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Dear Past, Current, and Future Supporters of ACCESS:

Happy New Year, 新年快樂 Xin Nian Kuai Le, and 恭賀新禧 Gung Hor Sun Hay! May the Lord bless you in this coming new year. We are writing to ask your support for the ministry of the American Chinese Christian Education and Social Services, Inc. (ACCESS). ACCESS is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian outreach community service agency created to serve Chinese families in and around Boston with a holistic Christian approach. We strive to help bridge generation and culture gaps within families, believing that health and reconciliation are possible through Christ.

**What services does ACCESS provide?**

ACCESS serves the immigrant Chinese community in Boston through various programs, including:

- Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program
- After School Enrichment Program (K2 to 5th grade)
- Summer Enrichment Program (K2 to 5th grade)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages Program for Mothers
- Information Referral and Interpretation Service
- IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Service
- Mothers' Group
- Workshops and Training on Marriage, Family Life, and Parenting
- Workshops and Training on Chinese-American biculturalism

You can visit [www.chinatownaccess.org](http://www.chinatownaccess.org) for more details about the services we provide.

**How has ACCESS accommodated its space needs in the past?**

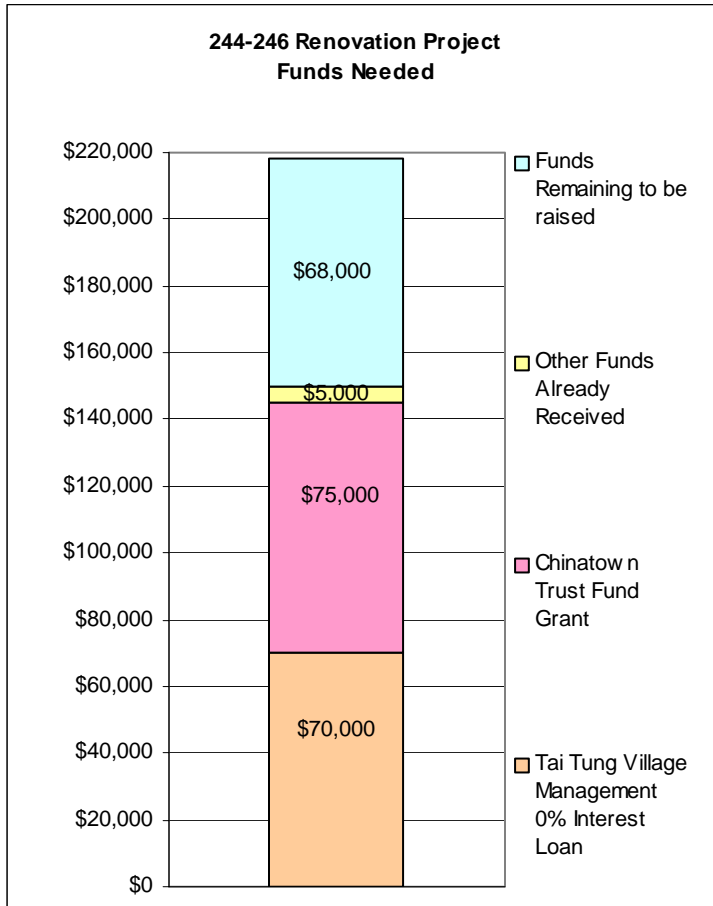
ACCESS has been located in a storefront in Tai Tung Village in Boston's Chinatown since it organized in 1992, and we have depended heavily on donated space from nearby institutions like Boston Chinese Evangelical Church and Tufts Medical School. The donated space has enabled us to operate our programs, but availability varies and often requires us to frequently move class locations in order to accommodate the schedule changes of the host institutions. Sometimes we cannot be accommodated at all; our staff are creative with field trips to parks or grocery stores on these occasions. Recently, we have been presented with the unique opportunity to lease two side-by-side storefronts in Tai Tung Village, which will provide us—for the first time—with enough space to house all of our programs under one roof and even expand our offerings.

**Current 220 Harrison Avenue  
Tai Tung Village Storefront**



**New 244-246 Harrison Avenue  
Tai Tung Village Storefronts**





### What will this renovation project cost?

The anticipated costs of renovating this space are currently estimated at \$218,000; we have recently signed a 10-year rental lease and contractors are working hard renovating. We are grateful to have received a \$70,000 no-interest loan from Tai Tung Village management, as well as a \$75,000 grant from the Chinatown Trust Fund in support of this project. However, given our projected operating deficit for 2006 (forecast at approximately \$80,000), it is imperative that we are able to pay for this project without dipping into our current reserves.

### Why is it so important to support ACCESS now?

Many of you may have received a request for support in the past for our 1998-1999 renovation project, and in 2004 for increased costs associated with renting an additional storefront in Tai Tung Village. What makes this current request for support unique and so important?

1. This is the first time that ACCESS will be able to house all of its programs under one roof. The agency's programs will be much more stable without having to rely on external partners for donated space.
2. ACCESS has secured a 10-year, low-rent lease, so this renovation will secure ACCESS' space needs for the next decade.
3. A donor has agreed to match donations up to \$5,000 in support of this project.
4. The agency is currently undertaking a strategic planning process, and it is our hope that this new space will lead to more financial and programmatic stability for the agency, which will allow for the potential for expanded services. The current possibilities being considered included additional ESOL classes, middle school after school programming, as well as services for the elderly in Chinatown.

We hope you will support ACCESS as it looks ahead to God's work in Chinatown and Greater Boston over the next decade. If you would like additional information on ACCESS current programs or financials, please feel free to contact us at [ed@chinatownaccess.org](mailto:ed@chinatownaccess.org) or [cchuang@post.harvard.edu](mailto:cchuang@post.harvard.edu).

In His Service,

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