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2011 ACCESS Fundraising Dinner a Great Success!

Many thanks to all of you who attended, sponsored, volunteered, and/or donated to help make our 2011 ACCESS Fundraising Dinner Gala last November 5th a great success!!! For the first time, Peter Choi served as Master of Ceremonies for us, and was probably our most energetic and enthusiastic emcee ever! Those who have attended some of our fundraising dinners in the past may have recognized Peter's name or face because he has accompanied his good friend Eric Shin as musical guest and sound person at several of our events. Not only are Eric and Peter close friends, while it was not originally planned this way, our emcee, musical guests, and main guest speaker actually all came from the same church! Perhaps this is



why they all worked so well together!

Less people joined us this time, with only approximately 165 guests in attendance (typical attendance is 200—250), but some have said that this was our best fundraising dinner ever! As usual, those who came were treated to a feast of a nine-course Chinese banquet and the chance at winning great door prizes. Newest ACCESS Board Member Eric Shin gave a wonderful musical performance as he always does, and our guests this year also enjoyed great music by an amazing brother duo, The FU (Joshua and Jacob Fu). Our main speaker David Park gave a moving talk about being comfortable "in our own skin," complete with powerful video clips. We are so thankful for

all who helped with our event, and also amazed at how everything in the program came together so well.

Aside from the success of the evening's program itself, even though we had less sponsors and less people attend our dinner this time than in previous years, we were also actually able to raise more money this time than the previous year! Thanks to those of you who gave extra generously this time! Thanks also to the Canton House Restaurant in Chamblee, GA, for their supportiveness in working with us and discounting our banquet costs, even though we did not bring in as many guests as usual or anticipated. We could not do it without you all! (For more photos of the event, see page 4.)



Guest Speaker Pastor David Park



“Faith is being sure of what we HOPE for and certain of what we do not see...”

-Hebrews 11:1

Message From the Executive Director

Dear Supporters and Friends:

Welcome to those of you who have joined our mailing list since our fundraising dinner last fall! We are thankful for you, just as we are very thankful for those of you who have supported ACCESS since the very beginning of ACCESS in 2004!

Like the last couple years, we are incorporating an abbreviated annual report into our newsletter, for everyone's information, rather than publishing a more extensive annual report just for our donors. With some improvement in the economy, 2011 was a better year for us at ACCESS than 2010, which was our hardest year financially by far. 2011 was still pretty hard, but our last fundraising dinner did raise enough to keep us going, so we continue to be thankful for your generosity and God's provision.

Some of you may know that because of our financial struggles, we were in danger of having to give up our (main) office space. Thanks to the generosity of donors at our last fundraising dinner in response to this news, as well as to our understanding landlord, we have been able to stay in our office for now and have been allowed to stay there on a month-to-month basis, rather than having to sign a new lease.

Partly in appreciation for your support from last fall's fundraising dinner, and partly because we don't usually show anywhere near as many of the photos taken at our events, I've decided to dedicate one page in this newsletter entirely to photos from last year's fundraising dinner gala event (see page 4). Thanks to Shawn Zhang for his help in capturing a number of our events through

his wonderful photographs.

Our next fundraising dinner is coming up earlier this year than we usually have them, so please save October 20th on your calendars and note the enclosed flyer for ticket orders. If you need any additional flyers, or want to help spread the word about our event for ticket orders and/or sponsorships, you can download flyers, sponsorship forms, and sponsor letters from our website. We hope you will be able to join us!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff at ACCESS, thanks again for your part in helping to make what we do possible! We couldn't do it without you!

Gratefully,
Rebekah Wang, LMFT
Executive & Clinical Director

A Very Special Thanks to our ACCESS Partners!

The “ACCESS Partner's Program” is designated for donors who wish to support ACCESS on a regular basis, whether monthly, quarterly, or annually. We greatly appreciate our **ACCESS Partners**, who have so generously stepped out in faith (especially during these tough economic times!) with the vision to help us further the mission of culturally-sensitive, affordable professional counseling services, to help bring hope and healing to those in need. While some had to discontinue their support for various reasons, we want to acknowledge our ACCESS Partners listed below for continuing to support us during 2011. If you would like to become (or rejoin as) an ACCESS Partner, please call or email Rebekah Wang.



