

# 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

## Employment & Financial Coaching

- 195 were served in our workforce programs
- 82 obtained jobs with increased wages
- 566 households received assistance with income supports
- 3 KOM staff were trained to work as financial coaches



## Social Services

- We found many essential communications about free services were not fully available in Karen or Karenni language and took steps to resolve that 94 elders and 52 caregivers accessed case management and/or group activities.
- Our office includes direct assistance in multiple languages, for food, housing, transportation, health insurance, immigration, civic engagement, and more. 1398 clients received these walk-in services, for which we have no funding, in 2023.



## Community Health

- 318 adults and youth attended workshops on mental health and substance use prevention.
- 47 youth enrolled in case management, of which 50% have accessed treatment.
- 13 Karen faith community leaders completed training in substance use prevention.
- We added a second youth case manager in 2023, & plan to expand case management & prevention in 2024
- We successfully won \$857,000 in funding from the State of MN Department of Human Services for chemical dependency programming.



## Youth Development

- 259 youth attended after school programs: 94% reported that they increased positive self-identity,
- We have expanded our after-school Karen Club to four St. Paul schools and seek to add more cultural and social activities for youth year round



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