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"The best feeling...is when I help someone resolve the case, like getting back on track with their health insurance..."

- Laymu Paw

Youth Development
103 students served

"Most of my students are new to the U.S...[and] many [are] still struggling, but the situation is improving with more tutoring."

- Nana Loo

Community Health
204 people vaccinated for the Flu

One flu shot clinic “had a number more than before the pandemic. 146 people.”

- Lwepaw Kacher

Employment
86 people have completed job training

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Social Services
237 people accessed health insurance via MNsure

"Since March, our staff have taken over 3,800 phone calls from community members who’ve lost their jobs, had trouble paying their rent, needed help scheduling COVID tests, and much more."

- Alexis Walstad

On-Call Services
3,800+ on-call appointments

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5,000+ COVID-19 tests performed in August and more in the fall in partnership with Ramsey County, the Minnesota Department of Health, and M Health Fairview.

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"I think as someone who is a self-identified language-nerd, I am so lucky to be in a room with such a variety of language experiences of the world. I love to be able to exchange these linguistic curiosities and passions as much as possible."

- Nadya Anderson, KOM Interpreter Training Program Volunteer

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