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*Mission: To enhance the quality of life for Karen and other ethnic refugees from Burma in Minnesota*

December 11, 2018

Dear Community Partner,

The Karen Organization of Minnesota (KOM) and Karen community leaders cordially invite you to attend the 2758 Karen New Year Celebration. This year, the event will take place on **Tuesday, January 1 at Washington Technology Magnet School** (1495 Rice Street, St. Paul, MN 55117). The main program runs from 10 am to 12 pm, and the entertainment continues from 12 pm to 6 pm. There will be speeches, men and women’s volleyball tournaments, a karaoke competition for kids, raffle prizes, and an impromptu competition.

The Karen New Year Celebration is an important event in the community that celebrates new beginnings and reflects on the past year. Over 1,000 Karen and other community members are expected to share in the festivities while cultivating friendships and participating in Karen cultural traditions. A complete schedule of events includes:

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|----------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Tuesday: | 10:00am -12:00pm        | Main Program         |
|          | <b>10:00am - 4:00pm</b> | <b>Resource Fair</b> |
|          | 12:00pm - 6:00pm        | Entertainment        |

KOM recognizes your organization as an important asset in our community and would like to invite you to be an official sponsor of the Karen New Year. As a sponsor, you will receive the following benefits:

- ❖ **Toe Baw (Bronze): \$200** –a table reserved for your organization at the resource fair
- ❖ **Say (Silver): \$500** – a table reserved for your organization at the resource fair and organization name on ceremony program schedule, KOM website, and official media release
- ❖ **Htoo (Gold): \$1,000** – a table reserved for your organization at the resource fair; your organization name and logo on the ceremony program schedule, KOM website, and official media release; and recognition at the ceremony
- ❖ **Htoo Wah (Platinum): \$2,000** –a table reserved for your organization at the resource fair; your organization name and logo on the ceremony program schedule, KOM website, and official media release; recognition at the ceremony; and opportunity to display your organization banner on the main stage during the Karen New Year Celebration.

All Tuesday events will be free of charge, besides the food that will be for sale. 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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For your convenience, registration can be paid by check or credit card **no later than Wednesday, December 26**. (Please visit <https://www.mnkaren.org/event/2758-karen-new-year-celebration-2019/> to make a secure credit card payment using PayPal.) To register, please fill out the registration form attached and return with your check or PayPal receipt to:

Attn: Frank Hennick  
Karen Organization of Minnesota  
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If you have any questions about the event, please contact one of the following individuals:

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Thank you for your consideration of generously supporting this year's Karen New Year Celebration!

Sincerely,



Alexis Walstad  
Co-Executive Director  
Karen Organization of Minnesota



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Karen Organization of Minnesota