We are growing! Introducing our new staff

Savang Chhorm
Cambodian Sexual Assault Project Coordinator
Savang will implement sexual and domestic assault programs and services focused on the Cambodian community. She will meet the needs of victims and survivors of violence through providing housing, economic, legal, and additional support. She will also provide cultural/historical/in-service trainings, knowledge, and workshops to local agencies, service providers, and advocates. Savang is a former board member here and worked for Madison College as a Child Care Coordinator for over 17 years.

Bianca Gomez
Gender Justice Coordinator
Bianca will provide support victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in the Black community. She conducts support groups and youth programming and is partnering with Sankofa’s Black youth programming to discuss race, gender and sexuality and spirituality. Her black girl’s group will focus on gender justice, challenge patriarchy, and having bodily autonomy. Bianca comes to Freedom Inc. from working in Education and providing kids with alternatives to the colonized histories they learned in school and the violent ways they learn about their bodies.

Our staff has been overjoyed to work in our new offices on South Park Street, which support our ever-growing member base.

MISSION
We are Black, Hmong and Khmer women, queer folks, and young folks who are ending violence against us and our communities through providing services, advocacy, leadership and community organizing.
Books & Breakfast Saturday Program
Led by Bianca Gomez and Zon Moua, our Books and Breakfast program is designed to promote literacy, learning, and life skills to children of color. Some of the topics discussed include body safety, making changes in their community, activism, and educational justice. The program has been so successful that we extended it an extra few weeks!

SPOTLIGHT ON: OUR YOUTH

Youth play a foundational role in all of our work at Freedom, Inc. Our youth members have been very active this year, taking up a leadership role in planning both political actions and social events. We continue to shape our work in response to their voices and needs. Some of our youth actions this year:

No Cops in Schools
Our youth led an action on April 4 to protest the stationing of police officers inside high schools. After a march from the Kohl Center, they gathered in front of the Madison Metropolitan Administration Building. Youth leaders spoke about the fact that students of color were being disproportionately suspended by police officers in their schools, and called for community control over the police.

Freedom School & Black Girls Group
Our Freedom Youth Squad has been busy this spring educating themselves. They spent a weekend learning about collective political education. Freedom, Inc. also revamped our youth group for Black Girls, which is now led by Bianca Gomez and Lorin Steele — who is a graduate of our earlier Black girls group.

Celebrating Our Graduates
Two of our teens who have been long-time members are graduating from high school and moving into Freedom, Inc. leadership positions. Congratulations to Shyra and John!
Our Commitment to Domestic Violence Prevention

In May and July 2017, our community was impacted by two high-profile cases of violent attacks committed by Hmong men in Madison. Such incidents deeply affect us and our members, reminding us why our work is so important. In addition to culturally-specific case management work with survivors and their families, we continue to do work educating community members and strengthening our model for ending violence through grassroots organizing.

Celebrating the Cambodian New Year in April with our Khmer community.

Women from our Debra’s Love group doing art therapy and bonding.

Some of our staff on the Appalachian Trail with Black Freedom Outfitters.

Thought Leadership by Freedom, Inc.

Members of our staff are locally and nationally in high demand. Some of their recent trainings and public remarks include:

- M. Adams, Kayleb Her, and Ti Banks presented on LGBTQ issues to City of Madison employees

- Jessica Williams and Zon Moua gave speeches at the Day without Womyn March

- In June, M. Adams, Jessica Williams and Zon Moua presented on movement for Black Lives and gender equality at the Forward Conference in Madison, WI. This conference is an annual gathering of community activists, students and educators committed to social justice.

- We hosted a Freedom School for Southeast Asian organizations in Northern Wisconsin, along with many other Midwestern organizations
Join one of our groups!

Our anti-violence work includes culturally specific one-on-one support, case management, advocacy, and weekly support groups. Some of our culturally specific programs are:

**Wisdom Project**: Anti-violence program that is culturally specific for Hmong elders

**Khmer**: Anti-violence program that is culturally specific for Khmer elders

**Debra’s Love**: Anti-violence programs that are culturally specific for Black women and seniors

**Nkauj Hmoob**: Anti-violence art program that is culturally specific for Southeast Asian girls

**Freemen**: Anti-violence program that is culturally specific for Southeast Asian boys

**Viv Ncaus**: Anti-violence art and dance program that is culturally specific for Hmong girls

**Rhythm to Freedom**: Anti-violence dance program that is culturally specific for boys of color

---

**Contact Us**

(608) 416-5337  
1810 S. Park Street  
Madison, WI 53715  
www.Freedom-inc.org  
www.facebook.com/AboutFreedomInc

For any help regarding gender or domestic violence please call us at 608-416-5337 or the Hmong domestic line 1-877-740-4292