុទ៩ន

The Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association (CMAA) of Greater Lowell, Inc. is in the midst of conducting a capital campaign to raise \$1.5 million to support the physical development of the Southeast Asian Family and Youth Center, scheduled for completion by June 2001. When completed, the center will be able to serve as many as 5,000 individuals and family members a year through its various social, educational, cultural, and recreational activities.

The proposed Southeast Asian Family and Youth Center will be located on the second and third floors in the former Courier Corporation building at 165 Jackson Street in Lowell. The Courier Corporation generously donated its former headquarters building, with over 90,000 square feet of floor space and worth approximately one million dollars, to the CMAA in August 1997. The center will be occupying about 20,000 square feet in the unusable space of the Mills building. Therefore, the much needed work will go into an infrastructure improvement and construction of a new service core that will include a passenger elevator, stairway, lobby, entrance, new roof as well as office space and a performance stage for traditional dance rehearsal, after-school youth program activities and for community social and cultural gatherings.

The Family and Youth Center project has been and will be involving many youth, families, volunteers, CMAA's staff and board members, elected officials, governmental officials and representatives from various funding agencies and foundations who are committed to working together over a period of 18 months to make plans, carry out those plans to raise enough funding, and to complete their ideal Center for the Southeast Asian American community in the Greater Lowell.

The Family and Youth Center will empower the Southeast Asian youth, young parents, parents, adolescents with development disabilities, and the elders to build positive self-esteem, learn a new language and vocational skills that would lead them to achieve self-sufficiency in their newly adopted country—America. In addition, the center will be a pivotal point in helping to foster and strengthen good relationships, fill the intergenerational gap between family members and build a strong and healthy community.

Statement of Needs for Lowell's Cambodian-American Community

Lowell has the second largest Cambodian population in the United States, numbering 30,000. The largest Cambodian community is in Long Beach, California, with an estimated number of 60,000. Many of the Cambodian residents of Lowell are refugees who fled from war-torn Cambodia and now live in poverty in the United States.

In April 1975, the Maoist communist Khmer Rouge regime led by Pol Pot, evacuated the cities and systematically killed over two million people—a quarter of the population--especially targeting the wealthy, educated, or professional people. Doctors, nurses, clergy, teachers, business owners, artisans, city dwellers and even those who wore glasses were singled out for execution since they were seen as bourgeois or contaminated with Western influence.

The Khmer Rouge maintained control by mass public torture, executions, and dismantling the social order of Cambodia. Men, women, and children were sent to labor camps and forced to do strenuous work. Famine and disease became epidemic while medicine and medical care were non-existent.

When the Khmer Rouge regime was overthrown in early 1979, thousands of Cambodians fled on foot to refugee camps on the Thai border, where they waited for up to twelve years to be resettled in a third country.

Upon arriving in the United States in late 1979 and early 1980's, either alone or in decimated families, the Cambodian refugees were generally resettled in economically disadvantaged inner city areas such as Lowell's Acre and Highland neighborhoods. Negotiating their way amidst gangs, drugs, urban violence, inadequate housing, and poor schools, many felt they had been transported from one war zone to another.

Moreover, these refugees were among the least prepared to adapt to such an environment. Not only were they suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and physical ailments which resulted from their ordeal, but they tended to be from rural backgrounds, with little or no education, frequently illiterate even in their own language.

These challenges continue to affect the Cambodian American community today. According to the U.S. 1990 Census: 26% of Cambodian families in Lowell are headed by a single mother. The average size of a Cambodian family is 5.03 persons. Only 46% of Cambodian men and 22.6% of Cambodian women over the age of 25 have completed high school. The average per capital income for Cambodian population is \$6,250, and 49% of Cambodian families live below the established poverty level, constituting the second most economically disadvantaged Asian American group.

Cambodians came to Lowell to build a new life. Despite their social and linguistic isolation, many were able to find work in Greater Lowell's factories. Factory work was ideal, as it required only technical ability or manual labor; fluency in English might not be necessary. Cambodians got together and built two temples – one located in North Chelmsford and one on Cambridge Street in Lowell. In 1984, the Cambodian community leaders came together to establish the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell, Inc., whose mission is to assist Cambodians and Southeast Asians to achieve self-sufficiency in their newly adopted country—America, while at the same time trying to promote and preserve their native cultural heritage.

