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Regional Guide to Nonprofits
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Each day,

nonprofits in our region **work**

to meet the **basic needs** of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities

so they can **thrive.**

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need
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help.

We are pleased to **CONNECT!** you with these **important nonprofits** serving our region's Asian American and Pacific Islander community.



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The Metropolitan Washington D.C./Baltimore Chapter of Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) is proud to bring you the *CONNECT! Guide to Nonprofits Serving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders* in our region. This guide introduces 26 nonprofit organizations serving Greater Washington. We hope you will learn about their missions and programs and discover ways to support them.

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AAPIP History and Mission

Founded in 1990, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) is a national membership and philanthropic advocacy organization dedicated to advancing philanthropy and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities.

Our work:

- Expands the extent of philanthropic giving to AAPI communities by educating the philanthropic sector about issues facing AAPIs;
- Supports and facilitates capacity building of key AAPI organizations through strategic grant-making and new approaches to social justice philanthropy;
- Promotes equity, diversity, and leadership in the philanthropic sector; and
- Develops a diverse national membership organization with a regional infrastructure representative of geographic areas with major concentrations of AAPI populations.



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AAPIP is a professionally staffed membership and advocacy organization with nine regional chapters and more than 550 members from foundation, philanthropic, and nonprofit organizations.

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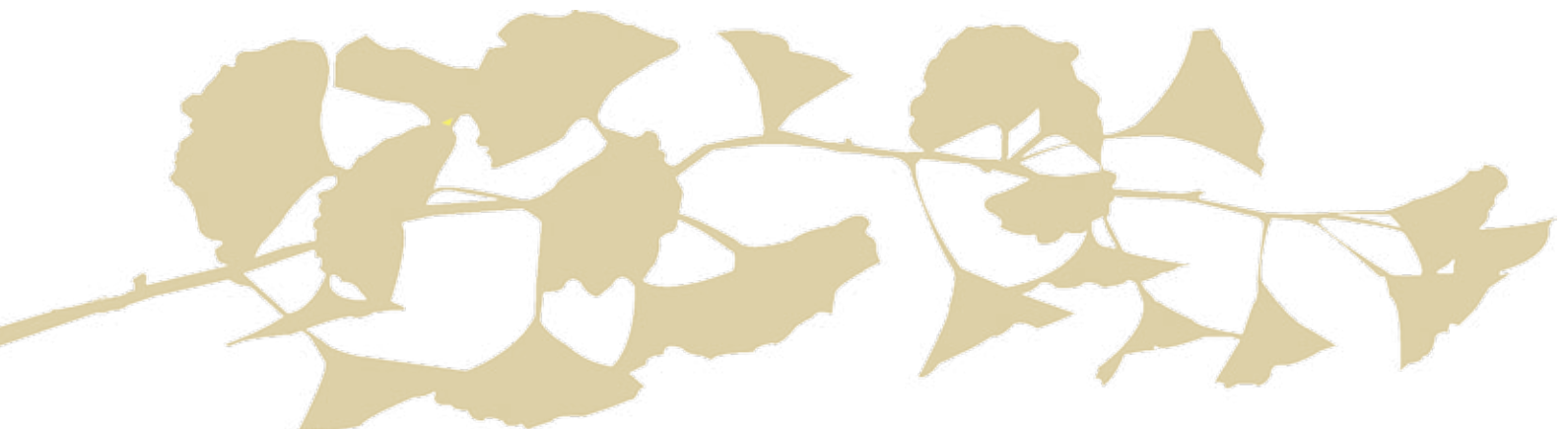


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FEATURED ORGANIZATION

ASHA for Women

www.ashaforwomen.org

P.O. Box 2084
Rockville, MD 20847
Closest Metro: Farragut West

Empowering South Asian women to become self-reliant and live in an abuse-free future

ASHA for Women provides volunteer-run, community-based, culturally competent services within the Washington metropolitan area to South Asian women and their children experiencing domestic violence. ASHA was created in 1989, to support South Asian victims in their immigration status, in overcoming language and cultural barriers, and in finding resources.

ASHA volunteers do not give professional advice, but offer sympathetic, nonjudgmental support and provide information and resources including: information about and access to battered women's shelters and other housing; referrals to social, legal, and mental health services; court accompaniment and advocacy; and translation assistance in several South Asian languages including Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali, Gujrati, and Urdu.

