

SEARAC

Sij hawm ib raab nej dlau lug, lub tsev ua hauj lwm South east Asia Resource Action Center tau ua hauj lwm sawv cev ntawm covtuab neeg Cambodian, Laos, thab Vietnam, hab tau tswj fwm lug ntawd cov sawv cev tej paab pawg tuab neeg ntawd. Cov teg dlej num tau hloov raws le cov koom hum tau hloov moog lawd raws le cov hauj lwm dlau lug, txawm le caag los SEARAC yog tau muab kev paab cuam rau cov koom hum Southeast Asian lub zug hab qha txuj hawv kev quas ua tau moog txug lub hom phaj.

Lub sij hawm xyoo 1970 yog lub caij kub ntxhuv thab muaj txawv txaav kev tswj fwm rau cov tuab neeg Southeast Asia,” Rawg Sib tua Nyab Laaj ,” thab the “ Killing Fields,” thab tsis muaj hauv kev yooj yim yuav hlaa tug dlej Mekong moog rau chaw thaaj yeeb. Neeg thoj naam tau tsiv tuaj rau United States coob heev thawj zam e cov tuab neeg nyob tsheeb tsaam ntawd tau tsiv moog rhav kev thaaj yeeb thab kev ncaaj nceeg, uas puab tau nyob dlau cov chaw txais tuab neeg tsiv suav rog Huv Thaib teb chaws thab lwm lub teb chaws Asia. Yog lub caij nyoog kws SEARAC tau tsaa sawv, xyoo 1970, tau paab hauj lwm ntau heev rau cov tuab neeg thoj naam. Lub sij hawm ntawd SEARAC hu ua Indochina Refugee Action Center Thab clau lug hu ua Indochina Resource Action Center (IRAC). Lub npe tom qaab kawg tau hu ua –SEARAC- uas tau tso lub npe ua cev qhev has tas “Indochina” ua xyw ca moog tsi nov qaab.

Ib lub luag dlej num tseem ceeb es tau tawm tsaam paab khu txuj cai xyoo 1980 Refugee Act. IRAC/SEARAC tau koom teg ua hauj lwm nrug lwm lu koom hum hab muab tswv yim rau huv Congress kuas pum zoo txais txuj cai ntawd, uas yog muaj txuj cai paab cuam kuas cov tuab neeg thoj naam muaj peev xwm paab tau puab tug kheej. Txuj cai ntawd tseem siv lug txug naj nub nuav, hab tau tsaa lub chaw ua hauj lwm Office of Refugee Resttlement (ORR) lug ntawm Department of Health and Human Services. Lub npe hu ua “ Refugee” “Thoj Naam” txa le tau hu siv nyob American ib lu lug e muaj cai. SEARAC ua tug sawv cev tsaa txuj hauv kev txais tog cov tuab neeg thoj naam tuaj rau America uas tau nrig rau cov uas tuaj Europe, Africa hab Americas hab Asia ib yaam.

Ib lub luag hauj lwm tseem ceeb e SEARAC tau sawv cev ua tav lug yog tau tsaa lub Resettlement Opportuniny rau cov Vietnamese Returnees (ROVR), uas txais tau ntau phaav leej e tau poob tom qaab tau tuaj rau America lawm hab.

SEARAC lub cai ua hauj lwm tau raug sab heev rau cov thawj coj luj. Xws le Ambassador Warren Zimmerman, U.S. tug Tswj Fwm rau Refugee Affairs, tau sau ib raab ntawv xyoo 1993 tas: “Cov tuab neeg nuav yog ib cov kws tsim nyog ua hauj lwm nrug heev...SEARAC lub peev xwm e tau pib lub luag hauj lwm, tej zag tseem ua ntej dlua...Kuv muaj lug ua tsaug rau cov dlej num kws mej tau ua hab taab tom ua hab txhawb kuas mej rau sab ua moog ntxiv rau khov tas yog ib yaam kws paab cuam rau cov tuab neeg thoj naam heev.”

