Who we are
Established as an immigrant led non-profit in 1982 as the state’s only Asian Specific Food Shelf to serve Southeast Asian refugees settled in the Twin Cities area. Today, CAPI provides career development, human services and civic engagement support for over 4,000 individuals annually.

Who we serve
Our work is focused on refugees, immigrants and native-born Americans.

CAPI’s Mission
Our mission is to guide refugees and immigrants in the journey toward self-determination and social equality.

CAPI’s Vision
Our vision is that all refugees and immigrants lead successful lives and fully exercise their civic rights and responsibilities.

CAPI’s Values
Our core values are rooted in equity, inclusion and accessibility.

CAPI’s Approach
Our approach is rooted in building solid partnerships, providing integrated service delivery and changing conditions that limit peoples’ choices.

CAPI USA is accredited by the Charities Review Council and is a member of the MACC Commonwealth and the MACC Alliance. We are committed to accountable and ethical practices.
CAPI engages, encourages and empowers Minnesota’s newest immigrants and refugees to get involved in problem-solving and decision-making on issues that matter to them.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
More than 800 people are served in CAPI’s 3 core employment programs:
• Minneapolis Family Investment Program (MFIP) – case managed employment services to assist people on public assistance secure childcare, advance their education and obtain and sustain employment. This program strives to guide individuals toward self-sufficiency through employment.
• Career Pathways – quarterly cohort trainings that lead to earning industry recognized certificates and credentials. Job counselors assist with post-training placement services in healthcare, manufacturing and other in-demand industries.
• Refugee Employment Services – training, job placement and retention support to newly arrived refugees including Karen, Bhutanese and Somali individuals.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES
CAPI’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax assistance to 250+ people who make $54,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English speaking taxpayers. CAPI also offers financial education sessions and, through partnerships, will offer homebuyer workshops.

BASIC NEEDS
More than 3,000 children, adults and elders are served via the following:
• Food Shelf – Open 20 weekly hours and supporting households with emergency food
• Public benefit eligibility screening and access assistance to all food shelf households
• SNAP outreach and enrollment
• Referrals and connections to economic support services at CAPI and elsewhere
• Fresh produce distributions – Partnering with Second Harvest to facilitate 10 large distributions during the summer months
• Community gardening – Sponsoring and assigning more than 160 gardening plots
• Nutrition education and cooking classes

MNSURE ENROLLMENT SERVICES
3 certified/multilingual MNSure Navigators assist 700+ people enroll/re-enroll in health plans

HMONG SENIORS PROGRAM
CAPI provides case management, social support and educational services to assist 75 Hmong seniors (ages 65+) to live independently. The Senior Program also has a long history of providing access assistance and group support to 50+ Hmong adult caregivers.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
• CAPI serves as the lead agency of a five-agency AAPI Voting & Citizenship Coalition
• CAPI serves as the fiscal agent of the Twin Cities World Refugee Day (40+ organizations)
• CAPI staff are engaged in numerous coalitions to change conditions that limit peoples’ choices including the Blue Line Coalition, the Good Jobs Pathway Initiative and the North Minneapolis Food Systems Coalition.

We offer nutritious, culturally-specific food while serving as a gateway to resources that move people toward greater economic stability and health. CAPI promotes partnerships, community involvement, leadership and volunteerism.

CAPI’S MULTISERVICE COMMUNITY CENTERS
Immigrant Opportunity Center
• 5930 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
• Features a training/community room, a classroom, a conference room, a food shelf, a nutrition education kitchen and work stations for 6-8 tenants/partners
• Hours of operation 8:30am-5pm, Monday to Friday

South Minneapolis East Lake Street Center
• 3702 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406
• Features 2 classrooms and a conference room
• 2 current tenants include COPAL (Latinx civic engagement agency), SEWA-AIFA (East Indian human service agency)
• Hours of operation 8:30am-5pm, Monday to Friday

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
CAPI offers a wide variety of individual, group and event volunteer opportunities. Please call CAPI for more information.