

# 建橋者基督教華人社區服務中心

American Chinese Christian Educational & Social Services

## ACCESS ANNUAL REPORT 2023

MOSES BUILT AN ALTAR AND CALLED IT THE LORD IS MY BANNER. Exodus 17:15

### ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

We are thrilled to present ACCESS 2023 Annual Report, a testament to the remarkable progress and achievements we have made together this year. 2023 has been a year of breakthroughs for ACCESS, marked by significant milestones, collaborative efforts, and impactful initiatives. With your unwavering support and dedication, we have accomplished incredible feats, strengthening our mission to serve the community.

#### **1. Expanding Our Team and Community Engagement**

This year, ACCESS made history by employing 4 full-time staff members for the first time in 31 years. This expansion of our team has enhanced our capacity to serve the community effectively. Additionally, we initiated community outreach activities in Quincy to introduce ACCESS to the residents. These events fostered connections, raised awareness, and reinforced our commitment to Quincy and its residents.

#### **2. Strengthening Partnerships**

ACCESS continued to cultivate meaningful partnerships to expand outreach and impact. We developed a deeper collaboration with Light House, enabling the expansion of our Enrichment Program. Furthermore, in partnership with Send Relief, we organized a retreat for pastors from New England Chinese Churches, promoting knowledge and faith sharing and mutual growth within our community.

#### **3. Financial Sustainability and Compliance**

We are pleased to report that ACCESS achieved financial sufficiency and suitability in 2023. We underwent a comprehensive audit, receiving positive comments from our auditors. We diligently fulfilled all legal and mandatory requirements of government regulations and legal standards, ensuring transparency and accountability in all our operations.

#### **4. Diverse and Inclusive Community**

One of ACCESS's strengths lies in our diverse team, comprising individuals from different age groups, backgrounds, and experiences. Our team includes retired individuals, middle-aged professionals, and young enthusiasts, creating a rich tapestry of ideas and perspectives. We have maintained stable and consistent recruitment of students and staff, fostering a dynamic and inclusive working environment.

#### **5. Innovative Collaborations for Mental Health and Well-being**



In pursuit of holistic community well-being, ACCESS forged new partnerships with South Cover Manner Rehabilitation Center, Chinese Nazarene Church, and Rosa Amarilla. Together, we initiated art and craft programs for seniors aimed at promoting mental health and well-being. These initiatives reflect our commitment to addressing the multifaceted needs of our community members.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated board members, staff, and volunteers for their diligence, endurance, and extraordinary efforts throughout the year. Special thanks to our donors, supporters, and partners whose unwavering commitment and contributions have propelled ACCESS toward achieving our goals and fulfilling God's calling and plan through our work.

As we look back on the milestones of 2023, we are filled with gratitude and a sense of accomplishment. However, our journey does not end here. With your continued support, we are inspired to reach new heights, break more barriers, and make an even greater impact in the coming years.

Thank you for being a vital part of the ACCESS family. Together, we are creating a brighter, more connected, and empowered community.

*Pasang Drolma*  
Executive Director

## QUINCY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

The Quincy Enrichment Program (QEP) is finally taking shape after many months of planning and preparation by the ACCESS administration and board members in collaboration with Pastor Mike and staff of the Lighthouse Fellowship Church. Although some timelines have not yet been met, many have been met including the hiring of the new Director of Children and Families, Susan Lodzsun.

Since the hire and placement of the new director, the Quincy classroom is evolving into an exciting and nurturing environment which will someday soon welcome its children and families. One of the goals of the new director is to work closely with the Lighthouse staff and trustees to help renovate and create space that is also safe and will pass future inspections for licensing, which is approaching very soon.

Another goal of the director is to market and present the program into the Quincy community when and wherever possible during this start up period. Some of the events that QEP has gained visibility within the community include participation with the Chinese Baptist Church in Quincy, and several events hosted by the Lighthouse Fellowship Church including a Fall Harvest Festival and a Halloween Community Outreach event.

Additionally, Susan presented at the October monthly “All Church Meeting” as the ACCESS mission and goals were clearly articulated to the Lighthouse Fellowship congregation. Susan has also been meeting community members and visiting other establishments that also serve children and families in the Quincy community.



Although many goals have been reached at QEP location, there are still many additional goals and challenges ahead. We will continue to require much hard work and plenty of prayers to reach and succeed in all our goals in order to open our doors in the very near future. We are so very thankful to all our partners in this venture and to the Lord above who provides for all our needs.

*Susan Lodzsun*

*Director of Children & Family Program (Quincy)*

## CHINATOWN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

2023 has been an incredible year full of surprises. We have seen a growing trend of our graduating 6th graders participating in church-based programming, a growing number of younger ACCESS staff taking up more leadership roles, and an increased number of younger students joining ACCESS for the school year. An even bigger surprise was seeing former ACCESS students returning to help and serve alongside our current teachers, wanting to give back to the community that helped them grow into the young men and women they are now in their respective high schools!



Towards the end of our 2022-2023 school year, many 6th graders and former ACCESS students joined church youth groups and fellowships. Many of them even invited their friends to join BCEC's Project Destiny this past summer! Seeing how much our current and former ACCESS students feel comfortable in these fellowship spaces is terrific. They even notice the similarities between the youth group and how we run our enrichment program here at ACCESS. God has created a path for us to continue building this bridge for our graduating students to stay connected to the church and grow in a positive, loving community that wants to care for them and their wellbeing.



