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Nonprofit group forms to help Asian-Americans

A nonprofit organization has been started to promote cultural awareness and foster economic growth and partnerships for Asian-Americans in Jacksonville

The Jacksonville Asian American Alliance also hopes to encourage social development and relationships with other races to strengthen the Asian-American community in Northeast Florida.

“Our community needs an organization that reaches out to all Asians in North Florida. We have to do a better job of getting a majority of Asian-Americans from various Asian regions involved and not just a few,” Chairman Jay Lee said.

Among programs the group plans to undertake are cultural showcases of the art, architecture, food and customs of Asian countries and economic programs that support the development and growth of Asian-American entrepreneurship.