



# OUTLOOK

Summer 2011

休士頓中華文化服務中心

Chinese Community Center

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## Summer Fun at CCC!

The 2011 "Adventure Land" themed summer camps are off to a strong and memorable start. With days when there are over 100 campers at the center it is always refreshing to see familiar smiling faces that have returned to us from previous summers.

Youths, age 5 to 14, intermingle as they learn and laugh together during break times when not in block classes. CCC is also so grateful for the 30+ high school counselor interns that volunteer their time here during the week! As August 19th and the end of summer draws closer, we know that 2011 will be a summer to remember for everyone!



Chinese-In-Action students focuses intently on their learning. Yi—Er—San—Smile!



Splash Friday is everyone's favorite day of the week!

### Summer Camp Highlights

Summer Camp:

- Visits by the Ringling Bros and the Shaolin Kung Fu team
- Weekly field trips to places like the NASA Space Center, water parks and local museums
- Splash and tournament Fridays with ballroom dancing classes, quilting club and more!

Chinese-In-Action:

- There were more than 50 families participating our Chinese in Action summer immersion program!
- Students learned greetings, colors, math, festivals and more in Chinese
- Daily updated blog help parents keep track of what their children are learning with us



One of the many demonstrations this summer was the ever popular Shaolin Kung Fu class!



The Ringling Bros. Circus visited on July 20th and some of our campers could barely handle the excitement. [Courtesy of Houston Chronicle]

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



United Way of Greater Houston

## CCC Receives Yahoo Funding for Workforce Development!



CCC recently learned that we were selected as a recipient of the Yahoo! Employee Foundation grant, receiving \$25,566 for our Adult Education Department. Yahoo! grant funds will



support workforce development activities and assist low-to-moderate income individuals and families earn living wages and achieve self-sufficiency. Championed by Kenny Liao, former CCC Youth program participant, Yahoo! funds will help expand services to more people on their way to gaining competitive employment through our bundled services.

Yahoo! channels the generosity of its employees through the Yahoo! Employee Foundation, a grassroots philanthropic organization that brings together the talents, time, and financial resources of Yahoo! employees.

## VITA Volunteers Assists 1355 People!

Following a great cycle in 2010, the volunteers this year saw 7% more people and filed 1355 tax returns! Together with Neighborhood Centers Inc. (NCI), CCC's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free income tax preparation to low-income, elderly, disabled and limited English speaking people whose household income is less than \$50,000.

From January 31st to April 18th, Peggy Hsieh lead 40 VITA volunteers who served a total of 2,293 volunteer hours, impacted 2455 total individuals, received \$2,260,940 in refunds, and received \$981,491 in Earned Income Credit. With our participants speaking 20 languages, our VITA volunteers worked extra hard and did a fantastic job! A special thank you to Holly Brock of NCI for coordinating this great program in our community!



## Thank you to our Exiting Board Members!

CCC would like to take a moment to recognize the many individuals who graciously have volunteered their time to serve on our Board throughout the years! Your knowledge and experience will be missed!

### Thank you!

*Helen Chang  
Michael Chang  
Ernest Hui  
Dr. Yhi-Min Ho  
Ta-Ming Hsu  
Michael Koo  
Tim Shen*

## Summer Community Fair Fun for All!

An exciting list of vendors came out on July 20th to the 2011 Summer Fair. In force were the City's Fire and Police, State Farm Insurance, Bank of America, and many more. H-E-B also performed blood glucose, BMI, and blood pressure tests as well!

Performances from our ADP seniors included a Ballroom Dancing Performance while 300 guests enjoyed the free barbeque food and the opportunity to learn about the many services available to them in Houston. The TXU picnic backpacks were the favorite raffle prize and gave winners the perfect way to celebrate summer in the outdoors!



# Childcare Program - SPOTLIGHT

## 2011 Graduation

CCC gave 16 of our Pre-K students their first graduation ceremony and a happy send off on May 19th! As our former students prepare for school in this coming August, we wish them good luck in kindergarten little ones! We know that you are prepared!



## Reggio Environment

Our Childcare Director, Toni Livingston, had the opportunity to travel to Reggio Emilia, Italy to study their world renowned teaching environment. She returned with many new ideas to incorporate into our already successful program! By valuing the image of the child, viewing children and the environment as teachers and seeing teachers as researchers there becomes an even greater emphasis on inspiration and exploration. The Childcare will be working to enhance parent involvement, to bring real life materials in for the children to work with, and to let the children explore and encourage learning! These are certainly exciting and evolving times following our accreditation through NAEYC!



## 32nd Anniversary Gala! Mark Your Calendar!

Gala Honorary Chairs  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Anne Chao  
together with  
Gala Chair  
Dr. Jarvis Cheung  
cordially invite you to

*Save the Date!*

*A Starry, Starry Night  
Celebrating East Meets West*

With the  
*Chinese Community Center*  
9800 Tuna Park, Houston, TX 77036

**VIP RECEPTION**  
Friday, September 16, 2011  
6:30pm - 9:30pm  
Chinese Community Center

**GALA**  
Saturday, November 5, 2011  
6:30pm - 9:30pm  
Westin Galleria

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## JA in D.C. this Week!

After sweeping the local level, our Junior Achievement team "Kinextions" is in Washington, D.C. this week at the North American Company of the Year Competition. They are the only team chosen from all of Texas. Their product, hand sewn animal hats, were a huge hit at the Lunar New Year Festival and their popularity and company's momentum has continued strong! Stay tuned on our website to see the results from D.C.!



## Chinese School Graduation

After 10 years of weekend study and classes, 17 students crossed the stage into Chinese fluency on May 14, 2011. Watched by their parents, teachers, Ms. Chen and Ms. Dang, Principal Nine-min Cheng, Education Committee Member Karen Hsieh, and PTO President Ms. Tong, the ceremony appropriately signaled a close of a long chapter in these youths lives, but also the beginning of many opportunities now available to them through language!



# Al Green Health Fair

Congressman Al Green hosted a health fair on Saturday April 30th for his constituents, young and old, to receive a variety of screenings. Agencies such as Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP and WIC were there to provide information. Doctors and nurses provided many services for free which included: glucose testing, blood pressure checks, cholesterol testing, vaccinations, immunizations, disease management tips, and even diabetes and dental screenings.



# Mother's Day Celebration

More than 200 seniors from the community enjoyed an afternoon of song, dance, and longevity cake on May 5, 2011 in celebration of the Mother's Day! CCC's Adult Day Program coordinator Tracy Wu invited the choir group from the Houston Senior Association and winners from the Houston area Karaoke Contest to perform for all the mothers and grandmas in audience.



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