Perhaps most importantly, ASHA for Women provides a safe place where women can talk about their situations and discuss their options without fear of criticism or shame.

Programs and Services

- Free and confidential 24-hour help line
- Volunteer advocate support
- Emergency financial assistance
- Community outreach
- Advocacy
- Service providers' education

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Combined Federal Campaign #88808
- Online donations accepted
- In-kind, stock, vehicle, and planned giving accepted
- Contributions accepted by contacting the office

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment and 0-5 hours per month desired
- Looking for volunteers who are bilingual in Asian languages

CONTACT

coordinator@ashaforwomen.org
202.683.2019 *phone*
888.417.2742 *24-hour help line*

Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund

www.apiasf.org

1900 L Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20036
Closest Metro: Farragut North

Supporting Asian and Pacific Islander American students with scholarships for higher education, so they can develop as future community leaders

Many Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) struggle for a higher education. More than 24 percent of American adults hold a bachelor's degree or higher, compared with only 7.4 percent of Hmong, 9.1 percent of Cambodians, and 16.5 percent of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Since 2003, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) has awarded more than \$1.8 million in scholarships to more than 850 APIA students with financial need, regardless of their ethnicity, national origin, or financial means. The APIASF receives applications from high school seniors in almost every state in the United States, the Freely Associated States, and the United States Territories. As it grows, APIASF hopes to continue supporting these students by increasing the number and amounts of scholarships distributed and making the scholarships renewable.

Programs and Services

- APIASF scholarship program
- Gates Millennium Scholars program for Asian and Pacific Islander Americans

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted
- Matched gifts accepted by mail

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted

CONTACT

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202.530.0643 *fax*

Asian American Justice Center

www.advancingequality.org

1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20036
Closest Metro: Farragut North

Working to advance the human and civil rights of Asian Americans through advocacy, public policy, public education, and litigation

The Asian American Justice Center (AAJC) is a leading expert on issues affecting Asian American communities. Since its founding in 1991, AAJC has worked with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center in Los Angeles, the Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco, and the Asian American Institute in Chicago to provide programs that support and engage Asian Americans.

Among its programs, AAJC promotes civic engagement by engaging Asian Americans in the democratic process and in shaping policies and programs that affect their communities. AAJC programs strengthen community leadership, combat hate crimes, promote social understanding between diverse racial and ethnic groups and their communities, and help Asian Americans and other minority groups challenge barriers to justice, jobs, and government assistance.

Programs and Services

- Adult English language learning
- Leadership and community outreach
- 2010 U.S. Census education and outreach campaign

How You Can Help

DONATE

- United Way #2220
- Combined Federal Campaign #11161
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Specific skills needed based on positions available, please visit website

CONTACT

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FEATURED ORGANIZATION

Asian American LEAD

www.aalead.org

1323 Girard Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Closest Metro: Columbia Heights

Promoting the well-being of Asian American youth and families through education, leadership development, and community-building

Founded in 1998, Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) is the District of Columbia's first youth development organization to focus on assisting the area's low-income Asian American population. Since then, AALEAD has grown from having one full-time staff member to 16 multicultural, multilingual, and multiracial staff members operating year-round mentoring, tutoring, after-school, and family support programs. In 2006, AALEAD expanded its programs into Maryland's Montgomery County.

AALEAD's multicultural youth and family development programs have helped hundreds of low-income Asian American children and families stabilize their lives, succeed academically, and gain a voice in the community. AALEAD has particular expertise working with Vietnamese, Amerasian, and Chinese communities. It facilitates a multipronged, culturally appropriate approach that encourages parent involvement and helps move low-income Asian American children out of poverty and into successful, self-sufficient adult lives.

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment and 6-10 hours per month desired
- Specific skills needed based on positions available, please visit website

CONTACT

info@aalead.org
202.884.0322 *phone*
202.884.0012 *fax*

Programs and Services

- After-school academic enrichment program
- Academic, leadership, and resiliency secondary school program
- Tutoring and mentoring programs
- Family strengthening program

Photo provided by Asian American LEAD



Asian American Success

www.aasuccess.org

701 West Broad Street
Suite 411
Falls Church, VA 22046
Closest Metro: East Falls Church

Promoting volunteerism and academic excellence among Asian American students and providing them with career mentorship opportunities

Asian American Success (AA Success) was founded in 2006, to create an environment where professionals and students can learn from each other and exchange resources. Its goals are to promote student volunteerism in the Asian American community, to foster mentorship between career professionals and students, and to promote academic excellence. AA Success provides sustainable solutions for access to successful careers through externships, internships, and business opportunities.

