MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

VAS is a non-profit organization established in Silver Spring, MD in 2015 to address the needs of the Vietnamese-American community. Most of our clients are within lower socio-economic statuses with limited English skills who work long, non-standard hours.

Mission
The mission of VAS is to Improve the quality of life for the Vietnamese community as well as assisting the community to successfully assimilate into American society.

Vision
Outreach to the most disadvantaged people. Partnerships with varied stakeholders. Facilitate community engagement. Capacity building and Empowerment.

Values
People, Teamwork, Flexibility, Integrity, Innovation, Work hard and play hard.
2021 SUMMARY

- Total services provided this year: 4592
- Percent increase in total services provided: 19%
- Total clients served: 1002

Mid-Autumn Festival Long Dress Fashion Show
Educational Workshops & Guest Speakers
Senior Club Long Dress Fashion Show

In attendance at Clubs & Events: 1500+
Online & In Person English Classes

Services provided for Seniors: 555
Job & Employment Connections: 41
Covid-19 pandemic related services: 600+

Gardening Club
VAS Community Picnic
Healthcare Services

English Class Services provided: 725
Immigration and translation Services: 360
Healthcare Services Provided: 797
Since the Senior Club started in 2020, it has grown and allowed VAS the opportunity to expand multiple aspects of our Senior Program.

**Gardening Club**

The Gardening Club was created in order to increase culturally available foods as well as empower and educate seniors on methods of growing their own food sources. Over 11,000 herbs and plants were grown by 45 Seniors to share with ~200 households.

[View the Full Gardening Club Slideshow Presentation Here]

**Community Involvement**

The Senior club and program has given seniors a chance to get more involved with the community, especially now the restrictions are beginning to lift during the pandemic.
This year, VAS has partnered with organization in order to expand our Healthcare Services going into 2022 with the goal of providing access to different types of healthcare, including mental healthcare services.

**Mental Health Services**
Senior Members of the community were able to try new mental health services such as memory testing. Language barriers often times make these resources difficult for community members to access, and VAS works on removing these barriers everyday.

**Covid-19 Access**
VAS' services related to Covid-19 response continues to expand each year and the needs of the community change.
This year, the Pandemic has continued its impact in the world. VAS partnered with multiple organizations in order to provide outreach and support to fit the varying needs in 2021.

**Anti-Asian Hate Crimes**
The VAS Senior Club members joined an Anti-Asian Hate Crime Protest- "Unity Against Hate Rally" in Washington DC where they shared their experiences with Hate Crime throughout the pandemic.

[Watch "How to Take an at-home Rapid Covid Test" (Vietnamese)]

**Vaccine Rollout**
In January 2021, the first vaccines have been approved for Emergency Authorization Use. Since then, VAS has partnered with many organizations, such as Giant Pharmacy, to provide vaccination services.
English Class Program
The English class program continues to be offered both online and in person in order to fit the needs of the community.

Immigration and Translation
VAS offered our Immigration services while expanding the Translation services. VAS provided translation services to:
- help community members register for vaccination
- take rapid Covid tests at home
- educate on SBA and PPP Loans

[Watch SBA & PPP Webinar Event here (English, Vietnamese)]

Partnerships
in 2021, VAS has partnered with many new organizations. McDonald's is a new partner, VAS has helped promote Disney's first Southeast Asian Princess voiced by Vietnamese American Actress Kelly Marie Tran
VAS has hosted events outdoors, staying up to date with the recommended safety guidelines throughout the year.

**Mid-Autumn Festival**
VAS hosted the Mid-Autumn Festival in 2021 after being cancelled in 2020. Many community members were looking forward to this event, as it held space for over 500+ people in attendance to witness multiple cultural food and performances such as the Lion Dance.

[Watch the Mid-Autumn Festival Event Video Here.]

**Other Events**
VAS hosted smaller scale events as well, such as the Community picnic, Senior event and Skyline trip.
VAS would like to thank each of our Team members for their help this year. We are able to continue to grow and provide the best services for our community. Thank you!

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