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American Chinese Christian Educational & Social Services

ACCESS ANNUAL REPORT 2024

THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU REST AND HAS GRANTED YOU HIS LAND (JOSHUA 1:13)

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

When ACCESS comes close to the end of the year 2024, we give thanks to our almighty and faithful God for His guidance, grace, and provision to uplift ACCESS. We are deeply grateful to ACCESS donors, supporters, and partners for their ongoing tangible support and impactful collaboration. Our heartfelt thanks go to our families, who stand by us and offer help whenever needs arise. A special acknowledgment is due to our board members, staff, and volunteers, whose commitment, hard work, and sacrifices have made this year possible.

2024 has been a successful and fruitful year, though it has also tested our faith, patience, and perseverance. We were blessed with sufficient staff, new partnerships, and opportunities for community outreach, enabling us to work closely with public schools, churches, local organizations, mission teams, universities, and various Government agencies. These collaborations have strengthened our ability to serve and reach more of our community.

2024 was filled with joyful events celebrating cultural heritage, providing parenting services, supporting elder mental health, team-building activities, in-person fundraising, and holiday celebrations. We connected deeply with children, parents, elders, and the broader community, sharing God's love through our programs and events.



We are blessed to have financial stability this year, thanks to government-contracted vouchers and grants, our successful fundraising efforts, and the steadfast support of our long-term donors. We are pleased to report a healthy

financial status through careful budgeting and expense management at the end of 2024.

This year brought challenges as our planned expansion of after-school programs in Quincy was delayed due to staffing shortages and delays within government agencies. While we could not open the program in the 2024 school year as anticipated, we trust God's timing and plan. We remain committed to fulfilling our mission in Quincy, thanks to the steadfast support of Lighthouse Fellowship, whose prayer, team efforts, and facilities have allowed us to begin this joint ministry.

As we look to the new year, we trust that God will continue to work through ACCESS in Boston and Quincy. As a small faith-based organization, we are committed to being God's hands and feet in our communities. We ask for your continued prayers, financial contributions, volunteer service, and partnership as we pursue this journey of faith together.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

Pasang Drolma, Executive Director

QUINCY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

The year 2024 was the year we imagined our program in Quincy would be in full swing. However, God must have another timetable for us here in Quincy. We may not understand His plans, but we have faith that He knows what He is doing.

After weeks and months of renovations and updates last year, ACCESS was ready for the next phase as we entered the new year in January 2024. Our goals and projections for preparing for our opening were meticulously achieved one by one with great effort and dedication to detail. As we patiently waited for the Department of Early Care and Education (EEC) to assign a licensor to our program and schedule a visit to our site, we trudged forward in hope and with great faith that we would reach our goal of opening in the early months of 2024.

However, as we continued to wait for the state to address our application, QEP, in collaboration with our hosts, Lighthouse Fellowship Church, forged ahead with planning events and activities that would create awareness

in the Quincy community and introduce prospective families to our program.

In January, QEP held an inspiring and outstanding Lunar New Year celebration at our center, attended by over twenty-five families of various backgrounds and ethnicities from the neighborhood and beyond. Our celebration included a variety of activities, including singing and dancing, games for children and parents, arts and crafts projects, and, of course, fabulous Chinese treats and goodies. The support was amazing from Lighthouse Fellowship Church staff and members, as well as support from the Church of the Nazarene.

However, beyond the fun and frivolity, the Lord's message of love, unity, and peace was truly present throughout the day's events.



Throughout the winter months of January, February, and March, many parents requested information and scheduled tours to visit our program and learn about our mission and the goals we plan to achieve here in Quincy. But we continued to wait, ever patiently, to be contacted by EEC to schedule their first visit to our facility.

Spring came with new hope and faith that the visit would be scheduled soon. Our patience began to fail somewhat, but our faith in God's plans was ever steadfast. In April, ACCESS hosted a very successful fundraising event that raised additional funds for our current and future needs. The event was so well attended that we needed to add tables and chairs the day of the event to serve our needs. As summer approached, QEP offered to partner with Lighthouse Fellowship Church to plan and coordinate Vacation Bible School during July.

Unfortunately, after several weeks of planning, the registration numbers were inadequate to make offering the VBS program for 2024 feasible. Yet, we remain faithful and hopeful that next summer will offer a more suitable set of circumstances for the collaboration efforts to be more successful.