Programs and Services to be housed in the proposed Southeast Asian Family and Youth Center

- The Monorom Family Support Services Program provides comprehensive services to families that have children with developmental disabilities. The program name came from the Khmer word "Monorom" which means "peace or harmony", which reflects the program's origins as a respite care services. Services available include Case management, translation, and transportation to assist families in accessing other services providers, crisis intervention, counseling services, special education and advocacy; parent support group to assist parents of disabled children in coping with the unique stresses and difficulties of caring for children with special needs; American sign language classes for those whose principal language is Khmer; and social and recreational programs for disabled children, including traditional Cambodian dance troupe which integrates disabled and non-disabled children.
- § Youth Services Program offers a safe and supportive environment and an alternative to gang involvement for the "at-risk" and gang-involved youth between the ages of 10-22. Program activities include peer leadership development, Khmer language instruction, Cambodian traditional dances, music and arts classes; employment training and placement, health education and training; computer training, and homework club; sports and recreational activities, summer camp. The youth have been involved in numerous activities including an annual Water Festival, Khmer New Year, Lowell Folk Festival, and other special events throughout the year. Over 400 youth are enrolled in this program.
- Young Parents Program aims at reducing welfare dependency among young parents, ages 14 21, who have not achieved a high school diploma or its equivalent. YPP espouses a model of employability development to successfully prepare an individual to obtain a job as quickly as possible in the primary labor market. CMAA's YPP attends to the whole person, recognizing that basic educational and job specific skills are important to young parents in the acquisition of and advancement in the work environment. More than 50 young parents have been enrolled in this program.

The Elderly Outreach & Assistance offers older Cambodian Americans transportation, family and psychological support, translation, hospital visit, citizenship education, case management, health education, emergency assistance, crisis intervention, cultural and religious activities, exercise and recreational activities. Traditionally, elders are part of the extended family, which provides for their needs. As a result of the war, the Killing Fields under the Maoist communist regime, the refugee episode, disruption and dislocation of families that accompanied them, many elderly Cambodian refugees do not have surviving children, or may have been unable to locate and reunite with their surviving children or relatives. In Lowell, Cambodian senior citizens are often isolated. They often do not speak English. They have limited access to social services because of language and cultural barriers.

Objectives, Goals & Measurements

- To conduct a capital campaign with a goal of raising \$2.5 million to support toward development of the Southeast Asian Family and Youth Center at the CMAA's headquarter building on 165 Jackson St.
- To construct a service core that includes a fire rate stair, an ADA compliant elevator, lobbies, wheelchair lift/ramp, and an entranceway at a point 432 feet from the East end of the building at 165 Jackson St.
- To renovate and obtain occupancy permits for approximately 20,000 square feet of second and third floor space for use as the Southeast Asian Family and Youth Center that include performance stage and multifunction facilities.
- To serve 500 at-risk youth, 250 children/adolescents with development disabilities and their families, and 350 elders in the Southeast Asian Family and Youth Center.
- To provide multi-function facilities to the Southeast Asian community in Greater Lowell at an affordable cost serving up to 7,500 people a year. At least 75% of the persons served in the Southeast Asian Family and Youth Center will be low-income families.

Key Personnel

The CMAA will use outside consultants for the capital campaign, fund raising, legal services, building development, architectural designs, engineering, and construction of the family and youth center. In addition, CMAA will put into good use its own management team that consists of an executive director, Mr. Samkhann C. Khoeun, who brings a history of successful administration of community organization to CMAA; a fiscal manager, Mr. Thirith Hut, who holds an accounting degree from Northeastern University; a development director, Mr. Joseph Sexton, who is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Lowell and Suffolk University Law School; plus staff members from the CMAA's Youth Services, the Monorom Family Support Services, the Elderly Outreach Program, the Young Parents Program and also the youth, clients and its dedicated volunteers. Also, the CMAA's board of directors, who represent a broad variety of professions, will bring an important array of experience and training to the CMAA's policy-making, leadership body, and community relations and connections.

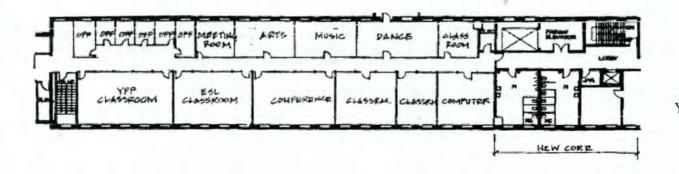
Kick-Off for Capital Campaign

Thus far, the CMAA's Youth Services Program has raised about \$25,000 in gross income from the "Children of War and Theatre Play", held on March 4, 2000 and which featured Ms. Yolanda King, the daughter of the civic right leader Martin Luther King, Jr. The event was the CMAA's kick-off and was made possible by the generous contribution of the River Arts Repertory and the Children of War organization. The play brought several hundreds of people to Lowell Memorial Auditorium to support the capital campaign initiative of the youth and family members.



SEARAC Focus Group at CMAA, August 2000





Proposed Second floor plan: Youth Center Feb - April

May 2001

June 2001

Timeline for the Capital Campaign and the Family & Youth Center

January 2000 * Planning that involved youth, family members, staff, volunteers and board members February 2000 * Prepare proposal to City of Lowell under its Consolidated Plan—CDBG * Kick-off event with "Children of War Theatre and Film Project" at Lowell Memorial Auditorium March 4, 2000 * Khmer New Year Festival - Tsongas Arena April 8, 2000 May 2000 * Capital Campaign - In progress June 2000 * Capital Campaign - Ongoing July 2000 * Capital Campaign - Ongoing * Starting new fiscal year August 2000 * 4th Annual Water Festival * Finalizing on design and construction plans Sept - Oct Nov 2000 * Bidding & selecting constructing company * CMAA's 16th Anniversary Celebration, Dec 2000 * Starting on demolition Jan 2001 * Construction begins

* Construction continues &

* Construction complete

* Permit & Occupancy

furnishing the Family & Youth Center

How YOU can support the CMAA Capital Campaign?

