



# Gateway Korea Foundation

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**Mission Statement:**

The Gateway Korea Foundation provides opportunities for the Heartland Community to learn about and experience Korean culture. Based in St. Louis, MO, the Gateway Korea Foundation will draw from communities across the American Midwest to nurture a greater understanding and appreciation for Korean culture.

Dear Friends,

As we welcome the new year, I realize that this annual update letter is my third as the Chair of the Board of Directors for Gateway Korea Foundation. It also marks the third memorial year for my father, Dr. Chung C Nahm; one of the founding members of this organization. Time really went by fast! I cannot help looking back and feeling immense pride in what we have accomplished together in such a short period of time:

- We rallied dozens of volunteers to plan and implement successful DanO and Chuseok festivals two years in a row--2014 and 2015.
- We established a strong partnership with the Saint Louis Art Museum, which co-hosts our annual DanO festival.
- We had prominent keynote speakers at several events--one of the highlights of the DanO festival is a gallery talk at the Korean Gallery.
- We developed an exciting Day program and an Evening Program for the Chuseok festival working with McGrath Elementary school for the Day program and Ladue High and John Burroughs School for the Evening program.
- We introduced hundreds of children and their families to many joyous, beautiful and inspiring aspects of Korean culture (k-culture).

Our programs are designed to reach diverse groups: families with young children, young adults and senior citizens regardless of ethnicity and to anyone who is interested in learning about Korean culture. This year, for DanO, as we celebrate the *Rise of K-Culture*, we are planning to reach out to a renowned movie director for her artistic talent. Cinema is an art form which beautifully highlights modern K-Culture. As for Chuseok, we are planning to reach out to more schools including some in disadvantaged areas.

While we are building upon our successes, we are also solidifying and strengthening our organizational leadership. We have 3 major committees: the executive committee, the program committee and the PR/ development committee. Each committee is led by board members who actively participate in and oversee the activities.

Another objective for this year is strengthen our relationships with other organizations, such as Korean American Associations in St. Louis and in Springfield, OCA and the Asian Chamber of Commerce. Please follow us on our website to learn more about these initiatives as well as our plans for the 2016 DanO and 2016 Chuseok festivals.

Thank you again for your support, encouragement and invaluable advice during 2015. We know that that the successes of the Gateway Korea Foundation would not have been possible without you, and we appreciate your continued friendship in 2016.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes for the New Year.



Young Hie Nahm Kromm, A.I.A.  
Chair, Board of Directors  
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