

Karen Culture Organization of Minnesota would like to invite you to be part of the sponsors for Karen Wrist Tying Ceremony.

Dear beloved friend of the Karen community,

The Karen Culture Organization of Minnesota (KCOM) invites you to **join in solidarity and become a sponsor of the annual "Karen Traditional Wrist Tying Ceremony"** taking place from 10:30am to 4:00pm on August 16th and 17th, 2025 at Dhamma Thukha Monastery in Harris, Minnesota.

The Karen wrist tying ceremony is an opportunity for our community to gather and be reminded of our unity. This event consists of cultural performances, an art exhibition, volleyball and mini soccer tournament, food vendors, merchandise booth and a community fair, as well as a concert featuring Karen musicians from around the globe. Our event emphasizes community connection, health, healing, and a launch for our emerging generations. This year we anticipate that upwards of 2,000 people will attend the Karen Traditional Wrist Tying ceremony.

Why this festival is important...

The Karen Traditional Wrist Tying Ceremony, or *Laa Ku Kee Su*, is a meaningful cultural custom symbolizing protection, unity, and identity. Elders tie white threads around a person's wrist while offering prayers and blessings, believed to call back and protect the spirit, especially after illness, travel, or life changes. This act strengthens bonds between generations, showing respect for elders and sharing wisdom with the young. For Karen people, the ceremony preserves cultural heritage and strengthens identity by passing on traditions and values. The thread represents more than protection—it is a symbol of love, hope, and connection. Through this simple yet powerful ritual, individuals are reminded that they are never alone but uplifted by their culture, community, and ancestors across time and distance.







• We have five sponsorship packages available with the following benefits:

Sponsor Level	Benefits	Cost
Bronze Sponsor	 Social Media Shoutout. Acknowledgement on our Facebook and Instagram with a thank-you post. Event Program Listing: Your logo or name is included in the event program under the "Bronze Sponsor" section. 	\$300
Silver Sponsor	 Social Media Shoutout: Acknowledgment on our Facebook and Instagram. Event Program Listing: Your logo or name included in the event program. Tabling & Booth Opportunity: Option to have a booth or table at the event. *We can arrange a table and chairs, but please communicate with us ahead of time. 	\$500
Gold Sponsor	 Social Media Shoutout: Featured posts (Special design edits) across our Facebook (118K followers) and Instagram. Event Program Listing: Your logo or name included in the event program. Event Day Recognition: Verbal acknowledgment during the event. Tabling & Booth Opportunity: Option to have a booth or table at the event. Exclusive Perks: Opportunity to distribute branded merchandise. 	\$700
Platinum Sponsor	 Social Media Shoutout: Multiple posts (Special design edits) across Facebook (118K followers) and Instagram, including a featured story or video shoutout. Event Program Listing: Your logo or name included in the event program. Event Day Recognition: Special verbal recognition during the event and an opportunity to distribute promotional materials to attendees. Event Signage: Your logo displayed on event signage, including banners or posters. Tabling & Booth Opportunity: Option to have a booth or table at the event. We can arrange a table and chairs, but please communicate with us ahead of time. Exclusive Perks: Opportunity to distribute branded merchandise. **Special Gift:** Receive a special gift from KCOM as a token of appreciation. 	\$1,000+
Diamond Sponsor	 Social Media Shoutout: Exclusive, personalized posts (Special design edits) across Facebook (118K followers) and Instagram, including a dedicated video or series of posts leading up to and following the event. Event Program Listing: Top-tier placement of your logo or name in the event program under the "Diamond Sponsor" section with a special thank-you message. Event Day Recognition: Special verbal recognition at the event, with an opportunity to speak or present during the event. Event Signage: Your logo displayed on all event signage, including banners, posters, and promotional materials. Tabling & Booth Opportunity: Option to have a booth or table at the event. We can arrange a table and chairs, but please communicate with us ahead of time. Exclusive Perks: Opportunity to distribute branded merchandise. **Special Gift:** Receive an exclusive gift from KCOM as a token of our highest appreciation. 	\$3,000+



To sign up to be a sponsor of this event, please use the link below, make a paypal payment based on your sponsor level by clicking on the DONATE button on top of our website: *Please attach your info for tracking* or mail us at the address below. Our deepest gratitude to you. Tah Blu Doh Mah!

https://karenculture.org/events

Paypal Payment Option Available Here:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=7YRAT DN64A9EE

As a 501c3 nonprofit, The Karen Culture Organization of Minnesota is tax-exempt and can provide you with a tax-deductible receipt. To register, please fill out the bottom portion of this sheet, detach and return with your check by August 1st.

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Please contact Kyaw Kyaw Lwin at 651-417-2650 or <u>karenculture.mn@gmail.com</u> with any questions about the event.

Thank you for your support,								
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Karen Traditional Wrist Tying Ceremony's Sponsor/Resource Fair Registration								
Sponsorship Level (circle one): Bronze (\$300)	Silver (\$500)	Gold (\$700)	Plat (\$1,000+)	Diamond (\$3,000+)				
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We will send confirmation of your registration and more details about your sponsorship package shortly. Thank you for your support!						