Programs and Services

- Annual scholarship program
- Arc360 resource connections program
- Externships and internships
- Community services to “Perfect the Act of Giving Back”

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted
- In-kind donations accepted
- Internship/externship, scholarship and Arc360 program sponsorship

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members and business sponsors

VOLUNTEER

- Looking for volunteers with skills training experience, as well as career professionals and general program volunteers

CONTACT

aasteam@aasuccess.org
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Asian Community Service Center

www.asianservicecenter.org

2821 Grovemore Lane
Vienna, VA 22180
Closest Metro: Dunn Loring - Merrifield

Preserving traditional Asian cultures, promoting cultural exchange, embracing diversity, and enhancing community health and well-being

Asian Community Service Center was founded in July 2006, to enhance cultural exchange and mutual understanding between East and West and serve as a link between Asian American and mainstream American communities in the Greater Washington region. The center hosts and supports a wide variety of Chinese art, cultural, and educational programs that promote universal ideals of freedom, integrity, compassion, tolerance, justice, and cross-group reconciliation in local communities.

Programs and Services

- Annual Chinese New Year festival
- Traditional Chinese performing arts
- Workshops on Chinese handicrafts
- “Chinese Corner” immersion programs for non-Chinese speakers
- Seminars on traditional Chinese culture

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Donations accepted by mail

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Looking for volunteers with experience in fundraising and proposal writing

CONTACT

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Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center

www.apalrc.org

1600 K Street, NW
Mezzanine Level
Washington, DC 20006
Closest Metro: McPherson Square

Advancing the legal and civil rights of Asian Americans in the Washington metropolitan community through direct services, education, and advocacy

The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC) is the region's primary nonprofit direct legal services agency for low-income and limited English proficient Asian Americans. Through its innovative programs and strategic partnerships, APALRC works to address the individual legal needs of these community members, particularly in the areas of workers' rights, domestic violence, and immigration. APALRC also advocates for broad-based systemic change on civil rights issues affecting Asian Americans.

Originally formed as an all-volunteer organization in 1998, APALRC grew out of a unique collaborative effort by students from D.C.-area law schools and attorneys associated with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the South Asian Bar Association. APALRC's more than 20 bilingual law student volunteers and more than 30 trained and qualified legal interpreters provide linguistically and culturally appropriate legal services for the growing number of Asian Americans in the region.

Programs and Services

- Direct legal services
- Advocacy
- Multilingual legal referral hotline
- Legal assistance for Asian workers project
- Asian American language access project
- Legal interpreter project
- Legal assistance for Asian American victims of domestic violence
- Crime victims assistance partnership

How You Can Help

DONATE

- United Way #8996
- Online donations accepted
- Annual Bowling for Justice event

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment and 0-5 hours per month desired
- Looking for volunteers who are bilingual in Asian languages

CONTACT

hotline@apalrc.org
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202.393.0995 *fax*

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Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project

www.dvrp.org

P.O. Box 14268

Washington, DC 20044

Closest Metro: Mount Vernon Square - 7th Street Convention Center

Addressing and preventing domestic violence by supporting survivors and promoting cultural competency in our communities

In 1995, a diverse group of Asian Pacific Islander (API) women came together to discuss the issue of domestic violence in the API community and the resources available to assist survivors. In response to the lack of services, the founders created the Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project to support API survivors in the Washington, D.C., area and educate the larger community with direct assistance to survivors, community engagement programs, and service provider training for domestic violence agencies, social services, women's shelters, law enforcement, API community-based organizations, and other organizations.

Programs and Services

- Advocates program
- Community outreach program
- Technical assistance program
- Project AWARE (Asian Women Advocating Respect and Empowerment)

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Monthly commitment desired
- Looking for volunteers with Web design skills and experience with fundraising and grant writing
- Looking for volunteers who are bilingual in Asian languages

CONTACT

info@dvrp.org

202.464.4477 *phone*

202.986.9332 *fax*

FEATURED ORGANIZATION

Boat People SOS

www.bpsos.org

6066 Leesburg Pike
Suite 100
Falls Church, VA 22041
Closest Metro: East Falls Church

Helping Vietnamese refugees and immigrants find a life in liberty and dignity, and helping Vietnamese Americans achieve self-sufficiency

