Dear friends of KOM,

We are glad to share this annual report with you after an exciting year of growth and change. We began 2015 with a move to our new office in Roseville and entered 2016 with a transition to a shared leadership model with our Co-Executive Directors, Eh Tah Khu and Alexis Walstad. During this time of transition, our staff worked harder than ever to ensure that community members continued to receive the same quality of service that they have come to expect from KOM. We are inspired by the teamwork and commitment that they bring to their jobs every day. We also extend our gratitude to the many partners, funders, board members, and volunteers who have come alongside us. With your support, we helped over 1,500 refugees find jobs, succeed in school, improve their health, and access numerous community resources.

In 2016, we continue to expand our programs to support refugees through multiple stages of life, from young adults starting a new career to elders striving to live independently. Your consistent support allows us to respond to the community’s needs today while preparing refugees for a successful future. Thank you for your generosity, kindness, and partnership.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Letts, Board Chair
Eh Tah Khu, Co-Executive Director
Alexis Walstad, Co-Executive Director

2015 Highlights

**EMPLOYMENT**
- 293 refugees started working in new jobs
- 24 participants acquired skills for employment in Job Club
- 22 clients completed volunteer projects to gain work experience

**SOCIAL SERVICES**
- 147 families received support to find or maintain housing
- 411 clients earned their Green Card or Citizenship
- 3,313 walk-in appointments were held to meet needs outside of existing programs

**HEALTH**
- 449 people obtained health insurance through MNsure
- 228 adults and youth attended health workshops on topics including breast cancer, family planning, alcohol and tobacco use, and mental health

**YOUTH**
- 157 students improved their academic performance
- 92 youth gained leadership skills
- 40 youth created and performed original plays to share their refugee experiences

**Board of Directors**
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**Advisors**
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- Susan T. Schuster

*Joined the board in 2016
^Term ended in 2015
Help Refugees Succeed!

Looking for ways you can help new refugees from Burma resettle in their new home? Please consider volunteering and making a donation. For more information, visit our website at www.mnkaren.org or contact Rebekah Jacobson by phone at (651)202-3112 or by email at rjacobson@mnkaren.org.

Ta blut doe mah!
(Thank you so much!)

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