If you are interested in supporting the fundraising efforts for the development of the Southeast Asian Family and Youth Center, you can send donations to:

CMAA's Capital Campaign

C/o Southeast Asian Family & Youth Center 165 Jackson Street; Lowell, MA 01852

For further information, please contact the CMAA's Executive Director, Samkhann C. Khoeun at (978) 454-4286, or Email: skhoeun@cmaalowell.org

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នៅថ្ងៃមួយនោះ មានមនុស្សប្រុសពីរនាក់ គឺម្នាក់ឈ្មោះនាយជូរ និងម្នាក់ ឈ្មោះនាយផ្នែម ដោយអផ្សែកពេកពួកគេក៏សុំច្បាប់កូនៗដើម្បីបើក ឡានដើរលេង។ គេបើកពីស្រុកខ្មែរមកដល់**រដ្ឋកាលីហ្វរញ៉ា** ហើយក៏ ចេញពីក្រុង**ស្កកតុន** ទៅ **សាន់ហូហ្សេ** ទៀត។

ជាអកុសល ដោយមិនចេះច្បាប់ចរាចរណ៏ស្រុកអាមេរិកនោះ ពេលបើក ឡានមកដល់ពាក់កណ្ដាលផ្លូវ ពួកគេក៏ទទួលគ្រោះថ្នាក់បុកឡានគេ ឡើងក្រឡាប់ផ្កាប់ផ្ទារ។ ពេលដែលពួកគេកំពុងតែរើខ្លួនតតេះតតះ ចេញពីក្នុងឡាននោះ ប៉ូលីសក៏មកដល់ហើយសួរថា៖

- Can you speak English? នាយជួរក៏ផ្ញើយទាំងក្រអឹពក្រទម គ្រវាត់ដៃជើងចុះឡើងថា៖
- Yes, I don't know how to speak English? ប៉ូលីស
- Can you tell me about the accident? Or what happened? នាយជួរក៏ពោលរៀបរាប់បញ្ចើរ យកជាយអាវជ្ជកាឈាមនៅនឹងដែបល្បើរថា៖
- Okay, yes,... you know... I know how to speak English a little bit. Okay, you know... I tell you the true story, you know... one car go, and you know... one car come... ប៉ឹងប៉ូងប៉ាំង ធួហ្គាយស្លីប (Two guys sleep មានន័យថា អ្នកទាំងពីរសន្លប់បាត់ស្មារតី)។

សរសេរឡើងវិញដោយកញ្ញា ហ៊ី-ច័ន្ទបុព្ទថា

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រស់ក្នុងសង្គម ករណីយកិច្ចធំ គឺជាតិខេមរា កុំមើលបំណាំ និយមអាត្មា ខ្មែរអើយជួយគ្នា លើកស្ទួយជួយគ្នា។

ជាតិខ្មែរខ្ពង់ខ្ពស់ បុព្វបុរស បានកសាងឡើង ហ្វូណនរអង្គរ មហារុងរឿង ជួយថៃជាតិយើង ឲ្យបានគង់វង្ស។

កម្លាំងគំនិត ជួយគូរជួយគិត យើងជួយទ្រទ្រង់ កុំឲ្យបរទេស ដៀលខ្មែរខ្លៅល្ងង់ ទុកជាតិលិចលង់ ដូចចាមចំប៉ា។

ដោយ អ.ព.រ (កវីអ្នកអាននេះមិនទាន់ចង់បញ្ចេញឈ្មោះពិតនៅឡើយទេ)

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(សង្ខេបរឿង៖ ពាចាស់ម្នាក់ចង់យកកូនចិញ្ចឹមខ្លួនមកធ្វើជាប្រពន្ធ។ គាត់បានលួចដាក់ កាក់ពណ៌ខ្មៅពីរនៅក្នុងបំពង់ ហើយក៏ធ្វើលក្ខ័ន្ធនឹងនាងសុភា ព្រមទាំងប្រកាសប្រាប់អ្នក ស្រុកថា បើសុភាចាប់បានកាក់ពណ៌ខ្មៅ នោះនាងត្រូវតែធ្វើជាប្រពន្ធគាត់។ ដូច្នេះតើសុភាត្រូវធ្វើយ៉ាងណាដើម្បីឲ្យនាងបាន រួចខ្លួនផងនិងកុំឲ្យពានោះខ្មាសគេថាគាត់ដាក់កាក់ខ្មៅពីរបន្លំនោះផង? (សូមសាកធ្វើយសិន ចាំអានចំលើយនេះជាក្រោយ។)

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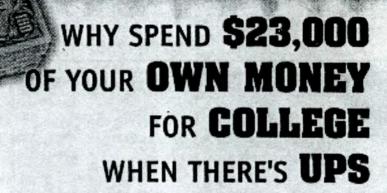
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PROGRAM

As broad as this statement is, it opens many new opportunities for the Southeast Asian population, especially the Cambodian Community of greater Lowell. In the first year grant the CMAA was awarded \$623.000 for refugee assistance followed by a \$1,500,000 grant for fiscal year 2000. The CSE program for the first year provided the impetus for a true set of guidelines for those affected by unemployment, low levels of work readiness. Refugees are also affected by an inadequate supply of jobs for their skill level and some may have been impacted by job exclusion.

