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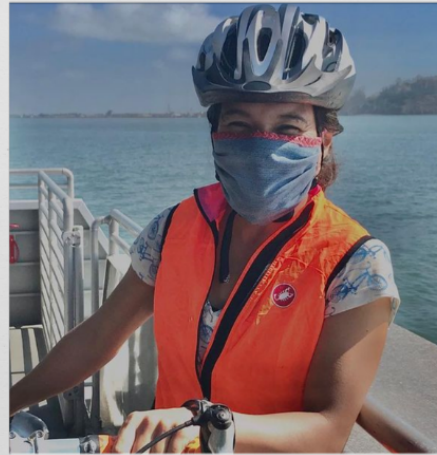


SREI

retrospective



*Educational TikToks*



*Bike Rides with California Field School ft Mari!*



*Training Videos in Action!*

## A WORD FROM OUR PROGRAM MANAGER

Economic insecurity, COVID-19 and racism affected our approach to organizing with young women and girls: this triple pandemic hit us hard. This additional layer added urgency to our work as we were all too familiar that sexual exploitation happens online, through social media and chat rooms. More and more young people were online for many of their educational and socialization needs, unsupervised and without boundaries and surrounded by predatory men feigning to be female, young and harmless. At Banteay Srei, we responded to this growing problem by developing an interactive cyber safety and virtual self-defense training with our partners; learning to set personal boundaries, digital resilience and critical thinking. What do you do when you receive a request from folks online? How do

you protect your online space, what does that mean to you? In addition to adapting our programs for increased awareness of cyberbullying/sexism/harassment, we also found opportunities to check in with our young women in person. For instance, with our ongoing SAUCE program, our Banteay Srei staff went door to door to deliver ingredients to each individual participant, which allowed for a brief but incredibly valuable opportunity to connect meaningfully. We will continue to check in on the evolving needs of our community in order to stay rooted, and provide love and food, to ensure the safety of our young women and their families.

Peace,  
Hamida Yusufzai

2020



# WORKSHOPS *and* DELIGHTS



Last summer, Youth Consultant **Riss Myung** led **Women's World of Nutrition**, a 3-day workshop series that addressed the intersection of nutrition and different parts of society. Part 1 explores the links between nutrition, capitalism, and sexism. Part 2 shows how nutrition can improve mental health and bolster physical health. Part 3 sheds light on the parallels between nutrition and the environment. A high of 52 attendees with 35 certificates given out!

Our Bong Srei **Pei-Yi** facilitated a **handmade products workshop** series, which allows participants to learn principles of design and utilize daily resources by reducing and reusing. By understanding principles of design, participants will be able to form a basis in customizing and decorating their products: they know which elements are more suitable than others for the desired virtual effect. By the end of the workshop, everyone made useful origami items, such as a cooling fan, bookmarks, and pencil holders. This workshop was intended to ease the tension and anxiety caused by the pandemic among Oakland's youth.



“Swap your fears for skills and learn reality based self defense for girls”

**We Fight Back** is a self defense program intended to help women and girls stay safe. We believe that liberation is an embodied practice. In a society where girls are groomed to victimhood, while boys are socialized to be violent, programs that create space for young women to discover and develop their emotional and physical strength are necessary. Knowing how to protect oneself, believing in ones own self worth, knowing the strength of ones own body is knowledge that leads to empowerment. We Fight Back supports women and girls as they develop self love and fight for their right to live their lives unmolested and unafraid.





# THE SISTAHOOD



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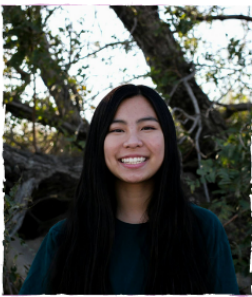
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## SISTA SPOTLIGHT *Claudine Naganuma*

Claudine is the director of dNaga dance company and GIRL Project, an art and empowerment program which celebrates intergenerational and multi-racial sista hood. Claudine is a certified Dance for PD® teacher, offering weekly classes for elders with Parkinson's disease. Claudine served as the Artistic Director of Asian American Dance Performances from 92' - 2004 and was a founding member of the Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center in San Francisco. She is smart, funny, kind and dynamic! We want to show her some love by celebrating her as our courageous big sista. Always giving her time, resources and energy, Claudine is a wonderful woman to have in your life. We love you sista! We bow to you in gratitude.



# Banteay Srei ARTISTS' CORNER



**a mandala in the office to offer protection**  
*Emeline Myung*



**anti tobacco art**  
*Pei Yi Tam Peng*



**dragon in front of clinic**  
*Riss Myung*

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## Help us continue our programming!

We invite you to support our vision of creating a generation of fierce, independent and self-empowered young Southeast Asian women. Make a donation, volunteer some time with us, connect us to other foundations— every source of support impacts the lives of the women we work with. Without your support, Banteay Srei would not be able to do the work that we do.

**You can make a tax-deductible donation securely online ([banteaysrei.org/support/](http://banteaysrei.org/support/)) or by mail with check payable to Banteay Srei. (You can also opt to Venmo. Please contact us for our handle.)**

## Training Videos

Those who work in community health clinics (security guards, secretaries, health providers, etc) often come across commercially sexually exploited youth, who come in for services such as a check up or access to resources. Therefore, clinicians and all other staff should be trained for red flags to identify these youth and be able to make the proper referrals to other departments or programs. Banteay Srei staff participated in the development of training videos that will help Asian Health Services staff understand the signs of commercial sexual exploitation to build prevention and understanding of the realities of the sex trade. These videos will be shared with all members of the Alameda Health Consortium and be publicly posted on our Youtube channel.