Founded in 1980, in San Diego, Boat People SOS (BPSOS) saved the lives of more than 3,300 Vietnamese boat people over 10 years of rescue-at-sea missions. In 1990, BPSOS moved its headquarters to Northern Virginia and formed Legal Assistance for Vietnamese Asylum Seekers (LAVAS) to address international policy changes labeling Vietnamese boat people as “economic migrants” to be repatriated, either by force or by coercion. By mid-1996, all Vietnamese boat people had been either resettled or repatriated and all camps that once housed boat people had been closed. At that time, BPSOS shifted its focus to U.S. domestic programs and helping Vietnamese Americans cope with the effects of the 1996 welfare and immigration reforms.

Programs and Services

- Community development programs
- Family wellness services
- Survivor services
- Advocacy programs

Photo provided by Boat People SOS



How You Can Help

DONATE

- Combined Federal Campaign #10038
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Weekly commitment and 11-20 hours per month desired
- Looking for volunteers with computer and communication experience
- Looking for volunteers who are bilingual in Asian languages

CONTACT

info@bpsos.org
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703.538.2191 *fax*

Chinese Culture and Community Service Center

www.ccacc-dc.org

16039 Comprint Circle
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Closest Metro: Shady Grove

Enhancing life for Chinese Americans, promoting Chinese culture, helping Chinese immigrants assimilate into U.S. society, and building communities

Established in 1982, the Chinese Culture and Community Service Center has evolved from a recreational and sport community center into one of the major service providers in Maryland's Montgomery County. Since its inception, it has offered community programs in English language learning, citizenship assistance, arts and culture, senior support and care, youth and teen development, career assistance, health care, and health education.

Programs and Services

- Senior programs
- Health services and education
- Community services programs
- Career assistance program
- Citizenship application assistance program
- Education programs
- Adult English classes and free language training
- Culture and arts programs
- Sports and fitness programs
- Teen and youth programs

How You Can Help

DONATE

- United Way #8811
- Combined Federal Campaign #88987
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Weekly commitment desired
- Looking for volunteers who are bilingual in Chinese

CONTACT

ccacc@ccacc-dc.org
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240.631.1140 *help line*

Dana Tai Soon Burgess and Company

www.dtsbco.com

2745 Arizona Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20016
Closest Metro: Tenleytown - American University

Providing dance performances and education that explore and express Asian American consciousness within the American experience

Dana Tai Soon Burgess and Company debuted its first performance in 1992, under the auspices of the nonprofit arts organization, Moving Forward. Since then, the company has performed at top national and international venues, including the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., the Harbourfront Center in Toronto, and the Lincoln Center in New York.

The company has received commissions from the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts New Forms/Andy Warhol Foundation, the Kennedy Center, the Washington Performing Arts Society, the Smithsonian Institution, and is currently a participant of the Kennedy Center's Capacity Building Program. In 2005, the company received the Washington, D.C., Mayor's Arts Award for Excellence in an Artistic Discipline in 2005. Founder Dana Tai Soon Burgess's repertoire has been performed in Germany, Bulgaria, Colombia, Ecuador, Latvia, Venezuela, Panama, Peru, Korea, and Russia.

"Each dance is as spare, intimate, and perfect as a pearl."

—*The Washington Post*

Programs and Services

- Performing arts
- Education

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment and 0-5 hours per month desired
- Experience with research, writing, and data analysis needed

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Photo provided by Dana Tai Soon Burgess and Company



D.C. Language Access Coalition

www.dclanguageaccess.org

3166 Mount Pleasant Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
Closest Metro: Columbia Heights

An alliance of community-based and civil rights organizations advocating for language-access rights in the District of Columbia

The D.C. Language Access Coalition is an alliance of 30 community-based and civil rights organizations that came together in 2002, to ensure immigrants in the District of Columbia with limited or no English proficiency access to public services, programs, and activities. In 2002, the coalition collaborated with D.C. Council Member Jim Graham, the D.C. Office of Human Rights, the Office of Latino Affairs, the Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Office of African Affairs, and other community-based organizations to pass a comprehensive Language Access Act.

Currently, the coalition's work falls into four predominant areas: building advocacy capacity, advocating for language policy improvements with the D.C. government, developing community outreach and education programs on language access, and creating internal processes to enhance the coalition's capacity.