The Community Service Employment program is sponsored by a grant from the Office of Refugee Resettlement, and is maintained by the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell. In the first year, CSE was able to service 115 clients who came to the center. Of these 115 intakes, 42 were placed in subsidized employment through the program.

In the fiscal year 2000, the CSE program increased the outcome by placing 62 refugees in the CSE program while taking in over 89 new clients. The Community Service Employment program is now entering its third year with another \$1.5M continuation grant to assist additional refugees with subsidized placement.

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កម្មវិធីនេះគឺមានគោលបំណងជួយស្គារនិងឧបត្ថម្ភគ្រួសារជនរោស្រខ្លួនគ្រប់ជាតិសាសន៍ឲ្យមានស្ថេរភាពនិងសមត្ថភាពជាម្ចាស់ការលើខ្លួនឯងបាន ពោលគឺជួយណែនាំផ្លូវឲ្យគេអាចជួយខ្លួនឯងបានទៅអនាគត។ កម្មវិធីនេះមានផ្គល់ជាជំនួយគ្រប់បែបយ៉ាងដែលគ្រួសារនិមួយៗគ្រូវការ គឺដូចជា ជួយបង្ហាត់របៀបសរសេរប្រវត្តិការងារ ជួយផ្តល់ជាពត៌មានគ្រួសៗអំពីក្រសួងរដ្ឋឬឯកជនផ្សេងៗ ដូចជាពេទ្យ វ៉ៃលហ្វែរ និង ឧស្សាហ៍កម្មឬក្រុមហ៊ុននានាជាដើម។ សំខាន់ជាងអ្វីទាំងអស់នោះ គឺយើងមានបង្រៀនជាចំណេះសំរាប់បុគ្គលនិមួយៗពង្រឹងនូវអាជីវកម្មរបស់ខ្លួន គឺមានបង្រៀនជា កំព្យូធ័រ ផ្សាខ្សែដៃកតូចៗ និង អង់គ្លេស។

នៅក្នុងរយៈពេលពីរឆ្នាំដែល **កម្មវិធីជំនួយរកការងារ** នេះត្រូវបំពេញបេសកកម្មរបស់ខ្លួននោះ (ពីខែតុលា ១៩៩៨-កញ្ញា ២០០០) ជោគជ័យដ៏ត្រចះត្រចង់ក៏បានលេចឡើងយ៉ាងគួរឲ្យពេញចិត្ត។ ឧទាហរណ៍ខ្លះៗនោះគឺមិនទាន់ទាំងដល់ពីរឆ្នាំផងនោះ (នៅ២ខែឡេត) យើងបានទទួលចុះឈ្មោះអតិថិជនចំនួន៦៥៣នាក់ ហើយបានជួយរកការងារជូនពួកគេចំនួន៣១២នាក់ ដោយជួយឲ្យគេបានទទួលការងារនៅ តាមការិយាល័យរដ្ឋឬឯកជន និងតាមរោងឧស្សាហ៍កម្មផ្សេងៗនៅក្នុងនិងក្រៅទីក្រុងឡូវ៉ែល។ បើចង់ជ្រាបពត៌មានខ្លះៗបន្ថែមឡេត សូមអានទំព័រដែល បរិយាយអំពីការចែករង្វាន់ដល់សិស្ស និងទំព័រដែលរៀបរាប់អំពីកម្មវិធីនេះជាភាសាខ្មែរនិងអង់គ្លេស។

តាងនាមជាបុគ្គលិកម្នាក់នៃកម្មវិធីនេះ នាងខ្ញុំសូមថ្លែងនូវអំណរគុណយ៉ាងជ្រាលជ្រោច់ពោះបុគ្គលិកទាំងពីរូប (គឺ កញ្ញា យេ-ពៅ និងលោក អ៊ុន-បូណា) ដែលបានធ្វើពលិកម្មដ៏ប្តូរផ្តាច់ជួយគាំទ្រកម្មវិធីនេះ និងជាពិសេសគឺចំពោះបង-ប្តូនដែលជាអតិថិជននៅក្នុងសហគមន៍នានាដូចជា សហគមន៍ខ្មែរ-លាវ-និងយួន ដែលរស់នៅទីក្រុងឡូវែល ឡរិន្យ ខ្មេរិត ។ល។ ដែលបានផ្តល់នូវទំនុកចិត្តរបស់បង-ប្តូនអនុញ្ញាត្តិឲ្យយើងខ្ញុំទាំងអស់អាចមានឱ្យកាសទទួលជួយបំរើបង-ប្តូនទាំងនោះបាន។ នៅពេលនេះ ទោះបីជា **កម្មវិធីជំនួយរកការងារ** នេះត្រូវបញ្ចប់បេសកកម្មរបស់ខ្លួនហើយក៏ដោយ កំយើងខ្ញុំទាំងអស់នៅតែខិតខំបំរើសហគមន៍ខ្មែរនិងជាតិដទៃទៀតទៅតាមពេលវេលានិងកិច្ចការដែលតំរូវឲ្យនោះយ៉ាងពេញទំហឹង។



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KOMAR DAY CARE CENTER

The Komar Day Care Center is licensed by the Office for Child Care Services to care for 24 children ages 2.9 to 7 years of age.

