For almost 25 years, *Sup sogûi Hosu*, "the world's one and only Korean Language Village," has attracted more than 2,000 students aged 7 to 18 from across the United States and from a number of other countries. *Sup sogûi Hosu* offers one-, two- and four-week sessions, incorporating all levels of language proficiency from beginners to advanced speakers. The four-week session is the equivalent of one year of high school language instruction and attracts more than 40 students each summer.

*Sup sogûi Hosu* is run by distinguished professionals in the fields of Korean Studies and Korean language education. The Village Founder and Dean Emeritus, Dr. Ross King of the University of British Columbia, is an internationally recognized expert in Korean language and literature. The current Village Dean, Dr. Dafne Zur, is Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Cultures at Stanford University. She has been on staff for 18 years at the Korean Language Village, with the last 10 years as dean.
KENNY AND SIMONE PARK
SIMONE CORPORATION

Kenny and Simone Park and the Simone Corporation (Seoul, Korea) provided a lead gift of $5 million to Concordia Language Villages to initiate the first phase of construction of the Korean Language Village on Turtle River Lake, near Bemidji, Minn. This is the largest single gift to the Villages in its 60-year history. Sup sogi Hoss now joins seven other culturally authentic Language Villages on an 875-acre tract of land on Turtle River Lake. Two buildings have been constructed: the dining center and the administrative complex. Fundraising continues for the two villager residences, with all gifts matched in full to achieve a remaining goal of $2.5 million.

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I believe that one of the best gifts for young people is providing access and motivation for them to learn and experience global cultures. And I consider the Korean Language Village to be a perfect model of how best to create global citizens.

Kenny Park
CEO, Simone Corporation
Creating Lifelong Learners of Korean

Concordia Language Villages celebrates eight Korean figures through its designated levels of giving. These individuals all contributed in significant and memorable ways to the history of Korean language, writing (especially hangul) and culture. Your gift to the Korean Language Village will honor one of these individuals.

$5 million +

세종대왕 KING SEJONG 1397–1450
SAGE KING AND INVENTOR OF THE KOREAN ALPHABET

$1 million – $4.9 million

정의공주 PRINCESS CHUNGUI 1415–1477
FAVORITE DAUGHTER OF KING SEJONG WHO ASSISTED HIM IN HIS WORK ON THE ALPHABET.

$500 thousand – $999 thousand

수영대군 PRINCE SUYANG 1417–1468
KEY COLLABORATOR WITH KING SEJONG IN HIS WORK ON THE NEW ALPHABET AND TRANSLATOR OF SOME OF THE FIRST TEXTS INTO VERNACULAR KOREAN.

$100 thousand – $499 thousand

해경공주 LADY HYEGYONG 1735–1816
CROWN PRINCESS AND MEMORIST OF THE LATE CHOSÓN DYNASTY.

$50 thousand – $99 thousand

신미사 SINMI TAEṢA 1403–1480
Buddhist scholar monk and chief editor of the General Directorate for the Publishing of Sutras (Kan’gyōng Togam) that oversaw the translation and publication of numerous Buddhist sutras into Korean in the late 1400s.

$10 thousand – $49 thousand

황진이 HWANG CHINI 1506–1567
Famous courtier and master of the suǒ vernacular verse form.

$1 thousand – $9 thousand

정인치 CHONG INJI 1956–1978
Early Chosón scholar and literatus who was a central figure in KING SEJONG’S ALPHABET PROJECT AND WROTE THE FAMOUS PREFACE TO THE HUNMIN CHONGEUM HAEVE.

Under $1 thousand

방정환 PANG CHONGHWAEN 1899–1931
FATHER OF MODERN KOREAN CHILDREN’S LITERATURE AND CHILDREN’S RIGHTS ACTIVIST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN’S DAY IN KOREA.
The first phase of construction includes a dining hall and commercial kitchen, administrative complex, two village cafes, soccer field and waterfront development. The second phase of construction will consist of additional village cabins, along with a dean’s residence, a cultural center and an activities building, including a martial arts room, art space, and a music room for learning kogakum (a zither-like instrument) and samul-nori drumming. A traditional Korean archery range is also planned.