

PARTNERSHIP WITH CAMBODIAN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

The Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc. (CBS) has worked closely with Cambodian Senior Association (CSA). Before the creation of CSA, many activities were conducted by CBS, such as citizenship class, English class, and recreational trips. Due to its heavy burden in other areas, CBS helped organize CSA where activities benefitting senior Cambodians were concentrated.

In fact, all members of Cambodian Senior Association are members of the Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc. Some are volunteers at both organizations. Most of Cambodian seniors find solace at the Cambodian Buddhist Temple. They usually ask their children or grand children or friends to take them to the Temple. English barrier compels a majority of Cambodian Seniors to stay shut in. They are afraid to go out, to take a bus, or to take a taxi because they might get lost. They cannot go to senior centers since they cannot communicate with other non-Khmer speakers.

Many programs are carried out by helping each other. For instance, at the latest programs, Cambodian Senior Association helped raise funds to defray the costs of bringing a dance teacher from Cambodia to assist a dance class at the Temple. Also, Cambodian Senior Association is one of the sponsors of the Temple's classical ballet entitled "Agangameasor and His Magic Power" which will be presented at Clarice Smith Performing Arts of the University of Maryland.