Community Focus

From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Happy Year of the Dragon! As we begin the new year, we would like to share with you some of the positive results of your donations. Please consider these your achievements — without the support of our donors and partners, we would not be able to help so many this past year:

- We granted over $200,000 to strengthen and expand community services.
- We led efforts together with community agencies and local funders to launch and add support to initiatives such as Project Speak Out, a citywide domestic violence prevention campaign.
- Our Census Information Center continues to be one of the most active centers of the nation providing trainings and webinars on 2010 Census data. A major demographic report on Asian Americans in New York City will be released in April. Stay tuned!

For 2012, we will continue to partner with over 40 member organizations by providing program and financial support, and bringing agencies together to multiply the impact of our work for our communities.

The Federation has also moved! We are very excited about our new offices and conference space. Please join us at our Open House and Lunar New Year festivities on February 9th!

Sincerely,

Cao K. O

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2011 Asian American Community Fund Grant Awards Announcement

Since 1993, the Federation has supported critical programs for Asian American individuals and families through its annual Community Fund, awarded to local community organizations through a competitive application process. The goal of the Community Fund is to enable agencies to create new and innovative programs, sustain critical services, and respond to the needs of our City’s growing Asian American population. Since its inception, the Fund has raised and awarded over $3 million dollars to more than 100 worthy community programs.

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For 2011, a new strategy was implemented to grant fewer agencies larger amounts for greater impact. 2011 Community Fund recipients are:

Chhaya CDC
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
Korean American Family Service Center
MinKwon Center for Community Action
New York Asian Women’s Center
South Asian Council for Social Services
South Asian Youth Action

These seven organizations received a total of $170,000 to ensure the continuation of their outstanding work in the Asian American community. For example, the New York Asian Women’s Center was awarded a program grant to provide direct immigration legal services to Asian domestic violence and human trafficking survivors and develop a sustainable volunteer legal services program. South Asian Youth Action received a capacity-building grant to strengthen organizational sustainability, deepen program efficacy and quality, and increase the number of South Asian youth served in their afterschool programs.

The Federation hosted an awards presentation on December 5th at Haynes and Boone, LLP. For highlights of the ceremony and interviews with the grantees, please see VIDEO provided by New Tang Dynasty Television and PHOTOS. Other PRESS ARTICLES covering the presentation can also be viewed.

Sincere thanks to the Community Fund’s Allocations Committee, and Haynes and Boone LLP for generously hosting us. Congratulations to our 2011 Community Fund Grantees!
On November 17th, the **Ong Family Foundation**, along with co-hosts the Asian American Federation and the **Coalition for Asian American Children and Families**, sponsored a night of magical moments and a celebration of wonder at the **Big Apple Circus** for 1,600 disadvantaged Asian children living in the New York City area who have never attended a circus or whose families cannot afford to bring them.

Tickets were distributed to local Asian nonprofit clientele including: APEX, Chinatown Manpower Project, Chinatown YMCA, Chinese-American Planning Council (Manhattan & Queens), Chinese Methodist Center Corporation, Garden of Hope, General Human Outreach, Hamilton-Madison House, Immigrant Social Services, Korean American Family Service Center, New York Asian Women's Center, Sakhi for South Asian Women, South Asian Youth Action, and The Transfiguration School's Kindergarten class.

In its 34th season and with an all new show called “**Dream Big!**" the world’s greatest circus artists entertained and brought joy to the Asian children and families who came from all across New York City.

Both the Federation and the Coalition were happy to help support this community event, and were pleased with the full-house turnout. Federation Board Director, Grace Lyu Volckhausen commented, “I believe the performing arts stimulate imaginations of all children. The circus can open a door of creativity and other ideas for them.”
We would like to thank everyone who supported and attended our Annual Charity Bowl-A-Thon on November 15th. Over 50 guests and 9 teams competed and supported our cause to help disadvantaged Asian Americans this past holiday season. Participating teams included:

Asian American Federation & Friends  
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP  
Chubb NYC  
Ernst & Young LLP  
Team Lina & Friends  
Thomson Reuters  
Time Warner APEX  
Verizon APEX  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Congratulations to TEAM Lina & Friends for winning the trophy for Most Funds Raised! Second place honors went to TEAM Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP. Highest Bowling Score trophies were awarded to TEAM Weil, Gotshal & Manges, and an honorable mention to the 2nd place team, Time Warner APEX.

100% of these proceeds will be distributed through the Asian American Community Fund to community agencies that help Asian Americans to access resources such as safe afterschool programs for children.

Special thanks to all the bowlers, their sponsors and our supporters!
Tribute & Remembrance: Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

For the tenth anniversary of September 11th, the Asian American Federation presented a series of events, that reflected on the progress made over the past decade in healing wounds and rebuilding communities, as well as renewing efforts to help with America’s challenges that still remain.