Tom qaab ib ntsiv kws tau pib lug ntawm Rob Stein hab ib paab volunteers xyoo 1979, `tau paab kev kub ntxhuv sib tua nyob Cambodia, IRAC/SEARAC lub nraa nyaav txha le tau muab tso rau cov tuab neeg Southeast Asian Americans, SEARAC tau tswj fwm ntawm ib Tus Nyab Laaj American Le Xuan Khoa, uas nug tau su hauj lwm xyoo 1997 lawm hab taam sim nuav nwg nyob huv School of Advanced International Studies ntawm John Hopkins University. Ka Ying Yang, ib tug kuas puj Hmoob American e tuaj teb chaws Nplog tuaj, tau tuav kev tswj fwm lug txug xyoo 2003 thiam e nug tau hloov mug ua hauj lwm rau International Organization for Migration kws U.S tau txai cov Hmoob thoj naam tim Wat Thamkrabok nyob Thaib teb. Bouy Te, tuab neeg

Cambodian American yog tug Thawj Cuab Tsaav, e taam sim nuav tau txhim Max Niedzwiecki tswj fwm.

Muaj xws le 1,5 vaam tug thoj naam Southeast Asian tau tuaj rau United States pib xyoo 1970 txug 1990. Taam sim nuaj muaj txug le ob vaam tug, e tau txhawb kev laag luam hab kev lig kev cai fuam dlaav ntxiv . Thuag civ thawj SEARAC xaav tau has tas tuab neeg thoj naam lub zus ces tsuas muaj peev xwm khwv txaus puab tug kheej nyob teb chaws nuav xwb. Hab puab khov xaav tau ntawd yuav tau quab yuam cov tuab neeg thoj naam nyaav. Coob leej tuaj tsi muaj dlaab tsi le, leej puav txha le paub ua hauj lwm xwb; hab teeb meem e tsev tuab neeg poob tom qaab hab tsuv rog kws puab tau ntsib kev nyuab sab hab poob tsim lug ua rau puab txhawj xeeb.

Koom teg paab ua hauj lwm rau cov tuab neeg thoj naam, SEARAC lub nraa nyaav yog paab txhob cov koom hoom e sawv cev cov tuab neeg thoj naam uas hu ua “ Mutual Assistance Association” (MAA) hab muab suab txhawb SEARAC kws tau teeb hom phaj Rau cov Southeast Asian Americans ca lawd. Cov tej paab pawg ntawd yog tau tsaa lug ntawm cov tuab neeg tej cheeb tsaam ntawd . Tuab neeg thoj naam tau tuaj nyob txhua lub nroog. MAA tau ua cov piv txwv kws zoo rau cov pej xeeb tau xyum.MAA ua cov paab qha cov tuaj tshab txuj kev thov paab lug ntawm government hab lwm lub chaw e muaj kev paab cuam, paab txhais lug hab txhim kev lig kev cai kuas hum nrug lwm paab pawg tuab neeg. Tsis taag le nrawd, MAA tseem tau koom koj noj koj ua txhawb America lub zug txug kev xaiv tsaa hab yeeb yaam lwm yaam hab.

Ntaw kev muab peev paab, qhuab qha, SEARAC tseem pheej paab lub zug rau MAA paab puab pawg tuab neeg moog ntxiv. Tsis ntev dlau lug nuav SEARAC tau pib paab tej pawg ntxeeg xws le wat hab tsev teev ntuj kuas paab puab paws tuab neeg. Xyoo nuav SEARAC muaj peev xwm muab nyaj paab \$360,000 rau huv kev paab cuam hab cov koom hum 18 lub nyob rau 6 lub leejstates. SEARAC xaav nthuav dlaav moog rau lwm lub states moog ntxiv yaav tom ntej.

Huv qaab nuav yog cov lug kws cov tuab neeg e SEARAC tau sib koom teg ua hauj lwm tau has cov lug muaj nuj nqes rau cov koom hum thoj naam Asian American tas:

Peb puab cov pej xeeb peb paab puab tau zoo tshaaj lwm leej rua qhov peb paab peb cov tuab neeg. Peb tuaj America nuav yog tuab neeg thoj naam ib yaam.

Megan Bui
Southeast Asian Community Center
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Peb tsi thaas ua raws le luas txuj cai ua ntaub ntawv nyuab nyuab rau huv peb lubchaw paab. Yog tas peb muaj peev xwm ua tau ces peb paab kam xwb.

