



OUTLOOK



休士頓中華文化服務中心

Chinese Community Center

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Childcare Receives NAEYC Accreditation!

After years of enhancing the Childcare's curriculum and environment, lowering teacher:child ratios, investing in professional development, education, and language diversity, and working tirelessly in preparation for the site visit, the Center received accreditation through the prestigious National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The honor shows the Center's commitment to high quality early education. Additionally, the Center is the only NAEYC accredited childcare center in our zip code!

The accreditation follows many improvements to the childcare including the installation of a naturescape playground with lush rolling hills, a bamboo forest, and an increased focus on interactive education. It also marks the beginning of a new concentration on family involvement, online tools for parents, and mentoring.



Childcare instructor giving a lesson on the alphabet.

If you are interested in learning more, please call Childcare Director Toni Livingston at 713-271-6100x220.

Center Named Bank of America's Neighborhood Builders Recipient!

Each year as part of the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, Bank of America awards 2 non-profit organizations in 45 markets their prestigious Neighborhood Builders Award for focusing on the priorities of their local neighborhoods, improving quality of life, and providing access to opportunity. This esteemed award was presented to the Chinese Community Center on October 27, 2010. In addition to general operating support, executives and emerging leaders get to participate in a leadership development program.

Since the Initiative's inception in 2004, the program has helped over 500 non-profit organizations succeed in helping their local communities. This is the beginning of Bank of America's 10-year goal to donate \$2 billion to nonprofit organizations engaged in improving the health and vitality of their neighborhoods.



CCC Board Members and Staff celebrate while accepting the NEI check!

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.



Gala Honors Courage, Commitment, and Compassion

On Friday, November 19, 2010, the Chinese Community Center presented an evening honoring Houstonians who exemplified CCC: *Courage, Commitment, and Compassion*- at the ever elegant InterContinental Hotel. 600 guests watched the awards be presented to the following people:

CCC Award: Mayor of Houston Annise Parker and Harris County Judge Ed Emmett

Courage Award: Jane Gee and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance- Houston Lodge

Commitment Award: Yao Ming and the Yao Ming Foundation

Compassion Award: Angela Blanchard of Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

Gala attendees were also delighted throughout the night with a beautifully decorated ballroom, a raffle full of enviable Apple products, live performance painting, traditional music and Face Changing acts, and a riveting live auction.

The night's festivities proved to be successful, as the Center announced that the 31st Anniversary Gala exceeded its fundraising goals. All proceeds from this event support an array of CCC's social service programs.

Concluding the night, the major donors for the evening were honored. In particular, USA Sports was recognized for their \$50,000 donation. Other organizations recognized during the night include Bank of America, State Farm Insurance, Center-Point Energy, Dr. Peter and Theresa Chang, Cathay Bank, TT and WF Chao Foundation, Crown Mark Inc., and Shell Oil.

The Chinese Community Center thanks all supporters who helped make the 31st Anniversary Gala such a special and successful night.



(Top Left): Linda Wu, President Elect of C.A.C.A- Houston Lodge with Anne and Albert Chao enjoying the pre-gala VIP Reception held October 26th, 2010 at the Museum of Fine Arts T.T. and W.F. Chao Arts of China Gallery. The Chaos were the underwriters of the evening's reception.

(Top Right): Honoree Angela Blanchard accepting the Compassion Award presented by United Way's VP Linda O'Black.



Gala Co-Chairs Theresa Chang presents Judge Ed Emmett his CCC Award.

Major Underwriters and Honorary Co-chairs Louis and Jessica Lien of USA Sports posing with their gifts of appreciation from the Center.

Thank you to all of our Benevolent Supporters!

Gifts for All!

Spectra Energy donates gifts to the Center's Youth and Seniors

The Holiday Season always brings out the charity and philanthropy in us all, but not more so than the Spectra Energy employees who through their Catch the Spirit campaign each adopted a low-income child or senior to sponsor. In total, 100 children and 65 seniors were adopted and provided with beautifully wrapped gifts to brighten their holiday season! The children were given their gifts during the Holiday Program held at the Center on December 15th and the seniors were given their presents at the Senior Community Service Employment Program quarterly training held December 17th. There were smiling, anticipatory faces all around as both age groups waited

for their names to be called. Spectra Energy's donation was a truly remarkable and sincerely appreciated act of kindness!



(Top): An afterschool child is all smiles as she receives her Christmas present

(Left): Spectra Energy Employees present two of CCC's seniors their gifts.

Thank you Spectra Energy! 

Center Hosts Open House and Holiday Program

On December 9th, 2010, the Center opened up its doors to host an Open House in order to showcase our year's achievements. The event was full of performances which included holiday songs by the Childcare and a Tai Chi demonstration by the Adult Day Program members. Many organizations were in attendance including the United Way, Bank of America, LISC, Houston Community College System, READ Commission, and others. It was an excellent event that offered complete tours of the Center and a chance for attendees to see the tangible results of their investments in CCC including classrooms full of FOC clients, quilts made by the afterschool children, the accredited childcare, and much, much more!

Following the Open House on December 15th,

2010, the childcare and afterschool youth hosted a holiday program for their families that included skits, songs, Spectra Energy present distribution as well as a full turkey dinner for everyone in attendance. It was a festive evening to kick off the holiday season at the Center!



(Left): The Childcare's Two Year Old Room performing Holiday songs for the Open House guests.

(Right): The Afterschool children finish their Holiday skit by striking a funny pose.

Center Hosts 11th Annual Asian Senior Coalition Senior Luncheon



The Asian Senior Coalition hosted its annual Asian Senior Luncheon on December 10, 2010. The event was held for the first time in CCC's recently renovated gymnasium and hosted over 600 seniors. The luncheon recognizes seniors in the Asian community and is an afternoon full of delicious catered food and live performances.

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): CCC's ADP Seniors performing a holiday song and dance for the guests of the Luncheon.

2011 Lunar New Year Festival

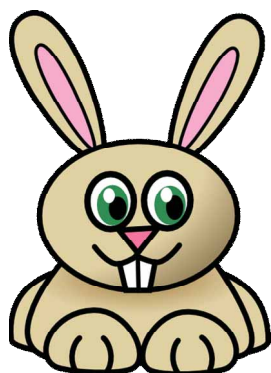
Year of the Rabbit

On Saturday, February 5, 2011, the Chinese Community Center will present its Lunar New Year Festival, celebrating the Year of the Rabbit, an annual celebration featuring food, fun, and festivities for the entire community. The 2010 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! At this year's festival, The Houston Grand Opera will be premiering their chamber opera "Courtside"!

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.

Major sponsors of the event include the City of Houston, Bank of America, State Farm Insurance, TXU Energy, METRO, CenterPoint Energy, Houston Rockets, Southwest Airlines, Houston Grand Opera, 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 Programs Director, at ninemin@ccchouston.org or (713) 271-6100, ext. 122.



Saturday
February 5, 2011
10 am to 4 pm

Mark your calendar!



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your new grant!

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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 2010 a wonderful year!!!

We look forward to what 2011 brings!

