

CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER

a multi-ethnic organization serving all Houstonians

休士頓中華文化服務中心



2009 Annual Report

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A LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters:

The Journey, embarked on in 1979, has continued to be an exciting and rewarding path, which we continue to be thankful for as we serve our community and neighbors on a daily basis. We could not have accomplished our 30th anniversary of community service without the leadership of our Board, community leaders, supporters, neighbors, friends, and staff.

We began 2009 with the Lunar New Year Festival in January to celebrate the Year of the Ox. Every year more and more participants come and join us for the entertainment and activities, with almost 12,000 Houstonians in attendance.

During the summer we celebrated our 30th year of service in the community with a Celebration Concert featuring Asian musicians and singers performing traditional Chinese music. The celebration also allowed the Center to recognize long term employees that helped make CCC what it is today.

In September we were privileged to work with ExxonMobil for United Way's Day of Caring. Volunteers arrived at CCC mid-morning and went to work, making a difference throughout our facility. Through the creation of a butterfly garden, replenishing the flower garden with mulch, installing cabinets, organizing teachers' closet and installing shelving, the volunteers brightened the Center's Child Development Center making it more appealing and enjoyable to the many children who are positively impacted by our services. We are very grateful for all of their hard work and continue to enjoy the fruits of their volunteerism.

One of the many highlights of the year was our annual winter Gala, which exceeded our goal and hopes. We honored Asian-Pacific American Educators, recognizing professionals who have become the "Bridge to a Brighter Future" in schools around the Greater Houston area. Over 600 people attended the formal event and browsed the numerous auction items, which contributed to success of the evening. One lucky winner won a sports memorabilia package signed by various Houston sport professionals, including the only autographed basketball signed by Houston Rocket's Yao-Ming and New Jersey Nets Yi Jianlien.

Again, we thank everyone who contributed to our hopes and goals in 2009 and we look forward to 2010, as we reach out to our community, touching and changing lives, and making Houston a productive home for all.



Michael Chang, Ph.D.
Board Chair



Chi-Mei Lin
Executive Director



MISSION AND HISTORY

MISSION

“To bridge East and West by enriching families with educational, cultural, and social service programs.”

HISTORY

Founded in 1979 by Dr. Yhi-Min Ho, Mr. Joseph Lee, and Mr. Char-An Chao, the Chinese Community Center was established as a Chinese language school to assist new immigrants arriving in America. As the City grew, so did the Center, and today we provide services and programs to over 8,000 multi-cultural families each year through childcare, youth after-school and summer camp programs, adult education and job training, senior services, and community programs.

The largest Asian-led social service agency in Texas, the Center has been uniquely positioned in Southwest Houston to work closely with at-risk children, youth, and families struggling to overcome challenges in employment and education, due to literacy, language and skill issues. As the Center celebrated its 30th year of service, it continues to expand its services for the growing needs of the community.

A United Way agency and a recognized leader in welcoming newcomers to America, the Center promotes cultural understanding and serves as a resource center for Asian-Americans and the Greater Houston community at-large.

Through enhancing the quality of life for all Houstonians, we have gradually become a community center, a home, for everyone.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

At the Center, we provide **QUALITY** educational enrichment services, providing low-income families access to affordable childcare, after school, and summer programs.



A United Way Bright Beginnings Center, the **CHILD**

CHILDCARE :

- 121 children were given access to affordable childcare
- 12 parenting and skill seminars were held throughout the year

DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER serves children from 12 months to five years old, following the National Association for Educating Young Children (NAEYC) curriculum and guidelines. Degreed, bilingual teachers instruct children in age-appropriate classrooms and encourage interaction in a multicultural environment with their peers. Partnering with families, teachers enhance skills that children learn at home and build upon learned behavior and knowledge.

The Child Development Center is continuing the application process for National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation in 2010 and expects successful completion by 2011.

In addition to the quality childcare, the Center offers an **AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT** program, noted by the City of Houston's Mayor's office for our best practices. Activities include academic tutoring, leadership and community skills development, TAAS / TAKS preparation, and various structured enrichment activities. Enrichment activities are planned around the four core subjects of math, reading, science, and social studies.

YOUTH :

- 339 students participated in out-of-school youth activities
- Through the Counselors-in-Training program, 90 high school youth engaged in community service during the Summer Camp program, totaling over 700 volunteer hours

The Center's **SUMMER CAMP** explores math, language arts, science, history, and art concepts in classes based on the current camp "theme."

The summer camp is enhanced with weekly field trips, cultural enrichment, as well as recreational sports activities, which encourage physical fitness.



ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Today's immigrants eagerly pursue language and employment skills, which will help them succeed in today's competitive workforce and achieve self-sufficiency. CCC is proud to offer classes that assist in reaching these goals.

In 2009, CCC became a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency. CCC **HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASSES** offer many services, including Pre-purchase Counseling, Post-purchase Counseling, Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling Referral.

CCC's **ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND-LANGUAGE** and **CITIZENSHIP CLASSES**, which are provided year-round at the main campus, as well as at several Southwest Houston satellite locations, continue to grow.

JOB READINESS WORKSHOPS and presentations by local employers are tools which prepare job-seekers for interviews and gauge the opportunities which are in higher demand in the job market. Basic office skills, computer, accounting, and bookkeeping courses offer the Center's clients with the extra edge that almost certainly ensures career advancement and the resilience needed to survive corporate downsizing.

