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Newsletter of Asian Christian Counseling & Educational Seminar Services, Inc. (ACCESS)

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2012 ACCESS Fundraiser One of the Most Successful!

Many thanks to all of you who attended, sponsored and/or helped with our 2012 Fundraising Dinner Gala on October 20th! It was a wonderful gathering at the Canton House Restaurant in Chamblee, GA, with about 180 people in attendance and Rev. David D. Lee as our special guest speaker. We were honored to have Patty Pan of Fox 5 News again as our emcee and Sean Han as our guest musician on the keyboard, as well as with some vocal performances.

Many commented that they really enjoyed the banquet meal and were touched by Pastor David's sharing. Under the theme "SAVE FACE or SAFE PLACE?" Pastor David shared both from his personal

experience with his mother's and family's journey in dealing with her mental illness, as well as from a church perspective in how our communities can create safe places to talk about mental health issues and everyday struggles in general. We are grateful to those who brought their friends to our event since this appears to have been the most new people we have had to attend our fundraising dinner since our first one!

We also want to thank those who donated that evening, or sent in donations before or after our fundraising dinner, especially those who gave extra generously this time! Once again we held a Donors Raffle Drawing for those who donated \$50 or more in conjunction with our

fundraising dinner. We were pleased, once again to have a Hawaii vacation package as our grand prize among the Donors Raffle Drawing prizes. In addition to the popular Hawaii vacation package prize, this time we also had an IDOLIAN tablet computer donated by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office of Atlanta (TECO). Congratulations to Rob and Daphne Liu on winning the tablet computer, and to David and Nancy Wang on winning the Hawaii vacation!

We are very thankful for these generous prize donations, just as we are for all our event sponsors, volunteers, guests, and donors. Thanks for helping to make this fundraising dinner both one of our most successful in terms of funds raised (2nd only to our very 1st fundraising dinner in 2006, which had about 100 more people in attendance!), and overall a tremendous success! 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 anticipated. We could not do it without all of you! (For more photos on the event, see p. 6)

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Left to Right: Guest Speaker Rev. David Lee, ACCESS Board Member Eric Shin, Emcee Patty Pan, ACCESS Executive & Clinical Director Rebekah Wang, and Dinner Guest Felicia Tan



“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. Yes, it's hard to believe that we are now celebrating our 9th Anniversary!

Like the last few 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, 2012 was a better year for us at ACCESS than the previous couple years, although still a struggle. Thanks to your generosity at our successful fundraising dinners, as well as God's

provision, we've been able to raise enough to keep us in the black at the end of the year the last couple years, as well as to stay in our main office, which we were in danger of having to give up. One couple was even generous enough to donate funds to cover six months of our rent!

Also included in this newsletter, “back by popular demand,” although not a full page like last year, but still more than usual, I have included a number of photos from last year's fundraising dinner gala event (see page 6). Thanks again to Shawn Zhang for his help in capturing a number of our events through his wonderful photographs.

You'll see a number of developments reported on page 7, including the departure of our Chinese-speaking counselor Ruth Wu, also affecting our Chi-

nese seminar speaking pool (see postponements on page 8).

Our next fundraising dinner is again coming up earlier this year than we usually have them, so please save October 19th 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 sponsorship 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!



Long time ACCESS Partners
Mr. & Mrs. Cheng Kuang Lin
at our recent Fundraising
Dinner Gala

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 2012. If you would like to become (or rejoin as) an ACCESS Partner, please call or email Rebekah Wang.

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Thank You

ACCESS 2012 Report

— By Rebekah Wang, Executive & Clinical Director

As the economy has begun to show signs of gradual recovery, so also has ACCESS shown signs of gradual improvement in terms of client count and donations. 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.