ACCESS Partners Jean and Tony Chow at our recent Fundraising Dinner Gala with fellow dinner guests Vickie and Jeff Kao

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Chow
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Leo
Mr. & Mrs. Cheng Kuang Lin
Dr. & Mrs. Philip Low
Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Wang

Thank You

ACCESS 2011 Report

— By Rebekah Wang, Executive & Clinical Director

The economic crisis hit ACCESS hardest in 2010, with funding sources dropping significantly and the number of client sessions falling sharply, but we are hopeful as the economy begins to recover. The following diagrams depict the continuing overall increases in number of telephone and email inquiries (Fig. 1), since we began keeping records of them in at the end of 2005, as well as in the number of counseling clients served (Fig. 2). Note that Fig. 2 does not include the number of people served through our counseling groups and educational workshops and seminars.

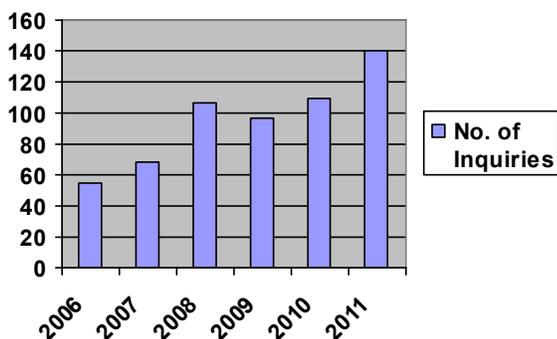


Fig. 1: Number of Telephone/Email Inquiries

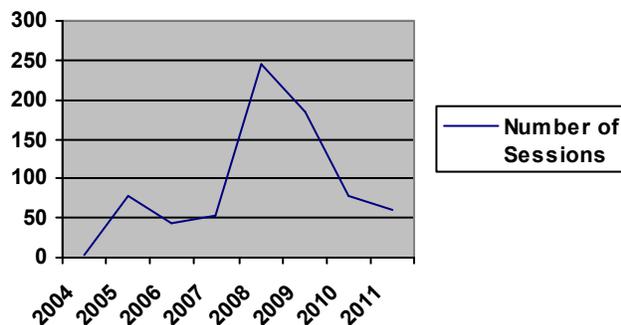


Fig. 2: Number of Client Counseling Sessions

As indicated in the diagrams above, more people continue to find out about ACCESS, and the needs are definitely out there! The number of inquiries had been our highest in 2010, but 2011 far exceeded the previous year's number! Even though we're a small organization, we still receive telephone calls from all around the country, from California to New York, and we have received email inquiries from as far away as Asia and Europe! Demand continues for our workshops and seminars. In 2011, we offered 14 workshops or talks to a total of about 200 people, with positive feedback on all of them. This time half of the programs were in an Asian language, mostly in Chinese, but with one of them being our first workshop translated into Korean! We also gave our first Youth and Parent Seminar! Aside from Asian language needs, we have also carried out our mission of more affordable counseling, especially to those in financial need, giving an average discount in 2011 of **60%** to our clients coming in for counseling, totaling over **\$1,600** (not including Barnabas Fund subsidies), with some clients receiving *as much as an 83% discount!*

There is no doubt about the great need for services such as ours, and that we can begin to fill the void of counseling services for the Asian and Asian American population in the Metro Atlanta area, if not beyond. Because of the need, the lack of such services available in the area, and the positive responses we receive from people as they find out about us, and more importantly because of the call to this mission, we are confident that ACCESS can grow in order to help meet those needs, but we cannot do it alone. Every year there are many important budgeted expenses which we have to cut or do without due to lack of funds. With the recent economic crisis, we have seen some of our most difficult times financially, in 2009 even having to cut personnel costs, and 2010 seeing our all-time lowest income level, but **we are thankful that 2011 was not as low as 2010** (2011 Total Income: \$64,022.81). Over the years, we have been operating on an average of only about **45% of our budgeted needs**, with 2011 falling as low as 31% of our budget (2011 Total Expenses: \$53,485.70). We greatly need your help, and we are grateful for those of you who have already shown us so much support. Although there are more people supporting us in various ways, we acknowledge our 2011 donors on pages 2, 5 and 6.

The full financial statements are available for review upon request at our offices during normal business hours with reasonable notice. The financial statements of Asian Christian Counseling & Educational Seminar Services, Inc. (ACCESS) have been reviewed by Director/Treasurer, Joe Tai, Certified Public Accountant according to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of AICPA.