Programs and Services

- Language-access training and advocacy

How You Can Help

DONATE

- United Way #8996
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted

CONTACT

info@dclanguageaccess.org
202.621.0001 *phone*

Hmong National Development

www.hndinc.org

1628 16th Street, NW
Suite 203
Washington, DC 20009
Closest Metro: Dupont Circle

Building capacity, developing leadership, and empowering the Hmong American community

Hmong National Development (HND) was founded in the early 1990s, by a group of Hmong community leaders interested in providing cultural engagement and enrichment for Hmong Americans. Since then, the HND has worked to support Hmong organizations across the country through capacity building, leadership development, advocacy, and civic engagement programs in three primary areas: economic development, education, and social justice.

Programs and Services

- Hmong Action and Visibility in Education (HAVE) project
- Hmong women and men's circle
- Community strengthening
- Risk management education for Hmong poultry farmers/Poultry Project HND
- Hmong National Conference
- Educational scholarships and internships

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment and 6-10 hours per month desired
- Looking for volunteers with general office, bookkeeping, and accounting skills

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FEATURED ORGANIZATION

Just Neighbors

www.justneighbors.org

5827 Columbia Pike
Suite 320
Falls Church, VA 22041
Closest Metro: Ballston

Providing immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees of all faiths and nationalities

Just Neighbors was founded in 1996, in Falls Church, Va., in response to legal challenges facing low-income immigrants in the United States. A second office opened in 1998, in Herndon, Va., to provide immigration legal services to the growing immigrant population in western Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties.

Just Neighbors partners with nonprofit organizations, community volunteers, local faith-based groups, and pro-bono lawyers that provide services to immigrants in English and Spanish. Through its direct and collaborative efforts, Just Neighbors educates clients and the community about current immigration laws and policies. Its team of attorneys, staff, and committed volunteers help immigrants navigate the immigration system and access benefits enabling them to become contributing members of society.

Programs and Services

- Community outreach
- Legal services

Photo provided by Just Neighbors



How You Can Help

DONATE

- United Way #8574
- Combined Federal Campaign #98417
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members
- Internship opportunities

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Weekly commitment desired
- Looking for volunteers who are bilingual in Spanish

CONTACT

rob@justneighbors.org
703.979.1240 *phone*
703.979.1244 *fax*

Korean American Family Counseling Center

www.kafcc.org

1952 Gallows Road
Suite 204
Vienna, VA 22182
Closest Metro: Dunn Loring - Merrifield

Helping children, youth, and parents overcome linguistic and cultural challenges so they can create healthy families and communities

A group of volunteer attorneys and mental health professionals founded the Korean Family Counseling and Research Center in 1985, in Wheaton, Md., to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Korean immigrant population. The center relocated in 1997, to Vienna, Va., changing its name to the Korean American Family Counseling Center and expanding its programs and services to reach the broader Asian American community.

Programs and Services

- Counseling services
- Education programs
- Mentoring programs
- Community outreach and support programs

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Combined Federal Campaign #7665
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment and 0-5 hours per month desired

CONTACT

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Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington

www.kcscgw.org

7700 Little River Turnpike
Suite 406
Annandale, VA 22003
Closest Metro: Dunn Loring - Merrifield

Assisting Asian Americans and new immigrants with social services,
education, and advocacy

The Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington was founded in 1974, in response to the challenges and barriers facing immigrants while settling into life in the United States. The center has expanded its range of programs to include: basic services, such as picking up new immigrants at the airport, and vital services, such as housing, information, employment education, and social-service referrals. Through its innovative programs and strategic partnerships, the center hopes those it helps today will help others in return.

Programs and Services

- Immigrant empowerment services
- Health promotion services
- Senior and social services
- Family enrichment services

How You Can Help

DONATE

- United Way #8136
- Combined Federal Campaign #41024
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment desired
- Looking for volunteers with computer skills and medical knowledge
- Looking for volunteers who are bilingual in Asian languages

CONTACT

help@kcscgw.org
703.354.6345 *phone*
703.354.6391 *fax*

FEATURED ORGANIZATION

Language ETC

www.languageetc.org

2200 California Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008
Closest Metro: Dupont Circle

Helping adult immigrants become self-sufficient, contributing community members through language and life-skills training programs

Language ETC provides technology access and high-quality English language and life-skills training to students from more than 50 countries and five continents, regardless of ability to pay. Language ETC began in 1993, as a small church program aimed at Our Lady Queen of the Americas parishioners wishing to learn English. It quickly drew hundreds of students from the Washington, D.C., area. In 1998, several volunteer teachers helped the founding director gain nonprofit status. Language ETC now has more than 2,200 enrollments each year and more than 200 volunteer teachers and tutors each trimester.