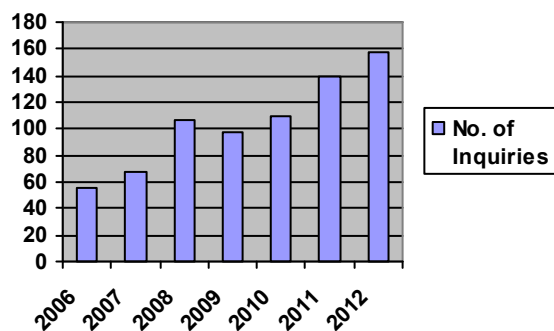


Fig. 1: Number of Telephone/Email Inquiries

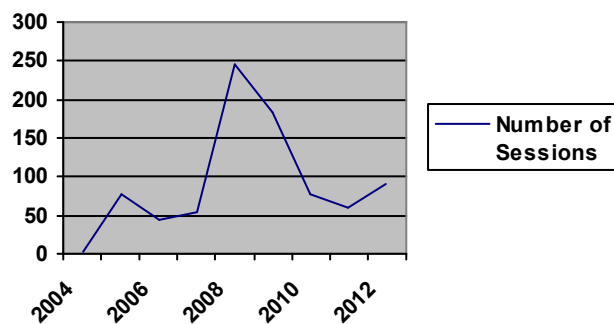


Fig. 2: Number of Client Counseling Sessions

As indicated in the diagrams above, more people continue to find out about ACCESS, and the needs are definitely out there! The number of telephone and email inquiries continues to climb. 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! Demand continues for our workshops and seminars. In 2012, despite needing to cancel or postpone some seminars, we still offered 11 workshops or talks to a total of about 140 people, with positive feedback on all of them. We gave our first seminar at Atlanta Chinese Christian Church-Northwest (ACCCNW) and started our first care and counseling ministry training seminar series. Five out of the 11 talks in 2012 were in Chinese, with one Youth-Parent communication seminar translated from English into Chinese. 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 2012 of **45%** to our clients coming in for counseling, totaling over **\$1,500** (not including \$120 in Barnabas Fund subsidies), with some clients receiving *as much as a 75% 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 having to cut personnel costs, and 2010 seeing our all-time lowest income level, but **we are thankful that 2011 and 2012 were not as low as 2010** (2012 Total Income: \$56,456.30). Over the years, we have been operating on an average of only about **45% of our budgeted needs**, with 2012 at 32% of our budgeted needs (2012 Total Expenses: \$54,518.71). 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 2012 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.



Small group discussions during our ACCESS training seminar on care and counseling ministry at Atlanta Chinese Christian Church (ACCC)



2013 ACCESS Fundraising Dinner Coming Soon!



2013 Fall Fundraising Dinner Musical Guest & Speaker Janie Chu performing at a benefit concert

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

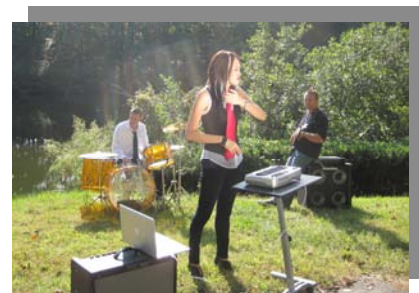
Plans have been under way for our upcoming 2013 Fundraising Dinner Gala. Although we usually have our event in early November, like last year, we will again be having our fundraising dinner a little earlier than usual this year (due to schedule conflicts in early November). Our 2013 Fundraising Dinner Gala this year will be on October 19th at the ever-supportive Canton House Restaurant in Chamblee under the theme “Hope, Healing, and Freedom.”

For the first time, our musical guest will also be our main guest speaker! We are excited to have Janie Chu to come share with us through both word and music as our musical guest and keynote speaker. Some of you may remember Janie’s brief sharing about her own counseling experience, along with her musical performance as our musical guest during our ACCESS 5th Anniversary Celebration and Fall Fundraising Dinner back in 2009. Janie is a singer-songwriter and multi-instrumental musician from the Atlanta area and a long-time friend of ACCESS.

Much has happened in Janie’s life since she last performed for us in 2009. She has become involved in a cause about which she is passionate. She and her music have been featured in public service announcement (PSA) videos, she has performed for benefit concerts, she has given talks, she released her second album and a couple music videos, she’s been interviewed and featured in various publications, and she is spearheading a musical compilation dedicated to fighting trafficking to be released in October. Last month she also kicked off a three month campaign, with benefit performances in Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Miami. With all in which she’s been involved, we are so pleased that she is able to have the time to come to perform and speak at our humble fundraising event. Come hear Janie as she performs and shares about her own journey of healing and how it helped her re-discover her identity and transform her musical career to help others find hope, healing and freedom.

As usual, we will have a feast of a multi-course gourmet Chinese banquet and the chance at winning fun door prizes, in addition to Janie’s musical performance and sharing, and a brief ACCESS presentation. 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.

