



ASIA
Families

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Vision

To Give a Voice to Adoptees and Adoptive Families

Mission

To welcome Korean adoptees of all ages, their adoptive parents and siblings and relatives, the Korean community, and friends into an extended family community through mutual support, education, and Korean culture.

Board Members

Executive Committee

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Letter from our Executive Director



Dear Friends,

As we are going into the 3rd year of dealing with the pandemic crisis, I take a pause and reflect on how ASIA Families still made impact on the community we serve despite of all hardships: We had to turn our main programs from in-person offering to virtual sessions and had to cancel Korea tours and all other gatherings for the first two years into the pandemic. ASIA Families has been able to weather the storm alongside with you.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all who have supported ASIA Families as donors, program leaders, volunteers, and participants. All of you enable us to keep advancing our vision. Because of your generous support, we were able to continue to offer the needed services for adoption community. Some of the major accomplishments were Teen Leadership Program and a virtual listening session to talk about how to respond to hatred toward Asian American and microaggression in 2021. Looking ahead we would like to expand in how we serve teens and add a new program for the teens. Our impact and reputation have grown and we were able to recruit seven adult adoptee board members out of the fourteen board members. Their voices will be included as we set large and important goals for the organization.

ASIA Families board members and I have a lot of work ahead of us to ensure our current programs to continue as well as develop new resources to engage and connect adoptees. We are committed to empowering adoptees and giving a voice to adoptees and adoptive families, I invite you to join us as we continue serving our wonderful community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grace Song". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

With gratitude,

Grace Song, Founder and Executive Director

Helping adoption community

2176
HOURS

Number of hours
Volunteers
gave last year

Number of

**Children &
Teens**

(3-18 years old)

154



Number of

**Parents of
Korean adoptees**

227



Number of

Families

167



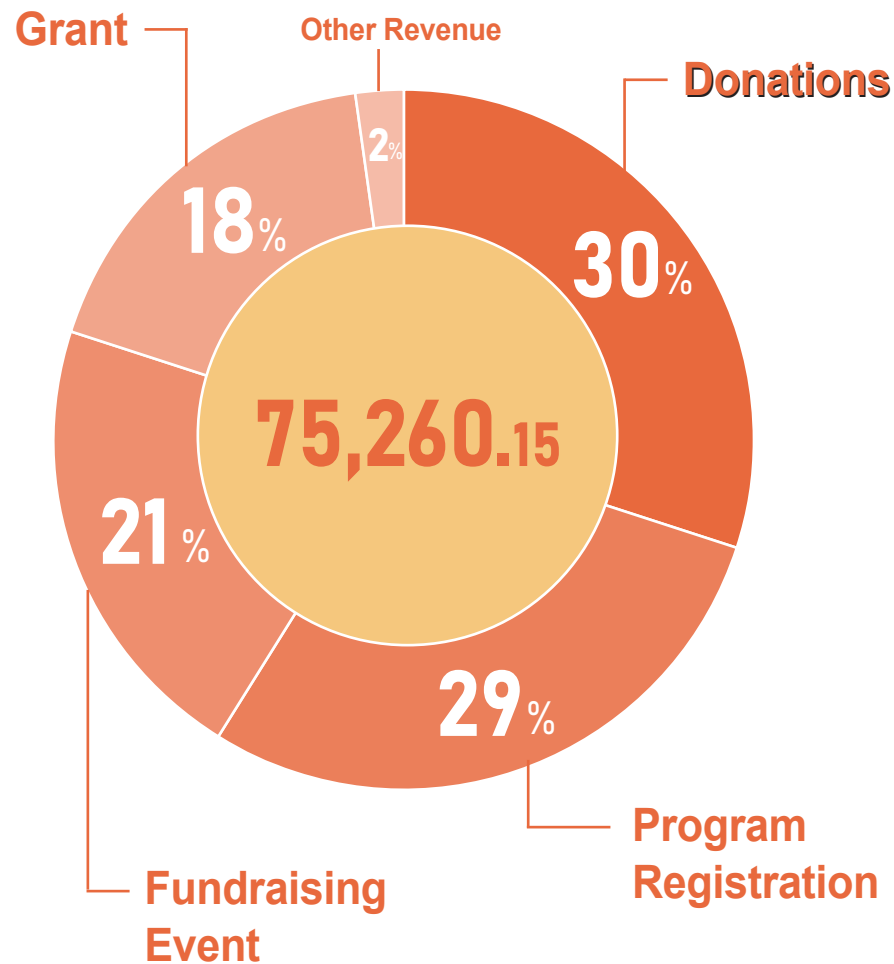
Number of

Volunteers
(including 15 adult adoptees)