Khouan Maoxomphu
Khmer Buddhist Society, Inc.
Greenboro, North Carolina

Cov Cambodian lub tsev teev mlom tsi yog lub tsev teev xub, tab sis yog lub chaw paab dlej num, hab yog qhov chaw khaws kev lig kev cai, hab qhuab qha txhua yaam. Yog lub chaw e taucuaag cov tuab neeg Cambodian American hab.

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Peb paab yaam tsi muaj kev kawg rau peb pawg tuab neeg. Peb nyob rawv ntawm nuav paab puab.

Chaxiong Lo
Wausau Area Hmong Mutual Association
Wausau, Wisconsin

Peb pawg tuab neeg tseem yuav muab kev paab. Taam sim nuav peb muaj peev xwm paab cov hluas hab cov laug, hab ua ntej nuav puab tsi muaj lub koom hum. Peb muab kev paab yaam tsi cais tuab neeg, hab paab cov tsi paub lug.

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Greensboro, North Carolina

SEARAC taam sim nuav ua hauj lwm thoob teb chaws rau 184 lub MAA hab tej paws ntseg e muab kev paab dlej num, nrug thoob peev taag nrho tshaaj \$ 75 waam. tseem npaaj sau cov npe tshua tshua lub koom hum kuas tav rau lub caij suv xyoo 2004 nuav hab yuav tshwm rau SEARAC website.

“Peb paub tas MAA muaj kev sib cog nrug puab cov pej xeem, puab tsuas yuav paab txhawb ib miv ntsiv xwb ce tsug kho zoo kawg nkaus lawm. Peb nyob ntawm nuav npaaj paab puab yaam ntawd xub.” Bouy Te SEARAC tug Cuab Tsaav has.

SEARAC tau paab cov koom hum e nyob huv cheeb tsaam ntawm puab lub hom phaj tseem ceeb. SEARAC tau paab cuam zoo tsim nyog txhim khu rau Cambodian American National Council (CANC), Hmong National Development, Inc (HND), the Laotian National Alliance (LANA), hab the National Alliance of Vietnamese Services Agencies (NAVASA), txhua qhov yog cov koom hum rau puab cov pej xeem. SEARAC tseem koom teg paab cov koom hum ntawd txhawb tsaa lwm lub koom hum ntxiv hab. Thawj lub koom hum luj e sib koom txhua txhua haiv Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, the Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) yog ib lub piv txwv zoo.

SEARAC kuj tau ua hauj lwm nrug tej tug tuab neeg, ntxiv lug ntawm tej koom hum. Tuab lub sij hawm ntawd SEARAC tau muaj qhuab qha kev tswj fwm txhua xyoo nyob Washington D.C., yog ib yaam ruaj ntseg ua piv txwv khov. Txhua zoo, SEARAC tau caw 50 tawm tug thawj coj hab cov txawj ntse sib ntsib 4 nub tawm tswv yim lug ntawm puab cov pej xeem; muab tsi yim tas US kev tswj fwm yog ua le caag. Hab nrig txug cov tuab neeg thoj naam le caag, yeeb yaam thaam pem hab ntsib cov Congress tau le caag and cov ua hauj lwm ntawm President ua le caag.

Anhlan Nguyen ib tug ntawm Vietnamese Culture and Science Association (VCSA) tau has tas “ Lub program nuav tau cob ob tug e peb xaa tuaj D.C. tseb nua paub heev. Taam sim nuav ob tug ua zoo heev rau cov pej xeem hab xaav txug kev coj ua kws cov nyom rau peb. Ob tug tau txhawb kuas VCSA koom yeg nrug SEARAC tsaa ib lub rooj qhuab qha rau cov hluas nyob Texas tau kawm kev tswj fwm le nyob Washington D.C.

Silas Cha nyob Fresno Center for New American tshaaj tawm tas “ kuv xaav tas Kev qhuab qha kev cai tswj fwm nuav ua rau kuv pum kev lug rau kuv muaj peev xwm ntsib tau cov sawv cev pej xeem. Kuv muaj peev xwm nrav tau kev paab lug ntawm Congressman Radanovich hab Senators Boxer hab Feinstein has txug teeb meem txawv teb chaws. Puab teb tau rau yug zoo tshaaj le yug xaav.