In August, while still awaiting our licenser visit, ACCESS QEP decided to offer an Open House event for the community. We decided to take this risk without actually receiving our license yet, but it was definitely worth it. The program welcomed approximately twelve families from the neighborhood, who arrived with great questions and enthusiasm about our program's plans. It was amazing to see the energy and vibrance that the children brought into the classroom during the event. It was an image of what was yet to be.



As fall approached, we continued to wait for that email, phone call, or message from the state that our licenser would finally visit our program.

And finally, that day arrived for EEC to visit. The comments of our licenser made it quite evident that the environment we had created here in Quincy was ready and prepared and physically in excellent compliance. However, details with administrative documentation and paperwork continued to be requested for editing, revision, changing, and submission for review.

As we now expect our license to be granted at any time, QEP is ready, we are waiting, and we are ever hopeful and faithful that our opening will finally take place.

We are still not quite at the end of our journey, but He is leading us, He is keeping our eyes on our goal, and we have no doubt His plan will prevail for QEP.

Susan Lodzsun, Director of Children & Family (Quincy)

CHINATOWN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

This past year marks my fourth year at ACCESS! God has undoubtedly continued to surprise me year by year with many good changes happening in our children's program here in Chinatown. It is a privilege for me to share what has God been doing in the lives of our students and our young teachers/mentors.

This has been an incredible year full of surprises. I have seen many returning faces, former students inviting current students to church youth groups, and an increased number of high schoolers wanting to share life with our growing community here at ACCESS



A trending theme that I noticed throughout the past year was the theme of discipleship. With an increased number of high schoolers interested in volunteering/working for ACCESS, there was a greater need to invest in their time with us and allowing them the space to grow into contributing members of the community. We wanted to make ACCESS into a space where they were able to grow, be creative (and silly!), and learn how to be mentors for our future generation of young community leaders, like the ones shown above!

With this in mind, we had the blessed opportunity to work alongside Area Youth Ministry of Boston, who invested their time, mentors, and yummy food into our younger workers. It was a great time learning from them, sharing a meal together, and even playing various games to break the ice further. They were able to help model what it looks like for mentors to share life together with our younger friends, and speak truth into their lives since we all go through similar life experiences.



ACCESS also had the great opportunity to work with SuccessLink once again as a direct grant partner. We were able to work directly with the high schoolers and provide them with the opportunity to experience a productive and fulfilling summer with the help of SuccessLink's grant. For some of our high schoolers, ACCESS was their first job ever! What an honor it was to be their first job site ever! Though the summer was not easy at times, I was impressed at how hard the high schoolers worked to make sure that they kept our young students safe and happy.



We certainly were not the only ones experiencing an increased number of young folks wanting to pour their time and efforts into the children. Boston Chinese Evangelical Church and Chinese Bible Church of Great Boston also saw an increased number of their young high schoolers (and middle schoolers!) putting time and effort into running their partnership programs with ACCESS and making the end of the ACCESS summer program the best hoorah for our students ever. It was a huge blessing to witness our church partners see an increased number of younger leaders stepping up to mentor our younger students, and it has been an incredible testimony of how much God can grow every single one of us in our walks with Him. Even our younger generation proves that fact to be true.



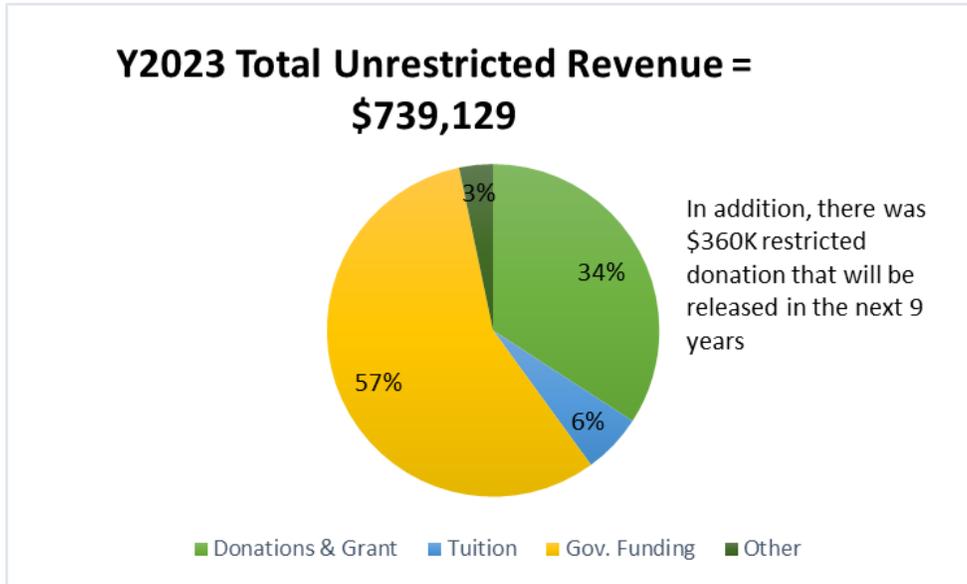
Continue praying for us as we move full speed into the new year! We are excited to see what God has planned for ACCESS and feel big things are coming. But we need your prayers to cover us because we know that the enemy is close by when mighty things are happening. But our God is even stronger!

