Our office at 330 Lynnway might be physically closed, but NAAM is very much still open. We have been working diligently from home to ensure that our refugee and immigrant clients continue to receive the services they need and deserve. Here are some things we have been up to this week:

**Case Management & Employment:**
As we enter phase two of the re-opening of Massachusetts businesses, we continue to see more companies beginning to advertise open positions. So far, a few clients have been called back to full-time work at one of the local food production companies, and we expect that others will follow within the next few weeks. Also, we have heard from clients that a few companies at Logan have started to contact their employees about returning to their jobs on a part-time basis for now. We are working with a local staffing agency that is building its candidate pool for production jobs they anticipate will be available at the end of this month or beginning of next month. We are cautiously optimistic that this trend will translate into re-employment for some clients and new employment opportunities for others. In addition to monitoring the evolving employment landscape and assisting clients with job applications and interviews, we will continue to assist clients with managing their unemployment claims and making the weekly benefit requests. As always, please reach out to Will, Lynne or Venette if you need help with filing an unemployment claim or submitting a job application, need advice about filing your income tax return, would like to join one of NAC’s classes, or need another type of assistance.

**Direct Help to Clients in Need:**
- We distributed food to 55 families. Food boxes included lettuce, apples, milk, eggs, fish, and freshly baked cookies.

**Census 2020:**
At the Census program, we are busy contacting students and clients to make sure they are counted. We are making some progress now that the worst is mostly over. For this reason, the Census Program is reaching out to other groups in the community. The first group is the Cambodian community, by hiring 2 very talented community leaders, Sammy and Soeun. They will help us to reach out to more people in this diverse city to be represented and counted in the 2020 Census. We will continue planning the outreach to more groups soon.
Youth Program:
This week, we did many fun activities with the students in addition to doing homework. On Tuesday, students made thank you cards to show their gratitude for the food deliveries and computers that they received. We also played fun games such as Pictionary and Charades throughout the week and watched Bee Movie on Friday. We are in the process of planning our summer program. More information about that coming soon!
We are very happy to announce that the seniors, 8th graders, and 5th graders all graduated! Congratulations to the class of 2020, we are incredibly proud of them!
ELT-I:

- **Art:** This week, the students were introduced to “The Migration Series”, by Jacob Lawrence, an American artist. We defined the words: famous, series, and migration. Students took turns identifying colors, objects, setting, and quantities from the artist’s painting. Aziza B expressed her enjoyment of art class by saying: “the teacher is the best teacher.”

- **Music:** In this week’s session, the students were asked to read lyrics to the song, “With My Own Two Hands”, by Jack Johnson. Each student was asked to read two lines and then we all discussed the meaning of the words and the message of the song. This song gave us a great opportunity to work on pronunciation and identifying vocabulary, grammar and definitions with a focus on the word “own” and the use of possessives (my, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs).

- **Wellness:** The class talked about their worries and concerns. All were asked how they are doing. A video was shared about the importance of exercise and moving our bodies, especially during the confinement period we are going through. So, we proceeded to countdown while moving first our right arm, then left followed by right leg and left leg etc.

- **Phone Technology:** This week’s session included watching a Computer Basics Tutorials for beginners, “Understanding the parts of Computer?” We talked about keywords such as: keyboard, screen, mouse, software, hardware, memory etc. One of the students, Arman Alizada said: “the teacher teach us and it’s good to learn step by step”.

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We hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy in these difficult times. We look forward to the day that we can once again greet you all in person at the New American Center.