Kev qhuab qha ntawd ua rau paub tseeb has tas cov Southeast Asia American tau txhawb sab zoo heev, had SEARAC covtuab neeg ua hauj lwm kuj tau qhuab qha pawg pej xeem nyob Washington D.C hab. Cov ua hauj lwm kuj tau qhuab qha txug kev kawm ntawv, immigration, hab txuj cai- xws le koom nteg nrug the National Council of Asian Americans hab Refugee Council USA.

NTSIB KEV TUAM TSAAM YAAV TOM NTEJ.

Cov tuab neeg Asian Pacific American yog ib haiv e fuam vaam sai heev, piv rau cov Southeast Asian Americans ua ke ces yog paab pawg e fuam vaam ceev kawg nkaus. Feem coob tau tuaj rau U.S. tau yuav txug 30 xyoo hab yug nyob txawv teb chaws.

Ntau tsaav tuab neeg Asian Americans tau dlau lug ua “model minority” tau muaj kev txawj ntse hab muaj nyaj txag txaus paub tug kheej uas tsis muaj teb meemrau kevlig kev cai. Txawm le ntawd los cov Souyeast Asian Americans tseem muaj cov txom nyem, muaj mob, hab kev tsi txawj ntse. Piv txwv le, 43 feem pua Cambodians had 65 feem pua Moob huv America tseem nyob txom nyem. Kuas puj Vietnamese tsib npaug muaj xws le cov kuas puj European Americans e muaj mob ce dlaab; and 20 feem pua muaj teeb meem nyob huv immigration tsev kaw txim yog cov Southeast Asian. Peb pawg tuab neeg nuav yog cov e tseem nyob txom txom nyem nyob California yog cov Suotheast Asians.

Raws le kev xaav taucoob coob tug Southeast Asian Americans kuj tsim lub neej tau ruaj ntseg, xws le muaj laag luam los yogua tau technology tawm hab. Raws le tej yaam has nuaj, cov Cambodian, Moob, Nplog, hab Vietnamese tseem yuav kuas cov koom hum paab pawg ruaj ntseg e txa le paab txhawb suav dlawg hloov moog lawm yaav tom ntej.

Sib paab ua ib ke, SEARAC tseem vaam yuav txhawb nqaa kev ruaj ntseg rau peb cov Southeast Asian American kuas vaam meej, paab qhuab qha hab txhawb cov koom hum moog ntsiv 25 xyoo ntxiv.

SEARAC tau xab loom 25 xyoo rau xyoo 2004.

SEARAC ua tau dlaab tsi :

- Txhawb nqaa cov Southeast Asian American xws le paab tswv yim rau cov paab pawg, hab rau United States.
- Txhim khu hauj lum paab rau 180 lub koom hum e tswj fwm lug ntawm cov tuab neeg Southeast Asian nrug peej teeg nrho \$ 75 vaam.
- Qha rau Americans paub kev cai ntawm cov Cambodian, Laos hab Vietnam huv Washington D.C.
- Tshawb rhav ntaub ntawv paab cov koom hum kuas paub muaj sug.

Tej Yaam E SEARAC Ua Tau Tav Log:

- SEARAC tau txhob nqaa kaum tawm lub koom hum kuas paub khov hab tau qhuab qhas paab, hab muab peev paab taag tshaaj le \$1 vaam rau I xyoo.
- SEARAC tau qheb qhuab qha kev cov, nyob WashingtonD.C..., rau tshaaj le 300 tug thawj coj ntawm cov Southeast Asian Americans thoob teb chaws.

- Lawv le tau ua hauj lum raws txuj cai Refugee xyoo 1980. Hab lwm yaam kev, SEARAC tau paab txhim txuj cai kuas Tswj fwm America paab txais cov tuab neeg thov naam.
- SEARAC yog lubhuv plawv e tau qheb cov koom hum rau cov Cambodian, Moob,, Nplog, hab Vietnamese Americans, hab paab puab txuv kev kawm ntawv moog sab ntxiv nruv cov Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

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