Programs and Services

- English as a Second Language
- Computer education and access
- Spanish GED
- Spanish literacy
- Job bank

How You Can Help

DONATE

- United Way #8936
- Combined Federal Campaign #50645
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment desired
- Looking for volunteers with teaching experience

CONTACT

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202.387.2222 *phone*
202.518.2659 *fax*

FEATURED ORGANIZATION

Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Inc.

www.mdvietmutual.org

8121 Georgia Avenue, World Building
Suite 503
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Closest Metro: Silver Spring

Serving, advancing, and supporting the Vietnamese American community

The Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Inc. (MVMA) is the oldest Vietnamese American community-based organization in Maryland. Founded in 1982, to help resettle immigrants and refugees in Maryland, MVMA has assisted immigrants with finding housing, furniture, and jobs, as well as studying for U.S. citizenship tests and hosting U.S. naturalization ceremonies. MVMA aims to build a strong, unified, and caring Vietnamese American community where youths, adults, and elders attain educational, social, and economic advancement, and celebrate their cultural heritage.

Programs and Services

- Immigration service and referral
- Golden Age projects for seniors
- Parenting enrichment project

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Combined Federal Campaign #51733
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Looking for volunteers who are bilingual in Asian languages

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Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy

www.mcael.org

12320 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20852
Closest Metro: Twinbrook

Strengthening the county's adult English literacy network with resources, training, collaboration, and advocacy

The Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL) advocates for adult literacy and education at the federal, state, and county levels. It also strengthens the resources and capacity of literacy providers to serve Montgomery County residents without the English skills needed to advance in the workplace, support their children's education, and fully participate in civic life.

MCAEL receives county funding and manages grants for English language training providers. MCAEL also seeks additional foundation and corporate support to help expand the quantity and quality of English literacy programs in Montgomery County and ultimately to increase the literacy, self-sufficiency, and workforce readiness of county residents.

Programs and Services

- Provider network and directory of services
- Program funding and capacity building project
- Outcomes project
- Professional development

How You Can Help

DONATE

- United Way #9440
- Combined Federal Campaign #78603
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Weekly commitment desired
- Looking for volunteers with administrative skills

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National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies

www.navasa.org

1010 Wayne Avenue
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Silver Spring, MD 20910
Closest Metro: Silver Spring

Improving social and economic justice in Vietnamese communities across the country

The National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) was established in 1995, to help Vietnamese Americans achieve social and economic success. In cooperation with its growing affiliate members, NAVASA provides Vietnamese American communities with technical assistance, training, financial aid, networking, youth support programs, and national advocacy. NAVASA works to increase the organizational capacity of and funding support for Vietnamese-led community- and faith-based organizations and to develop a new generation of nonprofit leaders.

Programs and Services

- Training, technical assistance, and networking programs
- Organizational capacity-building and funding support programs
- Orientation service for Vietnamese returnees
- English literacy, civic education, and citizenship preparation programs
- Community empowerment programs
- Youth programs

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment and 21 or more hours per month desired

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National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

www.napawf.org

6930 Carroll Avenue
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Closest Metro: Takoma Park

Building an Asian Pacific American women's movement to advance social justice and increase the rights of Asian Pacific American women and girls

The National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) is a national grassroots advocacy organization committed to a progressive movement for social and economic justice and the political empowerment of Asian and Pacific American women and girls.

At the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, 100 women came together over two caucuses and pledged to build and sustain a national, progressive, multi-issue movement of Asian Pacific American women in the United States. They founded NAPAWF in September 1996, in Los Angeles. In 1997, it became a project of the Tides Center. NAPAWF established its national office in 2003, in Washington, D.C.

Programs and Services

- Reproductive justice program
- Anti-trafficking program
- California Young Women's Collaborative
- Immigrant rights program
- Activism

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Monthly commitment desired
- Looking for volunteers with programmatic and development expertise

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FEATURED ORGANIZATION

National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development

www.nationalcapacd.org

1628 16th Street, NW
Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20009
Closest Metro: Dupont Circle

Advocating for Asian American and Pacific Islander communities and helping community-based organizations build vibrant neighborhoods

A group of established community development practitioners founded the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (CAPACD) in 1999, to give a voice to the diverse and rapidly growing Asian American and Pacific Islander community and address their needs. National CAPACD is a membership-based network of more than 100 organizations and individuals in 17 states serving low-income Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Native Hawaiians, refugees, and immigrants with innovative affordable housing and community development programs.

