



# Hnub Tshiab

*Hmong Women Achieving Together*

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## **Campaign for the Hmong Women's Center**

The Hmong community has the youngest population in the entire State of Minnesota. Over 50% of our population is younger than age 18 according to the US Census in 2000. Hmong women and girls need support to continue to grow professionally and to be able to guide their own futures. Building on the current assets of a growing number of emerging Hmong women leaders and their allies, we hope to shape generations of Hmong women and girls in the years to come to build us into a strong and vibrant community that welcomes and encourages them to reach their highest potential and teaches them how to address the social and cultural conditions that prevent them from achieving.

*Hnub Tshiab*: Hmong Women Achieving Together envisions a day when there is on-going funding generated by our own endowment that will enable our mission to be a catalyst for lasting cultural, institutional, and social change to improve the lives of Hmong women to be greatly expanded and a place to call our own as Hmong women.

The words “catalyst” and “lasting” in our mission means that we want to ensure that future and current generations of Hmong American women's lives continue to improve. Our coalition of support is growing, and many hundreds of lives have already been touched through our 13 years of operation.

## **Building the House of Our Dreams**

Our dream is have a Hmong Women's Center within the City of St. Paul that serves Hmong women and girls and enables us to meet our mission. The Hmong Women's Center will give us a space and place for social, institutional, and cultural change to occur to improve the lives of Hmong women.

The Hmong Women's Center will be a four or five bedroom house with a large backyard that will help us to do following:

1. To develop, support, and celebrate Hmong women leaders
2. To support our social and cultural change work with families and clans
3. To strengthen intergenerational relationships with the transfer of cultural knowledge
4. To build a resource room with relevant information and resources about Hmong women
5. To respond to the needs of Hmong women so that they can convene about important business and social issues in a neutral space
6. To be our office so that key stakeholders can find us