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CAMBODIAN MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOWELL, INC.

A Message from the Executive Director - November 2026
Gratitude, Community Resilience, and Shared Responsibility

Dear Friends, Families, and Community Partners,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself reflecting on our community's strength and the many ways we continue to care for one another. At CMAA, we are reminded every day that community is more than where we live. It is about the relationships we build, the challenges we face together, and our shared responsibility to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to thrive.

This November, our work has focused on protecting families, strengthening partnerships, and creating opportunities for the next generation.

With ongoing changes to immigration policies, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), MassHealth, and other public benefits, many families are facing growing uncertainty. CMAA continues to work closely with community organizations and statewide partners to stay informed, advocate for our communities, and help individuals and families navigate these challenges. During times like these, having a trusted place to turn for guidance, information, and support is more important than ever.

At the same time, we continue to invest in opportunities that strengthen our community for the future. This month, we have been exploring partnerships to expand access to legal assistance, utility savings, and other essential resources. We are also working with Tufts University and cultural partners to advance Khmer traditional music education, helping ensure that our cultural heritage remains alive and meaningful for future generations.

As we prepare for CMAA's upcoming Board retreat in December, we are also looking ahead, considering how we can strengthen our programs, deepen community partnerships, and respond to the evolving needs of the Cambodian community and other underserved families throughout Greater Lowell.

As we enter the season of giving, I invite you to support CMAA through our 2026 Annual Appeal, helping us continue to serve our youth, elders, and families. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in our **2026 Holiday Silent Auction.** Your generosity, support, and commitment to our community help make our work possible and strengthen the impact of CMAA's mission.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to our staff, Board of Directors, volunteers, donors, and community partners. Your dedication, generosity, and belief in our mission make our work possible. Most importantly, I thank the individuals and families who continue to trust CMAA.

For more than four decades, CMAA has stood alongside our community through periods of both opportunity and uncertainty. While the challenges we face may change, our commitment to serving, empowering, and bringing people together remains steadfast.

This Thanksgiving, let us remember that gratitude is not only about appreciating what we have, but also about what we can do for others. Together, through compassion, generosity, and mutual support, we can continue building a stronger, more connected community where everyone belongs.

On behalf of my family and the entire CMAA team, I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful, healthy, and meaningful Thanksgiving.

With gratitude,



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Executive Director