This past summer was a summer of returns and a summer of growth. Many former ACCESS students returned as high school volunteers, our graduating high school staff have stepped up to be teachers and leaders, and our current staff has grown immensely to aid me in directing the entire summer program. This summer has been an

incredible testimony of how much God can grow every single one of us in our walks with Him.

This past summer was also a huge blessing because we could offer Summerbridge for the first time in years since the pandemic! With the help and dedication of the Chinese Bible Church of Greater Boston, we pulled off a wonderful week of field trips, energy-filled activities, and, most importantly, God-loving bonds that will last for years. We are so thankful to the Summerbridge team for their continued devotion to the program and desire to provide this week-long service for our students!



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!

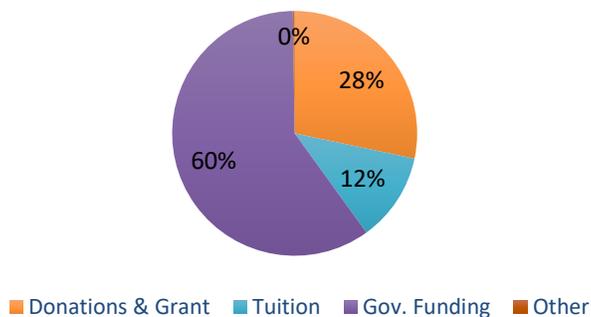
*Annie Tran*  
 Director of Children & Family Program (Chinatown)

**2022 ACCESS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Praise the Lord for God’s blessings, and provisions to ACCESS throughout the Year 2022. In this year, the world was gradually emerging from pandemic. We were facing higher inflation rate and global economy uncertainty. As a result, we saw a decrease in donations from individuals and organizations. With God’s blessing, the funding from the government through grants increased to cover the reduction.

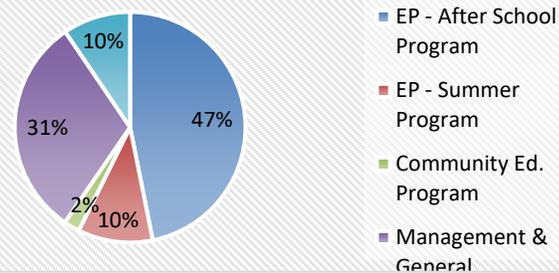
Our total revenues for the year were \$622,652. About 12% was from tuition, about 60% was from government, and about 28% was donations. For the donations, we have about 80 donors (individual plus organization donors). About 27 of them consistently and faithfully support ACCESS in the past five years. We are so thankful for all the faithful supporters for their donations and prayers.

**Y2022 Total Unrestricted Revenue = \$622,652**



The total expenses for Year 2022 were \$390K. It was lower than 2021 total expenses by \$45K. In 2022, EP-After School Program and EP-Summer Program expenses represented about 57% of the total spending. The expense chart shows the distribution of the Year 2022 expenses.

**Y2022 Total Expenses = \$390,334**



In Year 2023, the uncertainty of the economy is still impacting many people around the world, but we trust God is faithful. He provides ACCESS through you, our faithful donors, supporters, and prayer warriors. We believe that God will continue provide when we serve our community according to His will. Thank you for your support. We pray for God’s blessings to you all.

*Wilfred Chan*  
 Treasurer

## **ACCESS BOARD MEMBERS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

### **Board Members**

Simon Nip	President
Victor Lo	Secretary
Wilfred Chan	Treasurer
James Lam	Board Member
Joseph Cheung	Board Member
Pasang Drolma	Board Member
Carol Liao	Board Member

### **Administration and Support Staff**

Pasang Drolma	Executive Director
Annie Tran	Director of Children and Family
Susan Lodzsun	Director of Children and Family
Su Ying Li	Office Administration Assistant
Esther Tsang	Accounting Consultant
Yan Huang Chen	EP Program Assistant
Zhen Sheng Zhou	SCSEP Senior Helper
Yongli Lai	SCSEP Senior Helper
Xian Hui Li	SCSEP Senior Helper

### **Partners**

Action for Boston Community Development  
Boston Chinese Evangelical Church  
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

### **Children Enrichment Program Teachers**

Calvin Dong, Carlee Evans, Emily Chen, Erica Mei,  
Grace Wong, Hilong Wong, Jacky Chen, Katryn Mei,  
Lena Tran, Shumin Guan, Vicky Kwan, Vivian  
Nguyen

### **Adult Volunteers**

Alan Wang, Daniel Shen, Emily Song, Forest  
Rodriguez, Jiayi Chen, Jonathan Nip, Migue Darcera,  
Ruth Martin, Tina Wang, Wilfred Chan, Zoe  
Nagasawa

### **High School Volunteers**

Alan Xie, Anjelica Constantino, Athena Li, Caio  
Rong Chen, Dennis Li, Ivan Zheng, Junhao Lin, Nina  
Nguyen, Regina Huang, Sam Co, Sammi Zheng,  
Seren Woo, Tony Zhu, William Huang