Established in 1992, Hmong Cultural Center’s Mission is to promote the personal development of children, youth, and adults through Hmong cultural education while providing resources that enhance cross-cultural awareness and understanding between Hmong and Non-Hmong persons.

Vision Statement: Human Rights Focus - the Hmong Cultural Center and its Resource Center works to advance the human rights of Hmong interacting with mainstream institutions and systems across the United States as it educates non-Hmong professionals and service workers about the background and culturally-specific needs of their Hmong service populations.

**Multicultural Education and Race Relations Outreach Programs to Promote Cross-Cultural Understanding Between Hmong and non-Hmong**

**Hmong Resource Center:** The Hmong Resource Center is a heavily utilized program that provides community outreach activities related to multicultural education for the purposes of promoting positive race relations in the Minneapolis-St. Paul community. Hundreds of individual college and secondary school students and community members such as educators and health and medical professionals use the Resource Center each year to find information about the Hmong. The Resource Center also publishes a Hmong Studies scholarly journal and compiles and disseminates its own Hmong-related social science research in relation to important socioeconomic and social justice issues. All of these activities are intended to improve understanding and group relations between Hmong and non-Hmong while also improving the ability of core institutions in the mainstream society to serve Hmong-Americans in a culturally competent manner. The Hmong Resource Center served 1,427 onsite visitors in 2005. Many more used the center’s website to learn about Hmong-related resources.

**Building Bridges: Teaching about the Hmong in Our Communities Program:**
To respond to the need for community education about the Hmong refugee experience, Hmong refugees from Wat Tham Krabok and Hmong contributions to Minnesota and the United States, the Hmong Cultural Center's Building Bridges race relations outreach program provides comprehensive and interactive multicultural education presentations about the Hmong to groups in the Twin Cities community and Greater Minnesota. The Building Bridges program is intended to promote dialogue and understanding and reduce stereotypes that divide our communities. The Building Bridges program served more than 2,000 persons with multicultural education presentations in 2005, many of these attendees worked in the Education, Health, or Social Services field.

**Adult Education and Literacy Programs to promote the personal development and self-sufficiency of Hmong adults in American Society**

**Citizenship Program:** This program prepares adults for their citizenship exams by teaching them about American laws, history and government while tutoring them for their citizenship interviews.

**ESL Program:** This program teaches adults Basic English vocabulary and grammar as well as workforce skills such as computer keyboarding. The Adult Education programs provided about 33,000 hours of instruction to refugee adults in 2005

**Educational Programs to promote the personal development, self-esteem, and social skills of Children, Youth and Adults**

**Qeej Musical Instrument and Dance Programs:** This after-school program teaches children and youth, aged 6 to 18, how to play the qeej musical instrument and traditional qeej songs, and how to perform qeej dances. The Qeej instrument is an important cultural identifier for the Hmong people and plays an intrinsic role in Hmong funerals. This program helps reconnect children and youth to the culture of their parents. The Qeej program also includes guest speakers on important youth issues and academic enrichment activities for children and youth. The dance program provides instruction to children and youth in traditional Hmong and Asian dances. The Qeej and Dance program served about 80 children and youth in 2005

**Hmoob Kab Lis Kev Cai (Cultural Customs):** This 12 year old program teaches adults and youth traditional songs and rituals associated with the Mej Koob (the traditional Marriage Ceremony) and Kev Pam Tuag (Funeral Customs). 20 adults and youth were served by the Cultural Customs program in 2006.
2005 Hmong Culture Resource Center User Stats

From January 1 to December 31, 2005:

Total number of visitors: 1427
% Hmong: 43%
% Non-Hmong: 57%
Over the age of 18: 90%
Under the age of 18: 10%
Local resident: 93%
Non-local resident: 7%
Academic Users (Affiliated with College or University): 23%

Academic-Affiliated Users
• University of Minnesota: 108
• Metropolitan State University: 52
• University of St. Thomas: 39
• University of Wisconsin- River Falls: 19
• Macalester: 14
• Hamline University: 12
• Concordia University-St. Paul: 11
• College of Saint Scholastica - 9
• St. Cloud State University: 8
• Bethel University: 8
• Augsburg College - 6
• St. Mary's University: 6
• College of St. Catherine: 5
• Century College: 4
• St. Olaf: 3
• Minnesota State University, Mankato: 3
• Concordia- Moorhead: 2
• Argosy University: 2
• North Central University – 2
• North Hennepin Community College - 2
• College of Saint Benedict – 1
• Gustavus Adolphus - 1
• Saint Paul College – 1
• Inver Hills Community College - 1
• UW-Stout – 2
• University of Wisconsin- La Crosse: 1
• UW-Madison - 1
• George Washington University: 1
• Gonzaga University: 2
• Rutgers University - 1
• University of Passau-Germany – 4
• Doshisha University: 1