Annie Tran
Director of Children & Family (Chinatown)

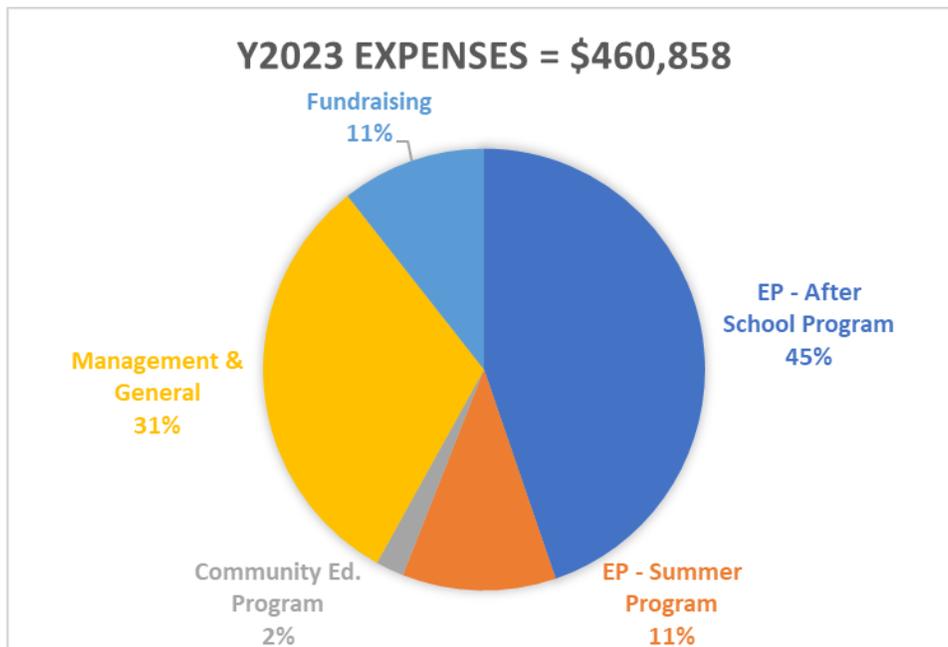
2023 ACCESS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Give thanks to God for his blessings, and provisions to ACCESS in the Year 2023. In this year, we saw a decrease in number of donations from individuals and organizations, but we received a large, restricted donation from one of the donors. An even portion of this donation can be used over a ten-year period beginning in 2023. This contribution helped us to fund the Quincy Enrichment Program project. God always provides us the resources on a timely basis.

Our total unrestricted revenues for the year 2023 were \$739,129. About 6% was from tuition, about 57% was from government, and about 34% was donations. For the donations, many of them consistently and faithfully support ACCESS in the past five years. We are thankful for all the faithful supporters for their donations and prayers.



The total expenses for Year 2023 were \$489K that included \$28K expenses associated with Quincy Enrichment Program project. Excluding that, the total expenses for 2023 were \$461K. EP-After School Program and EP-Summer Program expenses represented about 56% of the total spending. The expense chart shows the distribution of the Year 2023 expenses.



In Year 2024, ACCESS continues experiencing God’s provisions. He provides ACCESS through you: our faithful donors, supporters, and prayer warriors. Thank you for your support. We pray for God’s blessings to you all.

Wilfred Chan
Treasurer, ACCESS Board

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