91

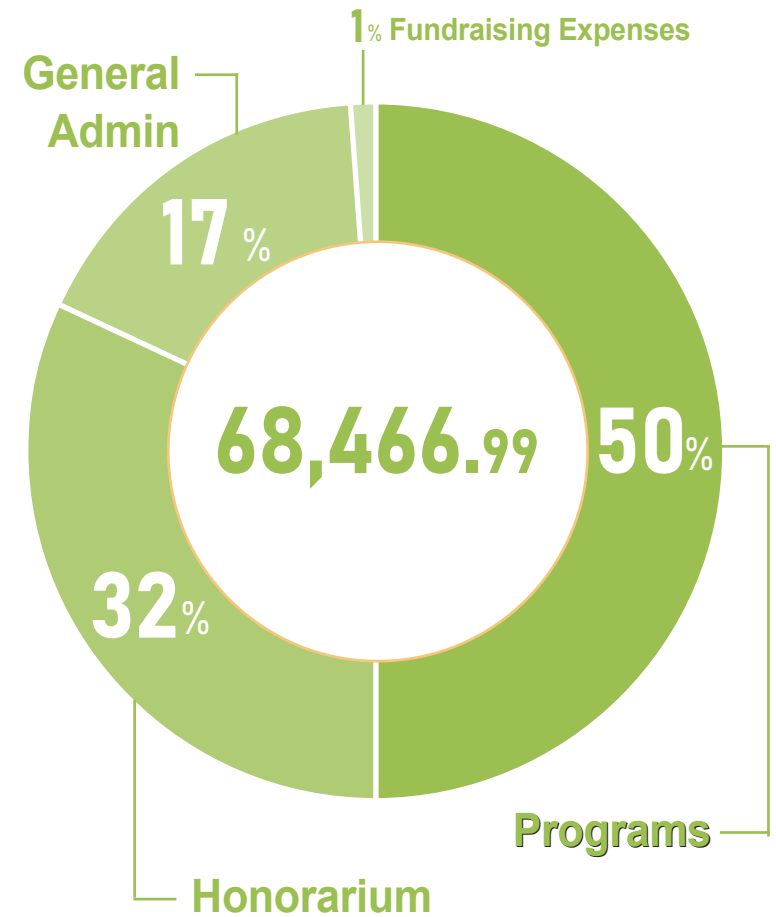


Where our funding is coming from



2021 Revenue Total: \$75,260.15

Where our funding goes



2021 Expenses Total: \$68,466.99

Grants and Major Contributions from Organizations & Business Received in 2021

Korean Education Center

National Center for the Right of the Child (NCRC) and Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW)

Overseas Korea Foundation

Shining Star Korean Presbyterian Church

Virginia Korean Association

Le Mirage Hair Salon

James Sung Un Kim CPA

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Number of

Donors

\$22,142.58

Amount of

Donations

Donations come from Korean adoptees, parents of Korean adoptees, and Korean American community members

Programs

Korean Culture School

ASIA Families offers the only monthly Korean culture school that brings together children, teens, parents, adult adoptees, and members of the broader Korean American community in a fun and welcoming environment.



Camp Rice Family Culture Camp

Each July, ASIA Families sponsors a three-day family sleepover camp in the greater Washington, DC area. Camp Rice has programs for children, teens, adult adoptees, and parents.



Korea Bridge Tours

ASIA Families sponsors summer homeland trips to South Korea for adult adoptees and families with children adopted from Korea. Led by Grace, the tours draw upon her expert knowledge of the language, country, culture, and the international adoption experience to offer adoptees and families the trip of a lifetime.



Adult Adoptee Sponsorships for Korea Bridge Tours

These cover all trip costs except airfare.



These are some of our Donors & Participants said about us

“As an adoptee from S. Korea, this program is very inspiring! I wish I had this kind of support group/programs available when I was younger.”



“We love everything about ASIA, from cultural education to amazing support for us and our teen.”

“I’m an adoptee, who was lucky enough to travel with ASIA Families in 2019, and I’m grateful for your organization.”



“My son has grown up with ASIA throughout the years. We love the organization and all the Korean “brothers and sisters” we’ve met along the way.”



Statements

from our Volunteers & Board members

“Our family and my interest in ASIA Families is personal and has grown over more than a decade long commitment to the organization. We have learned how to create and sustain a connection to Korea and to support our daughter as an adoptee and us as an adoptive family. The services provided are and have been absolutely crucial to support, educate, and integrate successful adoption for so many families in our community.” **Ashley S.**

“I'm interested in helping adopted kids feel connected to other Korean adoptees as well as their families. I want to help create a safe space for kids and teens to learn and talk about their heritage and culture and, if they want, to talk about and search for their biological families. I'd also like to be a role model or mentor for the kids who participate in ASIA Families' programs.” **Julia W.**

“ASIA Families is an important part of our lives. The organization has provided my husband and I with a sense of community, our children with a sense of belonging, and our entire family with a greater understanding of both Korea and the adoptee experience. The chance to give back to an organization that has given us so much would be a great honor.” **Sarah A.**

“I have been volunteering at ASIA Families since spring 2016 and want to continue serving adopted children. Having been adopted myself, I really enjoy sharing the Korean culture with younger adoptees.”
Sehee C.

“Being adopted myself, I wanted to give back to younger generation of adoptees” **Ginny D.**

“We love ASIA Families and you are part of our family.” **Diana P.**

“I am interested in volunteering at ASIA Families because I feel the need to give back. My family has been with ASIA Families since it first started. I have learned so much and have made so many friends. I want to give kids an older Korean role model like I had when I was much younger.” **Noah G.**