We offer a happy, safe and nurturing environment for the children who attend Komar Day Care Center. The following meals are provided: breakfast, morning snack and afternoon snack. Our staff is made up of very dedicated teachers and teacher assistants with over 20 years experience in the field of Early Childhood Education. Staff members attend college, trainings and workshops to keep up to date with the educational needs of the children in their care.

The children have a variety of activities to do during the day to help them develop the social, emotional and educational skills needed for their futures. Our new curriculum was developed to foster growth in language and literacy. We look forward to an exciting year of learning for the children.

The staff works closely with families and outside resources to make sure that each child's needs are met.

We are members of the Lowell Community Partnership. This partnership is directed by the City of Lowell School Department.

We take pride in the fact that we work closely with other programs within the CMAA and our community to offer childcare to the parents of these programs.

ACTIVITIES OF YOUTH IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS

To better increase and promote education and to help reduce crises among youth in public places, staff of Youth Service Program of CMAA has done the following tasks:

Education

On June 25-27 of 2000, Sayon Soeun, and Amy Fortner provided leadership training to peer leaders and other technical education to many youth. This was done to make students have a closer relationship, understand each other better, and to train peer leaders to lead others in studying and being involved in other sports as part of the "Future Stars Summer Camp".

June 28, 2000 was the opening day for the CMAA "Future Star Summer Sports Camp" that was held at the Butler School. This program was organized by Sayon Soeun—Acting Director of YSP, Arn Chorn-Pond, Amy Fortner, and other YSP staffs. Helpers included CMAA youth and older individuals. There were more than 100 youth from Lowell, age 6-13 years, who participated in the program. Mr. Matthew Wolf, Jushua Hannan and the counselors introduced many fun games and sports for the future star participants. Some of the activities consisted of playing sports, going on field trips and having guest speakers come in. On July 28, which was the closing date for the program, many guests were invited to participate in the ceremony of giving out certificates to youth. Guests included were venerable Sao Khon, Mouth, Song, and Samkhann Khoeun, Executive Director of CMAA.

On August 4-6, 2000 Mr. Sayon Soeun, Arn Chorn-Pond, and Ms. Sophy Theam led 40 youth to the White Mountains of New Hampshire for CMAA's annual camping trip. The camping trip included activities such as fishing, mountain climbing, cooking out on campfires, and just relaxing in the wilderness. Before going on the trip, food, snacks, and camping gears were purchased and organized. Permission slips were also signed and received properly. In addition to the CMAA's bus, additional vans were rented§ to accommodate the trip.

Besides, our youth studied and contributed to the community as follows:

- 1)- Studying Khmer language every Saturday from 9-11am.
- Studying Khmer language for the summer, Monday to Friday from 9-10am.
- 3)- Practicing traditional dance everyday from 5-7pm.
- 4)- Participating in selling food during the Lowell folks festival of July 29-30, 2000.
- Participating in traditional dance, rap, and modern dances during the Southeast Asian Water Festival of the August 19, 2000.
 Continued Education.
- 6)- In year 2000, seven CMAA youth successfully completed High School and continue their education in colleges/universities or other institutions.

CONGRATUATIONS TO THESE SEVEN YOUTH!!!

Sophath Pheang—attending Brandeis University.
Champe Pang—attending Middlesex Community College.
Phea Kim—attending Middlesex Community College.
Savuth Phan—attending Middlesex Community College.
Ann-marie Kim—attending Umass Lowell.
Hieng Chhay—attending Umass Lowell.
Vinny Moun-joining the Marines.

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ដើម្បីពង្រីកការអប់រំឲ្យបានតែធំទូលាយ និងដើម្បីជាមធ្យោបាយជួយកាត់បន្ថយវិបត្តិ យុវវ័យនៅតាមទីសាធាណៈឲ្យកាន់តែល្អឡើងជាបណ្ដើរៗនោះ នារយៈបីខែកន្លងទៅនេះ បុគ្គលិកសមាគម ខ្មែរទទួលបន្ទុកកិច្ចការយុវវ័យបានដឹកនាំធ្វើការងារមួយចំនួនដូចតទៅ៖ ក. បំពេញវិជ្ជា