Since 1999, National CAPACD has brought together some of the most sophisticated, comprehensive, and active community development agencies, social service providers, national organizations, advocates, and organizers to promote peer-to-peer learning and to link organizations with resources, talent, and strong leaders. National CAPACD also has developed strategic partnerships with intermediaries, financial institutions, policymakers, immigrant workers rights, and other social change movements.

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted

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Programs and Services

- Training and technical assistance
- Advocacy, policy, and research
- Capacity building
- Community coordination and outreach
- Leadership development

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New Neighbors Education Center of Northern Virginia, Inc.

www.nneducation.org

118 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Closest Metro: King Street

Providing educational and related services to help immigrant and refugee families become self-reliant and fully participating community members

The New Neighbors Education Center of Northern Virginia, Inc., (NNEC) began operations in 2001, in Alexandria, Va., with an English as a Second Language (ESL) program with child care. The ESL program grew rapidly and NNEC expanded its child care into a child development program in 2002, introducing a parent-child English literacy elective the following year. Today, NNEC provides adult ESL classes that promote high achievement in English and increased functionality in the personal lives of students, as well as offering child care and educational children's programs that promote child development and success in school.

Programs and Services

- English instruction and family literacy programs
- In-class child-care program
- Community services support and access
- Hospitality and friendship programs

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Weekly commitment and 6-10 hours per month desired
- Looking for volunteers with teaching and literacy experience and computer skills

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Newcomer Community Service Center

www.newcomerservice.org

1628 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Closest Metro: Dupont Circle

Helping refugees and immigrants from all countries achieve self-sufficiency and participate in their new society

The Newcomer Community Service Center (NCSC) is a minority-based nonprofit organization that helps refugees and immigrants in the Washington, D.C., area achieve self-sufficiency and become productive and participating members of American society. Founded in 1978, as the Indochinese Community Center by Cambodian, Lao, and Vietnamese refugees, NCSC has served thousands of newcomers from all over the world since its inception.

Programs and Services

- Employment training and placement
- English language instruction
- Immigration and legalization services
- Food distribution
- Translation and interpretation
- Community outreach and support
- Cultural preservation
- Resettlement support
- Health outreach and education
- Service referral

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- Preferred age range: 21-60
- Weekly commitment over three months and 6-10 hours per month desired
- Looking for volunteers with computer skills and English teaching experience

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South Asian Americans Leading Together

www.saalt.org

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Closest Metro: Takoma Park

Engaging South Asians through policy analysis and advocacy, community education, local capacity building, and leadership development

From its inception as a volunteer organization in 2000, South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) collaborates with South Asian organizations, individuals, and civil and immigrant rights networks around the country to provide programs in community education and service, policy analysis, and civic education. SAALT works with a base of individual members around the country and coordinates the National Coalition of South Asian Organizations to engage in national- and state-level dialogues and advocacy in areas with significant South Asian populations.

Programs and Services

- Legislative and governmental advocacy
- Community education, service, and empowerment
- Leadership development

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Combined Federal Campaign #84717
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Monthly commitment desired
- Looking for volunteers with design and administrative skills

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Southeast Asia Resource Action Center

www.searac.org

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Third Floor
Washington, DC 20009
Closest Metro: Dupont Circle

Advancing Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans through leadership development, capacity building, and community empowerment

The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) was founded in 1979, as the Indochina Refugee Action Center to facilitate the relocation of Southeast Asian refugees into American society and foster the development of nonprofit organizations led by and for Southeast Asian Americans. A national organization, SEARAC advances the interests of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans through leadership development, capacity building, and community empowerment by fostering civic engagement.

Programs and Services

- 2010 U.S. Census program
- Digital TV transition outreach
- Domestic violence project
- Leadership and advocacy programs and training
- Refugee organization and service enhancement
- Education programs

How You Can Help

DONATE

- Combined Federal Campaign #11950
- Online donations accepted

SERVE

- Interested in recruiting board members

VOLUNTEER

- All volunteers accepted
- Looking for volunteers with fundraising, communications, and accounting skills

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