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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.

April 1, 2017

Dear Friend of Gateway Korea Foundation:

Our mission at the Gateway Korea Foundation is to provide an opportunity for people of the America Heartland to learn about, experience, and nurture a great understanding of ancient and modern culture. As the part of the mission, we have two annual events: DanO and Chuseok.

This year, to celebrate DanO we are presenting world renowned visual artist Cindy Hwang (CYJO) as our guest lecturer. Born in Korea, she was raised and educated in America. Her bio is included on the back page of the enclosed DanO flyer. CYJO will explore issues of American immigration and identity through the lens of her Korean ancestry. Her lecture will be delivered May 12, 7:00 P.M. at the Saint Louis Art Museum and is free and open to the public. On the following evening we will offer an exciting panel discussion about Art and Human Migration as part of our annual fundraising dinner.

All of us at GKF believe that immigrants contribute to American society in many important ways. They add to our prosperity, working in jobs where there may otherwise be labor shortages. They enrich the diversity of our American culture. They contribute fresh ideas and new perspectives to our conversations. Most importantly, they remind us that no matter how far away it seems, we must always strive for PEACE.

Many Korean Americans, after moving to America, carry the memory or recall the stories of our homeland – good and bad, war and peace. We know the stories of the new waves of immigrants as our own, and empathize with their plight. We have an opportunity to be ambassadors of goodwill by celebrating culture, sparking curiosity, and teaching those around us that diversity adds a richness to our lives that transcends what we can do on our own.

The mission of Gateway Korea Foundation is just that: bringing thought leaders such as CYJO and introducing topics such as immigration to our Midwestern community, so that we can be a part of the process that moves all of us toward a more tolerant, prosperous and peaceful society.

Sincerely,

Young Hie Nahm Kromm, Chair
Gateway Korea Foundation