9. កាលពីថ្ងៃទី ២៥-២៧ ខែ មិថុនា ឆ្នាំ ២០០០ លោក សាយ័ន្ត សឿន កញ្ញា សុភី ធាម និង អេមី ហ្វ័រឌីរ បានហ្វឹកហ្វឹនក្រុមមិត្តដឹកនាំគម្រូ (Peer Leader) និងយុវសិក្សាបច្ចេកទេសវិជ្ជាជាច្រើននាក់ទ្យេត។ នេះគឺជាការមួយធ្វើឡើងដើម្បីឲ្យ សិស្សានុសិស្សមានភាពស្និទ្ធស្នាលនិងយោគយល់គ្នាទៅវិញទៅមក និងដើម្បីហ្វឹកហ្វឺន យុវវ័យគម្រូឲ្យឈានទៅដឹកនាំយុវវ័យឯទ្យេតៗនៅក្នុងការសិក្សានិងលេងល្បែងផ្សេងៗ នៅពេលរដូវក្ដៅខាងមុខនេះ ដែលហៅថា Future Star Summer Camp នោះ។

២. កាលពីថ្ងៃទី ២៤ ខែ មិថុនា ដល់ថ្ងៃទី ២៤ ខែ កក្កដា ឆ្នាំ ២០០០ នេះ មានបើកការសិក្សានិងការដឹកនាំនៅសាលាបាត់លំរ។ កម្មវិធីនេះបានរៀបចំឡើង ដោយលោក សាយ័ន្ត សឿន ជានាយកបណ្តោះអាសន្ននៃកម្មវិធីយូវវ័យនៃសមាគមខ្មែរ និងបុគ្គលិកដទៃទៀតដូចជា÷ លោក អាន ចនផន កញ្ញា អេមី ហ្វូឌ័រ ព្រមទាំងបុគ្គលិក ជំនួយជាច្រើនរូបទៀតផងដែរ។ នៅក្នុងសកម្មភាពនោះ គឺមានយុវវ័យពីទីក្រុងឡូជីល ជាង១០០នាក់ចូលរួម ចាប់តាំងពីអាយុ ៦ឆ្នាំ ដល់ ១៣ឆ្នាំ។ ឯលោកម៉ាធូ វ៉ុស (Mathew Wolf) ដែលជាអ្នកដឹកនាំដែរនោះ ក៏បាននាំមកនូវល្បែងកំសាន្តនិងកីឡា កាយសម្ព័ន្ធ ដ៏ធ្លូវជាទីរីករាយជាច្រើនសម្រាប់វ័យយុវភាពដែលរួមបញ្ចូលទាំង ការនាំដើរកំសាន្តដែលហៅថា Field Trip នោះផង។ នៅថ្ងៃបញ្ចប់កម្មវិធី គេបាន អញ្ជើញរញ្ញ់វិកិច្ចិយសជាច្រើនរូបមកចូលរួមចែកសញ្ញាបត្រដល់យុវវ័យដោយមាន ព្រះសង្សនិមន្តចូលរួមក្នុងពីធីនោះផង។

៣. កាលពីថ្ងៃទី ៤-៦ ខែសីហា ឆ្នាំ ២០០០ លោកសាយ័ន្ត សឿន លោក អាន ចនផន កញ្ញា សុភី ធាម និង អេមី ហ្វ័រឌុរ បានដឹកនាំយុវវ័យចំនួន៤០ នាក់ទៅរដ្ឋ នូហែមហ្ស័រ ដើម្បីដើរលេងកំសាន្តប្រចាំឆ្នាំហៅថា CMAA's Annual Camping។ ដំណើរនេះគឺទៅជិះទូក ស្ដូចត្រី និងឡើងភ្នំ។ មុននឹងទៅគឺសុទ្ធតែបានរៀបចំទិញម្ហូប អាហារ នំ ចំណី ប្រដាប់ប្រើប្រាស់ ហើយនិងមានការអនុញ្ញាត្តិយល់ព្រមពីមាតា-បីតា ត្រឹមត្រូវ។ រីឯការដឹកនាំជញ្ជូនទៅមកគឺប្រព្រឹត្តទៅដោយជួលរថយន្តបន្ថែម និងរថយន្ត សមាគមខែរយើងមានមួយស្រាប់។

៤. ក្រៅពីនេះ យុវវ័យយើងនៅបានសិក្សានិងបំពេញកិច្ចការជូនសង្គមជា ច្រើនឡេត ដូចជា÷

- ក. សិក្សាអក្សរខ្មែរប្បងរាល់ថ្ងៃសៅរ ពីម៉ោង ៩ ដល់ ១១ព្រឹក។
- សិក្សាអក្សរខ្មែរពេញមួយវិស្យមកាលពីថ្ងៃចន្ល័ដល់ថ្ងៃសុក្រ ពីម៉ោង៩-១០ ព្រឹក។

(តទៅតំព័រទី២៤)

គ. ហ្មឹកហ្មឺនរជាប្រជាប្រិយរៀងរាល់ថ្ងៃធ្វើការពីម៉ោង ៥ ដល់ម៉ោង ៦លាច។

ឃ. បានចលរមជយលក់មបអាហារក្នុងពីធីបណ្យប្រជាប្រិយ នៅសាលា

ក្រុងឡូវ៉ែល កាលពីថ្ងៃទី ២៨-៣០កក្កដា ឆ្នាំ ២០០០។

ង. បានចូលរួមសម្លែងរបាំបូរាណខ្មែរ របាំទំនើបយូវវ័យសម័យហៅថា Rap និង សម្ដែងជឿងខ្លីៗផងក្នុងពីធីបុណ្យអុំទូកកាលពីថ្ងៃទី ១៩ ខែ សីហា ឆ្នាំ ២០០០ កន្លងទៅនេះ។

