



Asian Christian Counseling &
Educational Seminar Services, Inc.

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Dear Potential Sponsor,

Greetings on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of *Asian Christian Counseling & Educational Seminar Services, Inc.* (ACCESS)! If you have helped sponsor any of our events in the past, we thank you for your support and hope you will consider sponsoring again. For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a non-profit counseling service incorporated August 2004, serving the Greater Atlanta community for over eight years now.

While our services are open to people of all ethnicities and religions, our mission is focused on addressing the mental health needs of the Asian and Asian American population in the Greater Atlanta area by providing affordable and accessible professional counseling and psychotherapy, as well as preventive and educational services. Through such services, we seek to offer hope and guidance for positive personal change in order to restore broken relationships, strengthen families, promote emotional healing, and enhance individual lives and interpersonal relationships.

Asians are one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in America, with Georgia having one of the fastest growing Asian American populations in the US, and a population of well over 200,000 in the Metro Atlanta area. In light of this growth, it is clear that there is a need for culturally-sensitive and language-appropriate counseling services for the Asian and Asian American population, and yet such services have been lacking in Atlanta, and even in most of the United States. This is where **ACCESS** comes in. Not only have we been serving to fill this need for culturally-sensitive and language-appropriate counseling services, but as part of our mission to provide affordable services, we also have a sliding scale discount based on income and ability to pay. We have given numerous educational workshops and seminars to various groups in the area, and we have counseled a variety of individuals, couples, and families.

On **Saturday, October 20th**, we will be hosting our 2012 Fundraising Dinner, with the theme "SAVE FACE or SAFE PLACE?" This event will feature a gourmet Chinese banquet with live music, door prizes, and a special guest speaker Rev. David D. Lee, a local pastor in the Atlanta area and long-time friend of ACCESS with a heart for counseling. Pastor David will talk about rising above social and cultural barriers to create safe communities where we can really be ourselves and talk about our deepest needs. We invite you to join us that evening and/or to help as a sponsor as detailed in the attached brochure. **ACCESS** is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, so donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Your support would help enable us to offer counseling services at a discounted rate to those in need, as well as to begin to fill the void of much needed counseling services for the Asian population in the Metro Atlanta area. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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