In addition, more than 2,000 persons attended Building Bridges Multicultural Education presentations about the Hmong culture and Hmong History from the Hmong Cultural Center in 2005. The majority of these participants were Educators, Health Service Workers, or in the Social Services field. The entire Building Bridges program curriculum may be viewed online at www.learnabouthmong.com in the “Hmong 101 presentation” section.
2005 Hmong Resource Center Acquisitions

Resources for Health and Medical Professionals Collection


Hmong History Collection

2005 Hmong Resource Center Acquisitions

**Hmong Socioeconomic Incorporation Collection**


**Gender Issues in the Hmong Community Collection**


**Hmong in East and Southeast Asia Collection**


**Hmong-American Literature and Media Arts /Collection**


**General Reference Resources**

2005 Hmong Resource Center Acquisitions

Resources for Teachers and Educators Collection


**Hmong Human Rights in Asia Newspaper Articles Collection**

The Human Rights Collection at the Hmong Resource Center is intended to promote in a meaningful way data collection for researchers and community members working on social justice and advocacy initiatives pertaining to the Hmong minority residing overseas. All articles in the collection are from major or international media sources. The Human Rights collection contains hundreds of articles describing the situation of Hmong in Southeast Asia from the mid-1970s to the present. To view a full list of articles visit: www.hmongcenter.org


Hmong graves still being dug up. The Nation (Thailand). November 14, 2005.


Thai police arrest seven for sheltering Hmong people fleeing Laos. BBC Monitoring Asia Pacific. September 15, 2005.


2005 Hmong Resource Center Acquisitions

**Hmong Human Rights in Asia Newspaper Articles Collection Continued**


Thailand halts plan to put pressure on Hmong refugees to return to Laos. BBC Monitoring Asia Pacific. July 9, 2005.


Laos cool on Thai plan to repatriate 7,000 Hmong refugees but ready to talk. Agence France Presse. July 8, 2005.


Hmong refugees threaten suicide if repatriated from Thailand to Laos. Xinhua General News Service July 6, 2005.


Rebels giving up 30-year struggle; Starving and destitute, 173 of their people- the old, women and kids-have surrendered. The Straits Times (Singapore) June 11, 2005.

Three Americans deported from Laos, fate of one other unknown. BBC Monitoring Asia Pacific – Political June 7, 2005.


Thailand says 5,000 new Hmong refugees have come from Laos. Agence France Presse—English. May 19, 2005.


SCENES FROM HMONG CULTURAL CENTER

Children’s books, videos and embroidery create a colorful learning atmosphere in the center’s Hmong Resource Library.

Students study the U.S. Citizenship exam in a class at the center.
ESL Students at the center use “Rosetta Stone” software to practice English. All of the students in the class are Hmong refugees recently arrived in Saint Paul from Wat Tham Krabok in Thailand.
Volunteer Master Qeej Teacher Ga Long Thao teaches youth how to play the Hmong Qeej instrument in classes after school at the center.
In the above photo, Mark Pfeifer and Txongpao Lee lead a Building Bridges: Learning about the Hmong Culture workshop to service providers at the center. An afterschool dance class at the center is pictured below.
HMONG CULTURAL CENTER STAFF

Txong Pao Lee, Executive Director
Mark E. Pfeifer, PhD, Director, Hmong Resource Center
Kao Neng Lee, Coordinator, Citizenship and ESL Program
Thai Vang, Citizenship and ESL Teacher
Xay Lor, ESL Instructor
Meng Vang, ESL Instructor
Tougeu Leepalao, Consultant, Teacher, and Resource Developer
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Nor Bee Xiong, Volunteer, Hmong Resource Center

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Shoua Sue Lee

Learn about Hmong culture, history and folk arts by visiting the center’s educational website www.learnabouthmong.com
HMONG CULTURAL CENTER, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

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The 2005 Banquet earned $5,000 for youth programs at the center.
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