



PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
Tuesday, December 13, 2017

Media Contact: Sophia Oh-Kim
650-656-5705

Korean American Community Foundation of San Francisco Awards More than \$300K in Grants and Programs Supporting the Underserved in the Korean American Community

San Mateo, CA — The Korean American Community Foundation of San Francisco (KACF-SF) today announced its 2016 Community Grant recipients. A total of \$224,000 in grants is being awarded to ten community-based organizations to support programs targeting under-served and vulnerable Korean Americans in the greater Bay Area. In addition to these grants, KACF-SF has committed funding for a special project, in partnership with Korean Community Center of the East Bay in Oakland and Korean American Community Services in San Jose, to establish a region-wide, toll-free Korean-language social service infoline, to be available in the spring of 2017.

This year's grants address all four of KACF-SF's priority grantmaking areas -- Physical and Mental Health, Senior Care and Empowerment, Safety, and Youth Empowerment -- with focus largely on mental health and senior care, reflecting the prominence of these issues in the Korean American community. The Foundation is glad to be partnering with six returning grantees and forging new relations with four organizations: API Legal Outreach, Asian Women's Shelter, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area, and Northern California LifeLine, a Korean-language crisis and counseling phone line. Alongside these grants, KACF-SF is committed to continuing to invest in strengthening community grantee partners through funding for capacity-building and other forms of technical assistance.

"We are very pleased with the number of strong organizations and programs we are able to fund this year, including pan-Asian organizations that provide vital services to the Korean American community," said Sophia Oh-Kim, KACF-SF Board Co-Chair. "We are excited that there are opportunities for synergy across grantees that are addressing common issues, which we hope will result in close coordination and ultimately greater impact," added Eun-Joo Chang, KACF-SF Executive Director.

The grant recipients were selected with input from KACF-SF's Community Grants Committee (CGC) of volunteers that engages in a participatory grantmaking process. The CGC drives the process by conducting a comprehensive proposal review, including site visits to each of the eligible applicants, and making funding recommendations to KACF-SF's Board of Directors.

2016 KACF-SF Community Grantee Partners:

- Korean American Community Services, Silicon Valley (\$30,000)
- Korean Community Center of the East Bay (\$30,000)
- Korean American Senior Citizens League of Santa Clara County (\$25,000)
- Korean American Senior Services, Inc. (\$25,000)
- LifeLine of Northern California (\$5,000)
- Asian Health Services (\$30,000)
- API Legal Outreach (\$30,000)
- Asian Americans for Community Involvement (\$25,000)
- Asian Women's Shelter (\$14,000)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area (\$10,000)

About Us

The Korean American Community Foundation of San Francisco (KACF-SF), launched in October 2014, is a non-profit organization with a mission to help the vulnerable and under-served in the Korean American community in the greater Bay Area. KACF-SF provides grants and capacity-building assistance to nonprofit service organizations addressing the vital needs of the Korean American community and beyond. KACF-SF also aims to foster a culture of giving among Korean Americans and build a legacy of philanthropy for our future generations. For more information, please visit www.kacfsf.org.

Contact:

Sophia Oh-Kim
Board Co-Chair, KACF-SF
650-656-5705
sohkim@kacfsf.org

###