Our first ACCESS seminar in Korean (translation of Ruth's seminar on "Asian American Women's Mental Health") at Asian American Resource Center's Asian American Women's Health Fair in May 2011



2011 ACCESS Fundraising Dinner Gala

- Photos by Shawn Zhang



2011 ACCESS Fundraising Dinner Emcee Peter Choi



Fundraising Dinner Volunteers with ACCESS Staff Ruth Wu and ACCESS Board Member Ken Wang —Left to right: Abraham Wang, Ruth Wu, Dawn Ngo, Tabitha Chee, and Kenneth Wang



2011 ACCESS Fundraising Dinner Musical Guests The FU (Jacob and Joshua Fu)



Fundraising Dinner Guests: The Koo's, the Yang's and the Lin's



Rev. Allen Swanson giving the Opening Prayer



ACCESS Advisory Board Member Dr. Edward Lai and his wife Judy



Fundraising Dinner Guests and long-time ACCESS supporters Christina and Leonard Leo (above photo) and Dr. & Mrs. Philip Low (below photo)



ACCESS Board Chairperson Cecilia Shou and her husband Philip



2011 ACCESS Fundraising Dinner Musical Guest and ACCESS Board Member Eric Shin



Fundraising Dinner Guests: The Lau's and the Liew's

2011 ACCESS Donor List

ACCESS would like to sincerely thank the following donors for their support and contributions (including cash, non-cash donations, and tax-deductible fundraising event ticket sales, but not ACCESS Partners or fundraising event sponsorships; see p. 2 for ACCESS Partners and next page for Sponsor list) to ACCESS during 2011:

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2012 Fall Fundraising Dinner Coming Up Soon!



2012 Fall Fundraising
Dinner Emcee Patty Pan,
FOX 5 News Reporter

**“It is more
blessed to give
than to
receive.”
Acts 20:35**

Plans have been under way for our upcoming 2012 Fall Fundraising Dinner. For those of you who know that we usually have our event in early November, you may be surprised that this year it will be a little earlier than usually (due to schedule conflicts this time around in early November). Our fundraising dinner this year will be on October 20th at Canton House Restaurant in Chamblee under the theme “SAVE FACE or SAFE PLACE?”

Our main guest speaker will be Rev. David D. Lee, who a pastor in the Atlanta area and a long-time friend of ACCESS. He has a heart for counseling and will talk about how the hardest part about dealing with our issues is often being real with ourselves and with others. Especially in the Asian American culture, where *saving face* is deeply engrained, or even in churches, where we are often taught to put on our “Sunday best,” how can we rise above social and cultural barriers to create safe communities where we can really be ourselves and talk about our deepest needs? Come hear what Pastor David has to share about this stimulating and challenging topic.

We are very pleased to have Patty Pan, FOX 5 News Reporter, as our Master of Ceremonies for the evening again. Some of you may recall that Patty served as an emcee at both our very first ACCESS Fundraising Dinner back in 2006, as well as our 5th Anniversary Celebration and Fall Fundraising Dinner back in 2009. We greatly appreciate her supportiveness of ACCESS! As usual, we will have a feast of a multi-course gourmet Chinese banquet, the chance at winning fun door prizes, and the enjoyment of uplifting special music, in addition to Pastor David’s sharing and a brief ACCESS presentation. Also, back by popular demand, donors will have the opportunity to enter our Donors Raffle Drawing for a Hawaiian vacation!

We hope you’ll be able to join us that evening and invite others. Your support enables us to provide culturally-sensitive and language-appropriate counseling services for the Asian and Asian American population in the Metro Atlanta area. For more information, please see the enclosed flyer. If you would like to help sponsor the event or know of any potential sponsors, sponsorship brochures and sponsorship letters are available. This includes donation of gifts for door prizes. Please look on our ACCESS website Events Page at www.asianchristiancounseling.org/events.shtml to download any of the forms or call our office at (770) 986-0800 to request them.

Thanks to our 2011 Fundraising Dinner Sponsors!



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Mrs. & Mrs. Kenneth Wang

ACCESS Staff Updates

Congratulations to our female Chinese bilingual counselor **Ruth Wu** on passing her Board exams and receiving her Associate's License! She is now officially a **LAPC** (Licensed Associate Professional Counselor) in Georgia and is continuing to work on her hours toward full licensure.

We are still looking to recruit new counselors, especially Asian bilingual counselors, to join our staff in the near future. Please feel free to let us know of any potential candidates.

ACCESS Seminar Recordings Available

Just a reminder that some of our ACCESS Seminar recordings are currently available to those who are interested, whether you were unable to attend a particular seminar, wanted to give the recordings to friend who might benefit, or enjoyed the seminars so much you want a recording to review again in the future!