**ACCESS FUNDRAISING
DINNER GALA
OCTOBER 19th 2013 —
SAVE THE DATE!**



2013 Fall Fundraising Dinner Musical Guest & Speaker Janie Chu with her band

2012 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 2012:

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2012 Fall Fundraising Dinner Gala

-Photos by Shawn Zhang



2012 Fall Fundraising Dinner Guest Speaker
Rev. David D. Lee



Fundraising Dinner Guests



2012 Fall Fundraising Dinner Musical Guest: Sean Han



ACCESS Board Chairperson Cecilia Shou



Fundraising Dinner Guests:
The Tan Family



ACCESS Fundraising Dinner Photographer Shawn Zhang and his wife Dr. Jane Zhong

Thanks to our 2012 Fundraising Dinner Sponsors!



Taiwan Counselor General Ann Kao honoring dinner guests with impromptu greetings on behalf of Taiwan and the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office (TECO), one of our event Gift Sponsors

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ACCESS Staff Updates

It is with a mixture of joy and sadness that we announce that our female Chinese bilingual counselor **Ruth Wu** left ACCESS at the end of January to take a Chinese church staff position in Houston. We are grateful for the time and service we shared together with her the last few years, and excited for her new ministry, but miss having her on our ACCESS staff.

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. This is the first time in our entire nine year history that we have not had a Chinese Bilingual Counselor on staff, and the need is critical as we continue to receive occasional requests for counseling in Chinese or both Chinese and English.



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

ACCESS Donations Through eBay Giving Works

Asian Christian Counseling & Educational Seminar Services, Inc. (ACCESS) is now a registered non-profit organization with PayPal Giving Fund (formerly known as MissionFish), which allows us to accept donations and raise funds through eBay Giving Works. Basically what this means is that we have visibility on eBay as a charitable organization to whom anyone can donate online as a straight cash donation or eBay sellers can donate part or all of their sales. We as an organization can also sell items on eBay for fundraising, so we are trying this on a trial basis to see what kind of response we may get.

Thanks to the donated items and volunteer time by Julie Wang, ACCESS has already begun to sell a few items. You can help us by buying any of our items or donating items for us to sell. If interested, please look up our eBay page at: <http://givingworks.ebay.com/charity-auctions/charity/asian-christian-counseling-educational-seminar-services-inc-access-dba-access-inc/61039/> (or search for our organization under the "Search for Charities" box on the eBay Giving Works website at <http://givingworks.ebay.com>) and help spread the word for us about it our page as well!

If you would like to donate items for us to sell or have any questions, please email Julie at donations@asianchristiancounseling.org for more information or instructions. We ask for small and easy to ship items only.

Donations are tax-deductible as in-kind donations to ACCESS, and are accepted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of ACCESS and its volunteer direct seller. The following is a list of suggested items:

Collectibles—

- Coins
- Currency (U.S. or foreign, old or new)
- Stamp Collections
- Comic books
- Legos/Lego Sets
- Vintage Toys
- Memorabilia

Gift Cards (unused, unwanted credit ok)

Small Electronics (including old cell phones/smartphones)

Promotional Items (ie, extra items from buy one/get one free offers or other special buys)

We also welcome your suggestions on items to sell. Item donations are certainly not limited to this list of suggestions. If you have any "treasures" lying around the house or in your businesses that you don't need anymore and want to put them to good use, someone may be interested in buying them! Consider donating to our cause. Please also consider bidding on and buying items on our eBay page. All proceeds go to ACCESS. In the future, we may also add a link from our ACCESS website, especially if we decide to continue this fundraising avenue beyond our trial period.





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Events and Presentations by ACCESS

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
Musical Guest: Sean Han
Guest Speaker: Rev. David D. Lee

March 10 & 17, 2013

English Ministry Care and Counseling Training at Atlanta Chinese Christian Church (ACCC)
Speakers: Rebekah Wang, Dr. James Siwy

April 5, 2013 — “ID: Who Am I?”

Youth Seminar at Atlanta Chinese Christian Church—North West (ACCCNW)
Speakers: Rebekah Wang, Pastor David Park

April 14, 2013 — (POSTPONED)

Parent Seminar at ACCCNW
Speakers: Rebekah Wang, Dr. Edward Lai

August 18, 2013 — (POSTPONED)

Cross-Church Chinese Seminar at ACCC

Upcoming Events:

September 7, 2013 — “Counseling, Personal Growth, and Abundant Life”

Community Seminar at ACCCN
Speaker: Chiu Hea Hills

October 19, 2013 — ACCESS Annual Fundraising Dinner Gala: “Hope, Healing, and Freedom”

Canton House Restaurant (Chamblee, GA)
Guest Speaker & Musical Guest: Janie Chu
(SAVE THE DATE and see flyer insert for more details)

