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Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association

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For over 35 years, the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association (CMAA) has been committed to improving the quality of life for Cambodian Americans, other minorities, and economically disadvantaged persons in Lowell, MA, through educational, cultural, economic, and social programs.

During the pandemic, a Rapid Response Team was created to make state and city announcements accessible for our Khmer speaking community members. Our bilingual online weekly news ensures that the community gets trusted updates about Covid-19 and other events happening in the community. We have paused our walk in services but continue to provide our support to the community through appointments, food and care package donations, and remain committed to direct services through our programs.

While following Covid-19 procedures, our main service programs include:

-Wrap-around Community Program – this program offers a variety of services that directly impact our community members' daily lives including citizenship assistance, sight translation services, help with public assistance application and various other walk-in supports from making appointments with the doctor to paying bills. We receive approximately 3,400 visits annually.

-Youth Programs

-The After-School Program provides a space for youth (7-14) to get help with their school work while learning Khmer culture and language.

-The Young Professional Program is a mentorship program that helps high school youth get ready for college and career. Annually, we help approximately 150 youth develop themselves.

-Civic Engagement Program – CMAA's civics work aims to help everyone in the community become civically engaged citizens. We have helped over 4,000 community members become and stay engaged through voter registration services, community outreach, phone banking, and educational workshops.

-Monorom Family Support Program – one of the oldest programs at CMAA, Monorom program helps families with special needs children get resources that they need. There are 81 families or 300 community members who get regular support such as doctor appointment visits, wellness checks, and help with various documents.

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