



Karen Organization of Minnesota

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*Mission: To enhance the quality of life for all refugees from Burma in Minnesota*

July 13, 2017

Dear Community Partner,

The Karen Community of Minnesota (KCM) and Karen Organization of Minnesota (KOM) cordially invite you to be a sponsor of the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Karen Martyr's Day, which will take place on August 12-13, 2017, at the McDonough fields near Mississippi Creative Arts School (1575 L'Orient St., St. Paul, MN 55117). We also invite your agency to bring a table and tent to our community resource fair on one or more days of the event. The main ceremony will be held on Saturday, August 12 at 9:00am with a free meal served afterwards.

Karen Martyr's Day tells the history of the Karen struggle and honors the leaders who gave their lives in the name of freedom. It is a wonderful occasion for us to raise awareness about the Karen and to facilitate goodwill and mutual respect with our new friends and neighbors. The event is also an important opportunity for Karen elders to pass on important Karen cultural traditions to their youth. This year we anticipate that 2,000 people will attend the Karen Martyr's Day Celebration.

The Karen community in Minnesota recognizes your agency as an important asset in our community and would like to invite you to be an official sponsor of this year's events. Sponsorship at the following levels would give your agency these benefits:

- ❖ **Bronze: \$200** – invitation to set up a table in our resource fair on August 12 and/or 13, based on your agency's availability (must provide own table and tent)
- ❖ **Silver: \$500** – Bronze benefits plus business name on KOM website and recognition at the ceremony
- ❖ **Gold: \$1,000** – Silver benefits plus invitation to display your agency banner on the event main stage

The ceremony will include traditional Karen dancing and singing, speeches by community leaders, soccer, volleyball and cane ball tournaments, and food and gift vendors. All events will be free of charge. Many Karen community members have donated money to support this event, but the expenses of hosting such a large event are beyond what the community can provide. Your sponsorship will show your agency's support for the Karen community and keep this event free and accessible for all community members.



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To register, please fill out the bottom portion of this sheet, detach and return with your check by Wednesday, August 9, to:

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Thank you for your consideration of generously supporting this year's Karen Martyr's Day Ceremony. Please feel free to contact Marner Saw at 651-468-6375 or Nay Htoo at 651-354-9768 with any questions regarding the event.

Sincerely,

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**Karen Martyr's Day 2017 Sponsor/Resource Fair Registration**

Sponsorship Level (circle one):            Bronze (\$200)   Silver (\$500)   Gold (\$1,000)

Check Enclosed

Email Keetha at [kvue@mnkaren.org](mailto:kvue@mnkaren.org) if you require an invoice to process a check.

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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*We will send confirmation of your registration and more details about the Resource Fair shortly.  
Thank you for your support!*