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American Chinese Christian Educational & Social Services

ACCESS ANNUAL REPORT 2022

“AND THE NAME OF THE CITY FROM THAT TIME ON WILL BE: THE LORD IS THERE”. EZEKIEL 48:35B

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

2022 was nonetheless a year of challenges and opportunities for our organization as we grow our capacity, sustain our current programs, and develop new ones. We continue to cope with uncertainties, safety and health concerns, and regulatory changes caused by the pandemic. Concurrently, ACCESS went through many other challenges as a result of the Tai Tung Village flooding. Our program closed as we underwent an extensive period of time restoring our classrooms and our equipment. Furthermore, our leadership team went through an enormous undertaking to process insurance claims. We continue to grapple with rapid staff turnover and volunteer recruitment, and various administrative obstacles, a long wait for license renewal, and other unexpected issues in the office.



Art and Craft Class in Quincy

- ❖ ACCESS' revenue hit a historical breakthrough and reached over \$500k by the end of 2021.
- ❖ Our program successfully passed our first federal auditing by a professional auditing company. Our financial statement disclosure is “neutral, consistent and clear.”
- ❖ ACCESS Enrichment Program established a long-term partnership with the City of Boston's SuccessLink program; ACCESS became a work platform for youth engagement and employment opportunity.
- ❖ We took our first step to reach out to Lighthouse in Quincy and developed a partnership for future after-school program expansion in Quincy. We supported Lighthouse's Block Party and organized a prayer meeting for pastors and ministers from the New England Chinese Churches. We launched an ongoing Art and Craft Class for seniors at the church and are now currently organizing a Christmas Tree Lighting and Concert for December 10th.
- ❖ We are pleased to announce that ACCESS connected with Send Relief – a Christian ministry in Boston. Send Relief sent 14 volunteers to help with our recovery after the flooding and provided the appropriate finances to run a joint ministry. We are planning two events in 2023! Please stay tuned and witness God's leading and amazing grace.



Hosted New England Chinese Church Pastors' prayer meeting

Despite the challenges that ACCESS went through, our program and ministry was not meant to be easily established and implemented. By the grace of God, we have accomplished a lot in many ways in 2022.

- ❖ ACCESS was able to restore our Enrichment Program in 18 days after the major flooding damage.
- ❖ We were able to hire two new admin staff in three weeks and improved our operational and economic stability.

❖ In 2022, ACCESS continued to run fitness classes for the elders of Tai Tung Village. This service maintained our relationship with Tai Tung Management. Most importantly, our elders were being loved, cared for, and nurtured physically and emotionally through counseling, information access, prayer, and relationship development.

❖ ACCESS has reached our 2022 fundraising goals by the generous donations from our board members, donors, church partners, and friends. We are always thankful and encouraged by our supporters' love to God and their relentless support to Chinese low-income immigrants and their families.



What a typical ACCESS family photo looks like

Throughout the 2021-2022 school year, we had 52 students enrolled in our after school program! This was our biggest enrollment yet and the maximum number that we can hold in our space in Chinatown. A significant difference from our 15-student count in our previous school year. With the increased number of students, we knew we needed more help to come our way. We were honestly so blessed that we did retain some of our loyal teachers and volunteers who have started with us since our reopening in 2020 and gained many new friends who wanted to join us on our daily work adventures. It has been incredible to see friendships build up between our staff and students, and also staff with one another! God has been so good to grow our family here at ACCESS.



ACCESS and Lighthouse leadership

In 2022, we clearly and strongly recognized ACCESS' bigger vision and plan for expansion in Quincy. We need your prayer and support for ACCESS to take these big steps and move forward to fulfill God's plan both in Chinatown and Quincy. My heartfelt thanks to you all for your consideration, generosity, and trust.

Pasang Drolma, Executive Director

CHILDREN AND FAMILY PROGRAM

This past year has been another fulfilling and challenging year of running our Children and Family Program at ACCESS. We are very grateful that the pandemic has improved throughout this year, and we have been able to slowly move forward in a positive direction. We know that there is still a lot of work to do to get to our "new normal". However, there is so much to be thankful for in the midst of this change!



Students becoming great friends at the end!