Generously supported by AT&T, the following three events showcased the Federation’s 2003 documentary, Tribute & Remembrance: Asian Americans after September 11th, and featured various speakers, each sharing a different view of 9/11’s impact on different Asian communities. Also on hand were exhibitions of Corky Lee’s award-winning 9/11 photographs.

Watch VIDEO provided by AAARI here!

Tribute & Remembrance at the Museum of Chinese in America:
Screening, Panel Discussion & Reception on September 8th

Panelists, Lotus Chao (left) of Sing Tao Daily News, Sandra Lee Kawano (center) of Chinatown Health Clinic Foundation, and AAF Executive Director, Cao O (right)

Attendees at the reception

PHOTOS by Cheuk Lee

Q&A discussion after the Tribute & Remembrance screening

Dr. Shao-Chee Sim (left), Chief Strategy Officer, Charles B. Wang Community Health Center; NYC Council Member Margaret Chin (center); and Michelle Tong, AAF Director of Donor Relations (right)
Tribute & Remembrance at CUNY’s Asian American / Asian Research Center (AAARI): Screening & Panel Discussion on September 9th

The Federation’s Director of Donor Relations, Michelle Tong welcoming attendees and introducing the film

From left to right: Panelists, Mohammed Razvi, Council of People’s Organization; Professor Margaret Chin, CUNY; and Wellington Chen, Chinatown Partnership Local Development Corporation

Panelists joined with moderator, Shazia Khan (second from right), NY1 News, and Cao O (right), AAF Executive Director, to remember 9/11 and discuss how to tackle challenges that Asian American communities still face.

PHOTOS by Nick Coleman

Tribute & Remembrance at the Time Warner Center: Screening, Panel Discussion & Reception on September 13th

Co-host, Benjamin Kwok of Time Warner APEX, opened the event

Panelists (from left to right), the Federation’s Executive Director, Cao O; Sudha Acharya of the South Asian Council for Social Services; Muzaffar Chishti of the Migration Policy Institute; S. Mitra Kalita of The Wall Street Journal; and moderator, Ti-Hua Chang of WNYW/Fox 5

S. Mitra Kalita (left) of The Wall Street Journal, with moderator, Ti-Hua Chang (right) of WNYW/Fox 5

Hong Shing Lee of Chinatown Manpower Project addressing the panel

PHOTOS by Nick Coleman
The Federation’s Census Information Center Continues to Serve as a Vital Resource on Understanding the 2010 Census New Data

With the release of the 2010 Census data, the Census Information Center (CIC) has been instrumental in providing trainings, webinars, presentations and reports to help community organizations, government agencies, media, educational institutions, businesses and the general public to identify the needs of the Asian Americans they serve.

The Federation’s Census Programs Director and a Representative Member of the CIC Program’s National Steering Committee, Howard Shih commented that, “we have seen an increased interest in the Census data, particularly on the decline of Manhattan’s Chinatown total population. In addition, with the upcoming redistricting changes that will be determined by the data, many community groups want to ensure that the Asian American community’s interests will be represented.”

Mr. Shih has been outreaching extensively in the community, conducting community trainings across New York City co-hosted by Asian Americans for Equality (AAFE) and the Queens Central Library, and serving as a panelist at the 2011 National Organizations of Chinese Americans Convention, 2011 Advancing Justice Conference, and the 25th Annual National Association of Asian American Professionals’ Conference.

The Federation’s CIC will release a major Asian New Yorkers report in April 2012. Look for this report and new data access features on our WEBSITE.

The Federation Coordinates “Volunteering Day” with Bank of America

The Federation organized a volunteering day for the New York Asian Women’s Center (NYAWC) with Bank of America’s Asian Leadership Network (ALN). ALN is an employee resource group that supports employees through networking and mentoring in addition to giving back to the community. On August 6th, 2011, ten employees helped paint the children’s rooms and stairwells for residents at NYAWC’s Rose House Shelter.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Michelle Tong, the Federation’s Donor Relations Director, at (212) 344-5878 x224 or michelle.tong@aafederation.org.
Upcoming Workshops on City Council Discretionary Funding Requests on January 20th and 31st

Annually, each City Councilmember allocates discretionary funds to community groups to support social services, youth and senior programs, and other initiatives as prioritized by the Councilmember. Listed below are two training opportunities hosted by the Asian American Federation and the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) for community groups to discuss with experts on how the funding request process works and what groups should be doing now in preparation.

For full details on both workshops including registration information, please download this PDF.

Preparing for the FY2013 City Council Discretionary Requests
Friday, January 20, 2012, 9:30am-11:30am
Asian American Federation, 120 Wall Street, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10005

Panelists:
- Richard Lee, Director of the Budget and Legislation for NYC Councilmember Leroy Comrie
- Anthony Ng, Green and Equitable Economies Strategist at the Center for Working Families
- Tiffany Raspberry, Founder and President of the YorkAssociates Group

RSVP is required for building security. Please RSVP by January 18th to Jo-Ann Yoo at jyoo@aafederation.org or 212-344-5878 x217. Continental breakfast provided.

