

**KOREAN AMERICAN
CIVIC EMPOWERMENT**

2020 REPORT

**TOGETHER,
WE SHALL
OVERCOME**

KACE
KOREAN AMERICAN CIVIC EMPOWERMENT

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KACE 2020 AT A GLANCE

KACE HISTORY

25

**YEARS OF
SERVING COMMUNITY**

CENSUS 2020

12,286

**CALLS MADE
FOR COMPLETE COUNT**

LEGAL TASK FORCE

1,927

**PANDEMIC AID
& LEGAL COUNSELING**

COVID-19

32,286

**PUBLIC SUPPORT
INFORMATION EXPOSURE**

INTERNSHIP

550

**GRASSROOTS INTERNSHIP
PARTICIPANTS**

VOTERS

45,000

**VOTER REGISTRATION
ASSISTANCE**



Korean American Civic Empowerment

The Korean American Civic Empowerment (KACE) is a non-partisan and not-for-profit organization that was established in New York City (1996) and New Jersey (2000) respectively. The goal of KACE is to support the Korean Americans getting involved in the community as active citizens. In order to achieve the goal, KACE helps community members register and get out to vote. KACE believes that the community gains respect as a role model for active civic engagement and contribute more to the diversity of the U.S society.

01 VOTING RIGHTS ADVOCACY

KACE has been advocating for the voting rights of community members. KACE especially works to increase accessibility to polls, and educate community on how to exercise their voting rights. KACE combines various strategies including litigation, grassroots lobbying and community education to promote voting rights.

02 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Annually, over 30 high school and college interns participate in various community grassroots projects for thirty-six weeks from April to November. The interns get involved with community issues and work with the local government and politicians to resolve the community problems for further development.

03 PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KACE facilitates various grassroots activities to address issues at the local, state and federal levels. KACE has successfully advocated for the benefits of community members, such as the NYC Small Business Survival Act, NJ Dry Cleaning business advocacy, and the US HEAP application assistance program. It has maintained on-going dialogue between our community and government offices and has mobilized community to address its concerns and protect its interests.

04 KACE LEGAL TASK FORCE

KACE created a legal task force with Korean American lawyers, offering pro bono legal counseling to the community members in need of legal help in partnership with religious organizations including the Korean American Sanctuary Church Network.

Census 2020

As the primary or sole organizer of the community's joint efforts for 3 consecutive Census campaigns in 2000, 2010, and 2020, KACE has been leading the Korean American Census Task Force. This work requires the capability to set up a strong initiative to pursue one of the harder populations to count in the city due to the cultural barrier and other security and safety issues.

In 2020, KACE was selected as a Complete Count Fund awardee of the NYC Census and successfully conducted the Census campaign with the outstanding result despite the seriously worsening campaign circumstances.



2020 인구조사

2000년과 2010년에 이은 세번째 인구조사를 맞아 시민참여센터는 그동안 인구조사 캠페인을 운영해온 경험을 토대로 보다 넓은 범위의 협력체계를 만들기 위해 시민사회를 조직하고 인구조사 참여의 필요성을 알리는 한편 각 개인이 인구조사에 응답할 수 있도록 다양한 캠페인을 진행했습니다.

뉴욕주, 뉴욕시, 퀸즈보로청 및 뉴욕시립대학교와 함께 진행한 2020 인구조사에서는 Covid-19 로 인해 일상적인 캠페인이 어려워진 상황에서도 시민참여센터의 네트워크와 캠페인 기법을 통해 탁월한 성과를 거둘 수 있었습니다.

KACE GRASSROOTS INTERNSHIP

The annual KACE Grassroots Internship Program is designed to deepen students' understanding on grassroots activism, civic engagement, and the structure of the municipal, state, and federal government.

Participants receive individualized leadership training, engage with local community leaders, identify community issues, and receive career advice on a wide range of public service professions to promote active learning, civic participation, and social competencies.

The program will enable participants to develop own cultural and social identity to become self-initiated community leaders by hosting daily voter registration drives and interacting with community members and leaders.



Interns in a conference with Senator Loretta Weinberg

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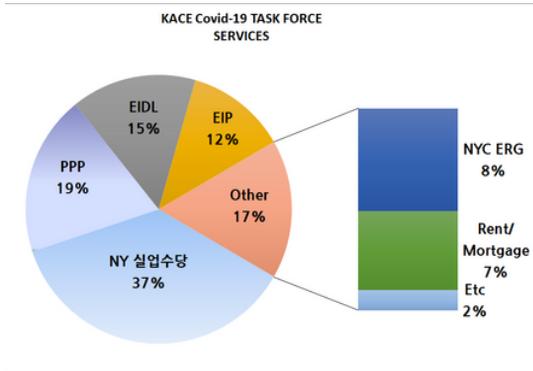
연례 풀뿌리 인턴십 프로그램은 다음 세대가 풀뿌리 운동, 시민참여, 그리고 미국 사회와 정치를 더욱 잘 이해할 수 있도록 마련되었습니다.

프로그램 참가자들은 개별적인 리더십 훈련, 지역사회 리더와 정치인과의 만남, 지역사회 이슈의 발견, 그리고 다양한 공공서비스 분야의 전문가들로부터 커리어에 관한 조언을 받음으로써 적극적인 사회 참여를 배우게 됩니다.

또한 참가자들은 지역 사회의 구성원 및 리더들과의 만남이나 유권자 등록 캠페인 등의 활동을 통해 스스로의 문화적, 사회적 정체성을 확립해 나가게 됩니다.

Covid-19 Community Support

As the Covid-19 pandemic seized the economy in the impacted local communities, the government has announced emergency aid programs.



Despite the hard effort to reach out to the people in urgent needs, information couldn't be disseminated to individuals in an efficient way. The attorneys and professionals in the KACE Legal Task Force started immediately to clarify the contents of the government programs and the eligibility for benefits. The video clips and updates created on a daily basis through social media helped tens of thousands people in the community to be able to cope with the emergency situation.



Covid-19 대응을 위한 지역사회 지원

2020년 상반기 코비드19 상황이 지역사회 전반의 경제활동을 마비시킴에 따라 정부차원의 다양한 지원 프로그램이 발표되었습니다. 그러나 많은 분들이 정확한 프로그램 정보를 전달받지 못하거나, 혜택을 받는 방법을 알지 못해 어려움을 겪었습니다.

시민참여센터는 이민자보호 법률대책위원회의 법률전문가들을 중심으로 한인커뮤니티 소장인 및 실직자 지원 TF를 즉시 구성하여 자체 대응매뉴얼을 작성하는 한편 핫라인을 개설하여 직접 전화상담을 시작하였습니다. 펜데믹 기간, 1,200여명의 지역주민이 핫라인을 통하여 법률 조언 및 지원 프로그램 상담을 받고 혜택을 받을 수 있게 되었습니다.

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