

Background

Lao Hmong Family Association of San Diego was known as Lao Family Community Incorporated until February 1992. The Hmong people in San Diego decided to change its name to Lao Hmong Family Association of San Diego to better serve the Hmong Community in San Diego.

Lao Hmong Family Association (LHFA) has provided awareness and services to Hmong refugees from the Vietnam War. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, we are committed in assisting Hmong immigrant families with the transition into modern society.



History of the Hmong People

With origins in the mountain ranges of China, Vietnam, Thailand, and Laos, the Hmong culture is one of the oldest in the world. Fighting fiercely alongside the United States Special Forces, the

Hmong people provided reconnaissance support along with search and rescue missions during the Vietnam conflict in Southeast Asia. Today, the Hmong people of Laos are scattered throughout the world because of their crucial roles in the war.

Hmong in San Diego

For more than a decade, many Hmong families have resettled in San Diego. The Hmong people are very proud to be part of this community. Hmong will continue to make their effort to become more productive members of this community.

Community Services

Each year, members of the Hmong community in San Diego elect a committee to organize the Hmong New Year Celebration.

Each clan elects a Clan Leader to represent them at meetings and to lead the clan members.

An Internal Affairs Committee is organized to help solve problems between the community members.

A Community Relation Committee is organized to have a better communication within the community and to establish a close relationship with other ethnic communities to better understand the culture differences.

A Committee is organized to work with the Indo-Chinese Storefront to develop trainings for the Hmong people about the American legal systems.

Goals

The goals of the Lao Hmong Family Association of San Diego are to preserve the Hmong culture and tradition and to create a new leadership role in the community.

Objectives

The objectives of the Lao Hmong Family Association of San Diego are:

- To celebrate the Hmong New Year.
- To preserve the Hmong custom and belief.
- To preserve the Hmong literature.
- To preserve the sports and entertainment.
- To communicate and establish relationship with other ethnics and nationalities.
- To create a new model of leadership in the community.
- To educate about the rules and regulations of this country.

Sports and Entertainments

Throughout the year and during New Year Celebration, the Hmong community in San Diego organizes various sports activities and instrumental music entertainments to keep the Hmong people from being homesick.

Education Committee

An Education Committee is organized to provide counseling's and supports for the Hmong parents and children to continue their education.

Social Welfare

A Social Welfare Committee is organized to meet the needs of those who are in needs of material supports.

Tradition and Culture

Two Committees are organized to provide support and guidance to the Hmong in two different areas, the Hmong Tradition Culture and Western Tradition Culture.