Workshop on City Council Discretionary Funds
Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 9:30am-11:30am
Chinatown Manpower Project, 70 Mulberry Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

Panelists:
- Honorable Julissa Ferreras, NYC Council, District 21 (Invited)
- Honorable Daniel Dromm, NYC Council, District 25 (Invited)
- Scott Crowley, Deputy Director, NYC Council, Finance Division
- Sheebani Patel, Budget Policy Coordinator, CACF
- Udai Tambar, Executive Director, South Asian Youth Action (Invited)

This workshop is free for CACF member agencies. $15 for non-member agencies. To register, please RSVP by January 20, to Andrea Wu, awu@cacf.org or 212-809-4675 x105. Light breakfast will be served.
We’ve Moved! Please Join Us for our Open House and Lunar New Year Party!

You are invited to our
OPEN HOUSE and LUNAR NEW YEAR
CELEBRATION on
February 9th, 2012, 5pm-8pm
120 Wall Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10005

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Kindly RSVP by February 7th to
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or 212.344.5878 x227
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Save the Date for 2012 Spirit of Asian America Gala!

Thursday, May 3rd, 2012
The Pierre
Fifth Avenue at 61st Street
New York City

6:30PM Reception
7:30PM Dinner & Live Auction

On May 3rd, 2012, the Federation will be celebrating its 22nd Anniversary at The Pierre, and will be recognizing these outstanding individuals who have made an invaluable impact in our community. The 2012 honorees are:

(List in Formation)

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To learn more about sponsorships, tickets and journal ads, please visit 2012 Spirit of Asian America Gala. For any questions, please feel free to contact Anne Wang at 212-344-5878 x227 or at anne.wang@aafederation.org.
American Airlines' Joins the Federation in Extending Friendship and Support to the People of Japan

On December 3rd, 2011, American Airlines sponsored a team of medical professionals involved in the March 11th earthquake disaster in Tohoku, Japan to come to New York and Boston for a week-long professional exchange and mental health training. This program had been arranged in response to the expressed learning interests of our Japanese colleagues, and the Asian American Federation was pleased to offer our gesture of friendship and support.

The program had a total of eighteen participants who came from the Miyagi Comprehensive Children’s Center, Department of Children and Families of the Miyagi Prefecture, Tokushukai Medical Assistance Team, and Kesennuma City Public Health Division. Topics ranged from disaster mental health, psychological first aid in emergency preparedness, assisting children with disabilities, and play therapy and psychological trauma treatment with children after a disaster. The Japanese Medical Society of America and the Federation hosted a farewell reception, where there was good dialogue to continue ongoing partnerships. About 40 participants attended, including medical and mental health professionals from the New York area, as well as representatives of the Consulate General of Japan in New York. We greatly appreciate American Airlines for generously providing round-trip tickets from Tokyo and New York to ten of the team members, collaborating partners like Disaster Psychiatry Outreach, and The Prospect Hill Foundation for partial funding of the program.

In Memoriam

Former Federation Board Director, U.S. Military Intelligence officer, and attorney, Francis Y. Sogi passed away on November 3rd. From 1992-1995, he was a visionary and inspirational leader who played an instrumental role during the Federation’s formative years. After stepping down from the Board, Mr. Sogi joined the Federation’s Honorary Board in 1995.

Horace Morris passed away on December 9th. Mr. Morris served on the Federation’s Board from 1992 to 1996. Prior to his retirement, he was Executive Director of the Greater New York Fund and later Executive Vice President of the merged organization, United Way of New York City. It was under his watch that United Way gave birth to the Hispanic Federation and Asian American Federation.

The Federation sends its condolences to Mr. Sogi’s and Mr. Morris’ families, and will miss them dearly.
The Federation welcomes Ms. Jo-Ann Yoo as our new Managing Director of Community Services. With her wealth of experience in the Asian American community, Jo-Ann will be an integral part of our team in charge of our programs and services, advocacy and government relations. Previously, Jo-Ann served as Director of Administration, Development and Special Projects at the New York Immigration Coalition, and in 2002, joined the Asian Americans for Equality to manage its Lower Manhattan Development Corporation’s Residential Grant Program in the aftermath of 9/11, distributing funds to attract and retain residents to Lower Manhattan. Subsequently, Jo-Ann served as Special Assistant to the Executive Director, overseeing programs and development, events, media relations, human resources, administration and operations.

After serving as our Communications Associate for over a year, Lina Kim has resigned from the Federation. Lina successfully launched our new website and Facebook page, enabling us to be even more connected to our community. We are very sad to see her go, but wish her the very best in her future endeavors.
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