You can now order either **audio** (playable on CD players and most computers) or **data** (playable on computers only) **CD's of select ACCESS seminars and workshops.**

Seminars currently available on CD are: "How To Discipline Your Children" (ACCCN Parenting Seminar - in Chinese only, 4/30/11), "Asian American Women's Mental Health" (AARC Asian American Women's Health Fair Workshop - English with Korean translation, 5/10/11), "Facing Stress, Loss, and Suffering in Today's World" (ACCC Seminar - in Chinese only, 8/20/11), and "Out of the Dark Valleys: Emerging from Crises in Work, Family, and Ministry" (ACCC Seminar - in Chinese only, 4/14/12).

The seminar of "How To Discipline Your Children" contains a brief introduction by Rebekah Wang in English, followed by Dr. Edward Lai's workshop on "The Purposes and Principles of Discipline" in Chinese, and Ruth Wu's workshop on "The Art of Reward and Punishment." These two workshop recordings may be ordered altogether on one data CD, or separately on either data or audio CD's, but Dr. Lai's workshop requires two CD's if ordered as audio CD due to the length. The seminar of "Facing Stress, Loss, and Suffering in Today's World" consists of Dr. Edward Lai's workshop on "Stress and Relaxation," Ruth Wu's workshop on "Dealing with Suffering/Loss," and a special guest testimony by Dominic Yang about his counseling experience as a young adult and it's impact on his life. Each can be ordered on three separate audio CD's or all together on one data CD. Ruth Wu's seminar on "Out of the Dark Valleys: Emerging from Crises in Work, Family, and Ministry" is available on one data CD or two audio CD's.

Future recordings available will be noted on our website. At the early part of this learning curve on making these recordings and building our library of recordings available for the community, CD's are available for a suggested donation of \$5 for one CD and \$10 for a set of 3 CD's. Some of these recordings may also include handouts and/or Power Point slides. You may order the seminar and workshop recordings by calling the office (770) 986-0800, or emailing info@asianchristiancounseling.org

Again, we do have recordings of some previous seminars, but no way to duplicate them from CD's made for us from other people's recording devices. If anyone can help us in that area, please let Rebekah Wang know. Remember that our **newsletters** are **also available on our website**, so if you missed a previous issue, you can look for them online at www.AsianChristianCounseling.org/resources.shtml and click on the various links for the different issues. A big thank you to Abraham Wang for his continued help with our website!



ACCESS Chinese Bilingual Counselor Ruth Wu, with ACCESS Advisory Board Member Dr. Edward Lai at our ACCCN parenting seminar on April 30th, 2011



Dominic Yang giving his guest testimony about his counseling experience and it's impact on his life



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Events and Presentations by ACCESS

November 5, 2011 — ACCESS Annual Fall Fundraising Dinner: "In Our Own Skin"

Canton House Restaurant (Chamblee, GA)
Emcee: Peter Choi
Musical Guests: Eric Shin, The FU (Jacob & Joshua Fu)
Guest Speaker: David Park, M.Div.

March 16, 2012 — WHIAAPI Southeast Regional Action Summit

Community Resource Table and Health/Mental Health Breakout
Session Planning Committee
Emory University
Representative: Rebekah Wang

March 31, 2012

English Ministry Care and Counseling Training at Atlanta Chinese Christian Church (ACCC)
Speakers: Rebekah Wang, Tabitha Chee

April 14, 2012 — "Out of the Dark Valleys: Emerging from Crises in Work, Family and Ministry" (in Chinese only)

Cross-Church Seminar at ACCC
Speaker: Ruth Wu

May 20, 2012 — Youth-Parent Communication Seminar

Atlanta Chinese Christian Church—North West (ACCCNW)
Speakers: Rebekah Wang, Dr. Edward Lai

June 23, 2012

English Ministry Care and Counseling Training at ACCC
Speakers: Rebekah Wang, Dr. Tommy Chan

August 18, 2012 — "The Preciousness of Friendship in a Foreign Land" (in Chinese only)

Cross-Church Seminar at ACCC
Speakers: Ruth Wu, Tabitha Chee

Upcoming Events:

September 8, 2012 — "Raising Well-Rounded Kids"

Community Seminar at Atlanta Chinese Christian Church—North (ACCCN)
Speaker: Chiu Hea Hills

October 20, 2012 — ACCESS Annual Fundraising Dinner Gala: "Save Face or Safe Place?"

Canton House Restaurant (Chamblee, GA)
Emcee: Patty Pan, FOX 5 News Reporter
Guest Speaker: Rev. David D. Lee
(SAVE THE DATE and see flyer insert for more details)

October 27, 2012

English Ministry Care and Counseling Training at ACCC
Speakers: Rebekah Wang, Dr. James Siwy

