



## Friends of Korea

Dedicated to fostering cultural awareness and  
friendship between Americans and Koreans

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### **Korean American Family Services of Los Angeles Recipient of Grant**

*Selection of KFAM embodies Friends of Korea's goal of fostering cultural awareness  
and friendship between Americans and Koreans*

[Los Angeles, CA - December 17, 2014] At the Friends of Korea (FOK) annual meeting in Los Angeles on November 15, 2014, FOK President Nancy Kelly announced that FOK would donate \$2000 to a local Korean American community organization as part of a new board-approved initiative to give back to the Korean community. She requested that Consul General Ambassador Hyun-myung Kim, the Korean Consul General in Los Angeles, identify an organization in the area with a proven record of providing programs in the area of counseling, education, and social services for the Korean American community. He recommended [Korean American Family Services \(KFAM\)](#).

In recommending KFAM to Friends of Korea, Ambassador Kim remarked: "KFAM's mission is to support and strengthen Korean American families and individuals in the greater Los Angeles area. Since its inception in 1983, KFAM has provided assistance to tens of thousands of Korean Americans, particularly women, children, immigrants and low income families."

Connie Chung Joe, Executive Director of KFAM, told those gathered at the presentation "it is organizations like Friends of Korea that quietly go about the business of helping to build bridges of understanding between the very different and diverse cultural groups we serve that inspire us to work harder every day. I applaud their dedication. We are so very grateful for the Friends of Korea's generous support of KFAM."

Ms. Kelly observed that from its beginnings in the 1990s, FOK has sought ways to expand Americans understanding of Korea – its history, cultural and its phenomenal political and economic growth over the past fifty years. "KFAM is a great example of what FOK seeks to

encourage across the United States. Our Board of Directors and membership are pleased to have this opportunity to support the work of KFAM.”

Friends of Korea was founded in the late 1990s with the mission of fostering cultural awareness and friendship between Americans and Koreans. Friends of Korea works in close partnership with a variety of organizations, both public and private, in order to promote greater understanding of Korea, a country that has undergone a remarkable economic, social and political transformation in the past 60 years. For more information on Friends of Korea, please visit <http://www.friendsofkorea.net>.

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