



Gala honors Educators with Record Attendance

On Thursday, November 19, 2009, the Chinese Community Center presented an evening honoring AAPI Educators - *The Bridge to a Brighter Future* - at the Marriot Houston Westchase. Over 600 guests, a record number of attendees, reflected upon the contributions of AAPI teachers and education professionals who have contributed to our Houston education system.

Gala attendees were also delighted throughout the night with a colorful celebration of traditional Asian performing arts and a keynote address from Dr. Paul Chu, award winning physicist from the University of Houston.

The night's festivities proved to be successful, as the Center announced that the 30th Anniversary Gala exceeded fundraising goals. All proceeds from this special commemorative event support an array of CCC's social service programs.

Concluding the night, the T.T. & W.F. Chao Foundation received the 2009 Philanthropic Award for their \$100,000 contribution to the Center. Other organizations recognized during the night include USA Sports, Inc., CenterPoint Energy, Stone Mountain Properties, Bank of America, Cathay Bank, CCC Chinese School PTO, and Crown Mark, Inc.

The Chinese Community Center thanks all supporters who helped make the 30th Anniversary Gala such a special and successful night.



Louis Lien (USA Sports, Inc), long time supporter of CCC, placed the highest bid during the evening's live auction. Lien's \$10,000 bid won him sports memorabilia signed by various Houston sport professionals, including the only autographed basketball signed by Houston Rocket's Yao-Ming and New Jersey Nets Yi Jianlien. Congratulations Louis!



Ting Ling Sha, CCC board member and Assistant Principal of Chancellor Elementary School, was nominated by Alief ISD as a outstanding APA educator. Principal Lisa Saarie presented the award to Ms. Sha that evening.



Attendees enjoy a gala reception prior to the event's start. The cocktail hour allowed guests to browse the over 100 "mystery box" items, silent auction packages, and live auction items offered throughout the night.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Chinese Community Center is to bridge east and west by enriching families through education, cultural, and social service programs.



2010 Lunar New Year Festival

On Saturday, February 13, 2010, the Chinese Community Center will present its Lunar New Year Festival, celebrating the Year of the Tiger, an annual celebration featuring food, fun, and festivities for the entire community. The 2009 event attracted 12,000 visitors from the Greater Houston area, and this year, even more is expected.

We invite the community to join in the New Year excitement. With indoor entertainment such as dragon and lion dances, a 50-booth bazaar, gourmet Asian food, arts and crafts, and various cultural exhibitions, this festival is family fun for all!

The event will be hosted at the Chinese Community Center, 9800 Town Park Dr, Houston, Texas 77036. The festival is open to the public, with free admission and free parking.

Year of the Tiger



Major sponsors of the event include the Houston Arts Alliance, H-E-B, United Healthcare, Southwest Airlines, Fiesta, McDonald's, the Houston Rockets, and many more! Visit the Chinese Community Center's website, www.ccchouston.org, for more information about this year's festival sponsors and festival activities. For more information about becoming a sponsor or vendor in this year's festival, please contact Nine-Min Cheng, Community Pro-

**Mark your
calendar!**



**Saturday
February 13, 2010
10 am to 4 pm**



Asian Senior Coalition Hosts 10th Annual Senior Luncheon



The Asian Senior Coalition hosted its annual Asian Senior Luncheon on December 4, 2009. Despite the unexpected freezing weather, and snow storm over 600 seniors attended the 10th annual event. The event recognizes seniors in the Asian community.

The Asian Senior Luncheon was founded by councilmember Gordon Quan with the purpose of recognizing senior contributions to the community. Partners of the Coalition include Asian American Family Services, Asian American Health Coalition – Hope Clinic, Golden Club for Greater Houston, Korean American Association of Houston, Korean Senior Citizens Association of Houston, Society for Philippine Arts, Culture, and Education, Thai Senior Citizens Association, VN Teamwork, and is founded by the Chinese Community Center.

(LEFT) Members of the CCC's Adult Day Program provide afternoon entertainment to the over 600 guests in attendance on Dec. 4, 2009.

Senior Programs **SERVICE SPOTLIGHT**

Program Creates Awareness about an Invisible Population

The Chinese Community Center's Senior Program Department empowers seniors through access to employment, recreation, social services, and healthcare.

Not only does the senior program provides services for seniors, but it supports the community with several initiatives, including energy programs and caregiver training. The Senior Program's most unknown project with a large impact is its Human Trafficking project.

In November 2008, the Senior Program embarked on the Human Trafficking project in collaboration with the Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition. The Human Trafficking project is an outreach project, aimed at educating the Asian community on Human Trafficking is-

ues. Like many issues in the Asian community, human trafficking is a taboo subject. Human trafficking occurs mostly in the forms of sex and labor trafficking.

The Chinese Community Center provides linguistically appropriate outreach via educational seminars, printed articles on human trafficking, and distribution of bilingual brochures.

CCC partners with Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition (HRRC), as HRRC exists to raise awareness about human trafficking, assist in identifying victims and improve victim services.

CCC is also a member of the Houston Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CAHT).

Chinese School Hosts Academic Tournament

The Chinese Community Center's Weekend Chinese Language School hosted its annual Academic Tournament, where children, youth and adults compete in a poetry and verse competition.

Over 600 Chinese Language School students began competition in class. Young learners and adults recited poetry, while youth portrayed stories with creative skits.

Classrooms nominated the best of their peers, and 196 students were selected to compete in the academic tournament on October 24-25, 2009.

Various poems were recited, including crowd favorite, the tale of the "Blind men and elephant." Students described the various body parts of the elephant, (trunk, tail, legs) and unknowingly disagreeing on what the object is.

Gift card awards were given to 1st and 2nd place winners for each age group.



Winners of the competition use a visual presentation to enhance their poem. This winning skit describes the tale of "The blind men and elephant", where each person describes a different part of the elephant, and disagree on the object touched.



The winners of CCC's Chinese School academic tournament were awarded on November 1, 2009. There were 70 children, youth, and adults awarded, of the 167 finalists who competed during the tournament on October 24-25, 2009.

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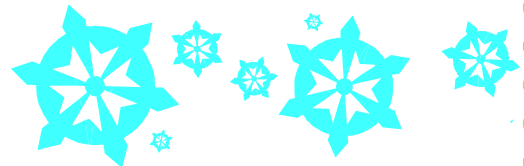
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Season's Greetings



The Chinese Community Center would like to wish all its supporters and their families a happy and safe holiday season!



Thanks to all that have made 2009 a wonderful year!!!
We look forward to what 2010 brings!