Comparatively, **FINANCIAL LITERACY** seminars enable individuals to gain a better understanding of money management, credit, home loans, and other topics essential to economic self-sufficiency.

As the Adult Education department continues to improve its services and respond to evolving community needs, it has redesigned its job training programs to offer one or two primary tracks at a time and to offer more career development workshops.

ADULT EDUCATION :

- Over 300 individuals completed housing education towards purchasing a first home
- An average of 367 clients attended ESL classes per quarter
- Almost 200 students attended financial literacy classes



SENIOR AND SOCIAL SERVICES



The Center's Senior / Social Service Program exists to enable seniors to live a healthy and independent lifestyle. The Center empowers seniors and community members through access to employment, recreation, health care, and social services. There are various programs within the department that promote this theme, including:

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP): Harris County seniors age 55 and above are eligible to receive English instruction, on-the-job training, and placement assistance for workforce re-entry.

BENEFITS COUNSELING: Multilingual benefits counseling and referral services, which provide assistance for eligibility and access to public sector programs, such as Medicare or Social Security.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS : Low-income seniors receive energy bill payment assistance through the Center's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Agencies in Action, funded by CenterPoint Energy, also provides energy efficient renovations to qualified low-income homeowners.

CAREGIVER TRAINING / HEALTH PROMOTION : Caregiver Education and Training feature nurses and educators from within the Asian medical community, and provide information on techniques and skills for caring for seniors. Health seminars are also given year round.



ADULT DAY PROGRAM (ADP): ADP provides recreational and educational activities three days per week for community members. Activities include dance, arts, exercise, and educational seminars.

SENIOR / SOCIAL SERVICES :

- 125 Seniors participated in the employment program
- The Center counseled 1933 seniors who applied for the Harris County Gold Card and Medicare Part D
- 1673 individuals benefited from the Center's Energy Efficiency programs
- The Center's Caregiver Training / Health Promotion seminars averaged almost 400 participants per quarter
- Over 52 seniors participated weekly in an array of activities offered in our Adult Day Program

LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

The Chinese Community Center was established in 1979 as a Chinese weekend language and heritage school, and continues to expanding its life-enriching services.

One of Houston's largest language schools, the Center's **CHINESE WEEKEND LANGUAGE SCHOOL** provides Chinese classes for all age and skill levels, as well as customized corporate training seminars. In addition to classroom learning, K-12 students are given the opportunity to participate in **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** such as Chinese Youth Society (CYS), Junior Achievement (JA), and various academic and special events that organizational skill and leadership skills.

The Center also offers **LEISURE LEARNING CLASSES**, which introduce different aspects of Chinese culture to heritage and non-heritage students. With an array of classes -- tai-chi, gentle yoga, acrobatics, hip hop, table tennis, calligraphy, arts & crafts, piano, and computer classes – there are enrichment and recreation classes for all ages.

LANGUAGE & CULTURAL HERITAGE

- The Center's Language School served 1066 students throughout the school year
- 328 children and youth participated in leadership and academic extracurricular activities
- Weekend Leisure Learning classes were provided to 154 participants
- 270 people participated in the Asian Heritage Tour
- Gym membership program averages 424 members per quarter

The Center also hosts special events, with the **LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL** becoming the premier annual event in Southwest Houston. Festival crowds have grown from 5,000 in 2003 to more than 12,000 attendees in 2009. The Festival showcases the cultural diversity of the City of Houston while promoting multi-cultural awareness. Other events include the mid-year Community Fair, Aliana Open Table Tennis Championship, and Halloween Carnival.



The Center's **ASIAN HERITAGE TOUR** continues to generate a broad range of interest with half-day guided tours that enable visitors to experience the sights, tastes and sounds of Southwest Houston's vibrant Asian-American community.

The Center's **GYMNASIUM MEMBERSHIP** program, first of its kind in Southwest Houston, provides members with a premier table tennis facility, and basketball, badminton, and volleyball courts, facility, and a workout room.



STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUE AND EXPENSES

	2007	2008
Contributions and nongovernmental grants	789,440.00	336,118.00
Federal grants	526,724.00	505,034.00
State and local grants	60,859.00	95,076.00
United Way allocation	221,818.00	257,837.00
Net assets released from restrictions		
Total public support	1,598,841.00	1,194,065.00
Revenue:		
Tuition, net	783,752.00	631,972.00
Rental	34,280.00	51,188.00
Service fee	41,184.00	450,489.00
Activities	109,898.00	141,960.00
Special events	128,937.00	150,470.00
Investment income	23,136.00	23,181.00
Other	57,801.00	68,373.00
Realized gain on disposal of property and equipment	150	
Total revenue	1,179,138.00	1,517,633.00
Total public support and revenue	2,777,979.00	2,711,698.00
Program expenses:		
Adult education programs	314,845.00	344,488.00
Senior/ Community Service Service	278,065.00	605,586.00
Community Program	380,635.00	408,087.00
Youth programs	262,042.00	363,120.00
Child development programs	604,342.00	508,215.00
Total program expenses	1,839,929.00	2,229,496.00
Fund development expenses	121,076.00	72,796.00
Building expenses	193,661.00	109,969.00
Administrative expenses	40,051.00	44,557.00
Total expenses	2,194,717.00	2,456,818.00
Change in net assets	583,262.00	254,880.00

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