

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



### **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

In-Home Care | Social Services | Affordable Housing Citizenship & Immigration | Benefit Enrollment Center Community & Behavior Health Center Domestic Violence Advocacy & Shelter 2017 was a year of sustainable growth, accomplished by holding strong to the KWA mission and vision established some four decades ago.

The best part of my job is witnessing the joy and caring that goes into every single action taken at KWA. Our staff works tirelessly to understand the people we serve, both from a needs standpoint and a

Troy Christensen, KWA Executive Director

cultural perspective.



As we move into the future, we do so with an eye on the dreams of our founders, and with commitment to continue the work in our communities which began in 1972.

Grace Kim, Chair, KWA Board of Trustees

# The Road We Walk Together...

... begins with our mission to provide multi-cultural, multi-lingual human services to the diverse communities in Western Washington through education, socialization, advocacy, and support.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

IN JANUARY, KWA expanded its infrastructure to establish a fully staffed department to manage and grow our ongoing development and communications strategies.

### **MOBILITY**

**IN MARCH**, we increased mobility for seniors with the purchase of a 12-passenger van to provide transportation to and from programs.

### **CELEBRATION**

**IN OCTOBER**, we celebrated our 45th Anniversary along with more than 600 supporters and guests at the Tacoma Convention Center. Sharing messages in honor of the occasion were: Washington State Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, and Mayor of Tacoma and long time supporter of KWA, Maryland Strickland.

### **EXPANSION**

IN DECEMBER, we expanded to Sequim, Washington where we hosted a ribbon cutting for our 6-bedroom home to support individuals with developmental disabilities, who would not otherwise live independently.

### 2017 STATS



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**Counties Served** 



31,639

Senior Meals Served



127

Citizens Naturalized



2,235

In-Home Care Clients Served



126

Domestic Violence Clients Served



25

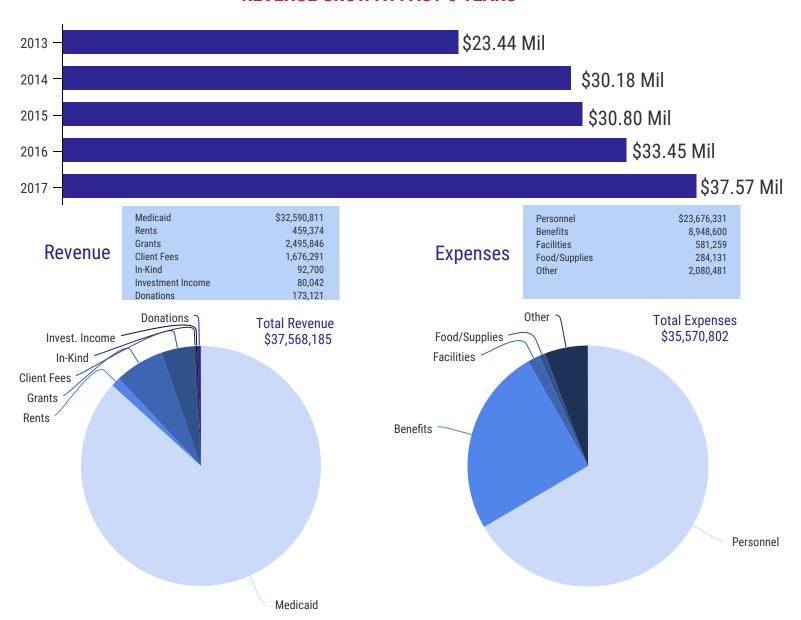
Languages Spoken When Thao came to us in early 2017, she was anxious, alone, and afraid. She found a safe haven in our WAF Home. And, with compassionate guidance from a KWA advocate, Thao was able to break away from her abusive marriage. Since then, she has found her own voice and has taken charge of her own future. Today, Thao is a manager at a popular restaurant and is attending community college.



# **FINANCIAL Snapshot**

Under KWA's fiduciary management, operation reserves could cover the equivalent of 110 days of operations.

### **REVENUE GROWTH PAST 5 YEARS**



# **FINANCIAL Supporters**

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2017 marked the 45th Anniversary of Korean Women's Association. KWA extends heartfelt thanks to all the supporters who helped make our celebration so special. We applaud the love and labor from our board, administrative staff and employees for the many hours involved to create the special evening shared with so many.



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