ខ. បន្តវិជ្ជា

នៅក្នុងឆ្នាំ២០០០នេះ មានយុវវ័យនៃសមាគមខ្មែរចំនួន៦នាក់ បានបញ្ចប់ ការសិក្សានៅ Lowell High School ហើយបានបន្តទៅសិក្សានៅមហាវិទ្យាល័យ នានាឡេត។ យុវសិក្សាទាំងនោះគឺ៖

១. ស្មផាត ភាង ភេទប្រុស ទៅមហាវិទ្យាល័យមីឌុលសិច។

២. ចំបី ប៉ាំង ភេទប្រស ទៅមហាវិទ្យាល័យមីឌុលសិច។

៣. សាវធ ផាន ភេទប្រុស ទៅមហាវិទ្យាល័យមីឌុលសិច។

៤. អាន់មារី គឹម ភេទស្រី ទៅសកលវិទ្យាល័យឡូវ៉ៃល។

៥. ហ៊ាង ឆៃ ភេទប្រុស ទៅសកលវិទ្យាល័យឡូវ៉េល។

៦. ភា គឹម ភេទប្រុស ទៅមហាវិទ្យាល័យមីឌុល័សិច។

សមាគមខ្មែរឲ្យវែលសូមជូនពរសព្ទសាធុការឲ្យយូវវ័យជាទំពាំងស្នងប្តូស្សីពាំង អស់នេះបានសំរុមចកិច្ចការរបស់ខ្លួនដើម្បីឧត្តមប្រយោជន៍ជាតិនិងគ្រួសារ ដោយជោពជ័យកំបីខានឡើយ!!!

Lowell, MA, Sunday, July 30, 2000

It was a gloomy day when my two younger sisters and I stepped out of the car of a friend who dropped us off in front of City Hall. It was about noontime. There was not a sign of the sun in the sky as it was fully cloud-covered. Nontheless, the Plaza at City Hall was bustling with activities. There were people walking around, vendors trying to attract customers, children with their parents and siblings, and music playing from somewhere. This was the scene of the Lowell Folk Festival 2000.

At the CMAA booth where I spent all of my time that day were filled with staff, members of the board and young volunteers calling out for people to come and purchase the lemongrass-flavored beef sticks, freshly grilled chicken wings, lomein, fried rice, crab rangoons, and egg rolls on sale. Everything was laid out on two adjacent tables under a tent. Just behind the servers were the treasurer of the Board, Mr. William Tith and a Youth Services Program staff, Mr. Seang Sak, who were keeping track of the cash flow.

About ten feet away from the tent were three or four CMAA men tending to the grill. Some had their hands burnt from the high heat of the flames, but all were good sports until the very end of the day. Even when at about 1:30 in the afternoon, the sky began to pour rain as if someone was very upset and decided to drench humanity with pails and pails of water.

I happened to enjoy rain, so while everyone was cuddling underneath the tent, I walked and ran to Sothea's van to bring back about 30 yards of plastic film to go around the entire tent. Lucky my hair were in to tight braids. Otherwise I would have probably resembled a drenched dark sheep dog!

After the plastic was put up, the servers were calling out to the people in the rain to come in, be sheltered, and of course to have some warm food as well. Ths worked pretty well, especially when we let our customers stay sheltered in our tent as they were eating.

កម្មវិធីសុខភាពសហគមន៍ខ្មែរ

សមាគមខែរក្រង់ឲ្យវែល មានកម្មវិធីជាច្រើនសំរាប់ជយដល់ប្រជាជន ខ្មែររស់នៅក្នុងសហគមន៍។ ក្នុងចំណោមកម្មវិធីទាំងនោះ មានកម្មវិធីមួយជួយផ្នែកសុខា ភិបាលដែល់មានឈ្មោះថា សុខភាពសហគមន៍ខ្មែរ។

កមវិធីសខភាពសហគមន៍ខែរ គឺជយសហគមន៍ខែរថ្យបានលផែកសខ ភាព។ កម្មវិធីសុខភាពសហគមន៍ខ្មែរ បានជួបនឹងជួយប្រជាជនខ្មែរទូទៅនៅកង សហគមន៍ចំនួន៤៤៦ នាក់ហើយនៅក្នុងឆ្នាំនេះ គឺបានសាកសួរ និងបុរយោបល់គ្នាទៅ វិញទៅមកដូចជា តើត្រូវធ្វើយ៉ាងណា ដើម្បីសំរូលឲ្យមានលក្ខណៈល្អជូនដល់ប្រជា ជនទូទៅនៅក្នុងសហគមន៍ខ្មែរយើង។