Towards the end of our school year, not only have we seen an increased number of enrolled students but we were able to slowly transition some of our 6th graders to join Project Destiny, BCEC's (Boston Chinese Evangelical Church) middle school ministry focusing on reaching out to middle school students in the urban Boston area. It was a huge step in what hopes to be a good transition of moving our 6th graders onto a church-based program within the city. We cannot wait to see more of what God has in stored for our future 6th graders in the years to come!



6th grade graduation & Bibles as gifts

Our summer enrichment program was an overall blast this year because we were able to return to the format of field trips and gym time again! I have to admit though, it was not an easy summer. We went through many (and I mean many...) staff burntouts, staff shortages, and challenging student behaviors. Every moment I would be pulled from one end to another to resolve all of the issues that arose during the summer. The days felt long and exhausting.



Gospel message sharing to the summer camp

Despite all of the hardship, we have so much that we would love to thank God for: a food vendor that was generous with their portions despite inflation, parents who were supportive of our staff, no major injuries on any field trips, no COVID-19 outbreaks within the program, a successful concert followed by a solid Gospel message. The list can go on but there wouldn't be enough space in this report for me to add them all! To sum up Year 2 in one sentence: it was a very growing time for all of us.



Fun in the sun with the sprinklers!

I hope you will continue to pray for us as we slowly move onto bigger plans of expanding our children's program out into Quincy! Great things to come and all under the almighty leadership of our Lord!

Annie Tran, Director of Children & Family Program

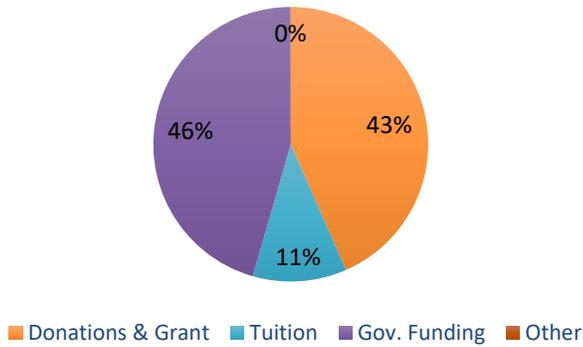
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ACCESS Leadership visiting Lighthouse Fellowship

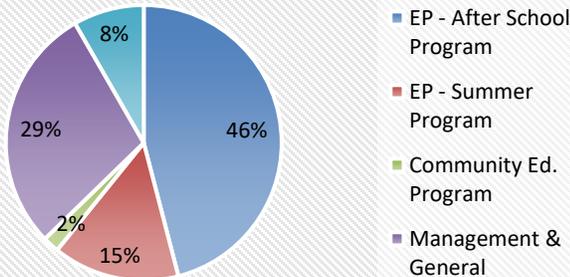
In 2021, ACCESS experienced a 51% or about \$53K reduction in tuition comparing with 2019 pre-pandemic level. That was due to most of the student family income dropped and became qualified for government subsidies. With God's blessing, the funding from the government increased significantly to cover the reduction. Even with the economic pressure, the donations from individuals and organizations went up slightly. Our total revenues for the year were \$541,727. About 11% was from tuition, about 46% was from government, and about 43% was donations. For the donations, the number of individual donors was dropped from 97 units to 78 units but about 37% of them consistently support ACCESS in the past four years. We also see an increase in grants from the government. We are so thankful for all the faithful supporters for their donations and prayers.

**Y2021 Total Revenue =
\$541,727**



The total expenses for year 2021 were \$436K. EP-After School Program and EP-Summer Program represented about 61% of the total spending. The expense chart shows the distribution of the Year 2021 expenses.

**Y2021 Total Expenses =
\$435,789**



In year 2022, the uncertainty of the economy is in many people's minds. But one thing is certain to us, God is faithful. He provides ACCESS through you, our faithful donors, supporters, and prayer warriors. We trust that God will continue provide when we serve our community according to His will. We pray for God's blessing to you.

Wilfred Chan, Treasurer

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- Chinese Bible Church of Greater Boston
- Chinese Gospel Church
- City of Boston's SuccessLink
- Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center
- Lighthouse Fellowship Church
- Northeastern University
- Send Relief
- Tai Tung Village Management

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