កម្មវិធីសខភាពសហគមន៍ខែរ មានកម្មវិធីបំរើផ្សេងៗដូចជា÷

- 🕈 ជួយពន្យល់ប្រជាជនខ្មែរទូទៅអំពីជម្ងឺបេះដួងនិងជម្ងឺទឹកនោមផ្នែម
- ស្រាវជ្រាវពត៌មានថ្មីៗអំពីជម្ងឺ
- 🗣 រៀបចំជាសិក្ខាសាលាចំនួន ១៤ ក្រុមនៅក្នុងសហគមន៍ខ្មែរដើម្បីផ្លាស់ប្តូរមតិយោ បល់ និងស្វែងរកភាពល្អប្រសើរផ្នែកសុខភាពនៅក្នុងសហគមន៍។
- 🛊 ទំនាក់ទំនងរកយានជំនិះដល់ប្រជាជនដែលពុំអាចមានមធ្យោបាយធ្វើដំណើរ ដោយខ្លួនឯងបាន នៅក្នុងពេលទៅពិនិត្យសុខភាព។
- 🕈 ជួយទំនាក់ទំនងទៅកន្លែងផ្សេងៗដែលទាក់ទងនិងសុខភាព គោលបំណងកែឆ្នៃ និងការធ្វើយ៉ាងណាឲ្យប្រជាជនខ្មែរទូទៅអាចរស់នៅក្នុងសហគមន៍ដោយសុខភាព បរិប្តូរណ៍បាន។

នាពេលថ្មីៗនេះ កម្មវិធីសុខភាពខ្មែរ បានធ្វើសកម្មភាពរបស់ខ្លួនយ៉ាង មមារញឹកផ្នែក វាស់ឈាមជូនប្រជាជនទូទៅនៅក្នុងសហគមន៍ដោយឥតគិតថ្លៃ។ កម្ វិធីវាស់ឈាមគឺមានជំរាបជនដចខាងព្រាមនេះ÷

- សមាគមខ្មែរ ថ្ងៃ ចន្ទ័ ដល់ថ្ងៃសុក្រ ពីម៉ោង ៤:៣០ ព្រឹក-៤:០០ ល្ងាច

- វត្តត្រៃតរនារាម ថ្ងៃ សក្រ ពីម៉ោង ៥:០០ ល្ងាច-៧:០០ ល្ងាច

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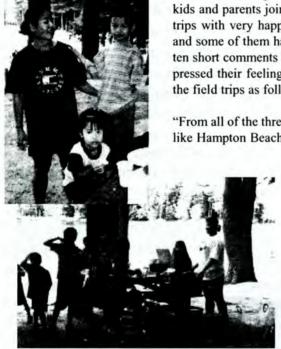
Monorom Field Trips to the Beach

Monorom is a unique family support program that provides such great services to meet the needs of Cambodian families who have children with disabilities and their family members. It provides services such as case management, crisis intervention, counseling, special education advocacy, transportation, translation and interpretation, information and referrals and more.

This past summer Monorom had organized three successful fun cookout field trips to Hampton Beach State Park and Pawturkaway State Park in New Hampshire. The kids were excited and had

> been looking forward to these field Trips for a year. There were average about 25 kids and parents jointed the trips with very happy faces and some of them had written short comments that expressed their feelings about the field trips as following:

"From all of the three trips I like Hampton Beach. I like



Hampton Beach because you can catch crabs and starfish. What I don't like about Hampton Beach water, the water was salty. I like it when the waves come because I sit down the waves come and splash me over. In Hampton Beach there were two persons giving out the ice cream. The ice cream flavor was vanilla and it was tasty. Hampton Beach is the best beach I ever went to." By Monica Heng

"What I like about the field trip was when we got to swim in the Hampton Beach but I like the other field trip to the little beach because water wasn't that much cold, and it wasn't too deep for us. I kind of don't like that beach because Chinda and I lost our ring in it. But I liked it anyways because it was fun." By Lina Mann

"The field trip that was my favorite would be to the Hampton Beach. We went there twice this year. We went with the people in CMAA. We had a very fun time there. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have a very great time during the summer.

So thank you everyone who help and brought us to go and have a very great time!!"

By Sena Heng

"My first field trip was going to the Hampton Beach it was cool and Ny gave me his clam I kept it for three days until it died and it was fun when everybody swam and the food tasted good too. When it was our second time going to Hampton Beach when everybody went swimming the water was colder than our first fieldtrip. When we went to the beach and when I swam again I swam farther than last time. When I swam the second time then I got tired then I wanted to catch some crabs but it as too long to walk so I went back. I went to ask Ming Thy if we could play game with the ball. Everyone wanted to play Dodgeball. We played for a long time then we had to go home."

By Sophanny Trate

"This was the first day of my life to go to the beach with CMAA. It was really fun that I went to the beach with them I had fun there. Almost every Monday I always go to the beach with CMAA. But now were not going to the beach no more because its gonna be school so we can't go any more. Well now I think I finish writing this letter."

By Merry Lam

Monorom staff will keep up with good works and build good relationship with kids with and without disabilities forever.

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