Sunshine Garden Zoom Classes

CISC is providing activities and connecting seniors together through our online classes. If you know any older adults who would like to join our Sunshine Garden Zoom Classes, please contact Lemon Li at 206-530-9174 or lemonl@cisc-seattle.org. Via WeChat, add CISCsunshinegarden. Activity schedule for September

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Coordinating Vital Services for Seniors

Our team of bilingual Case Managers have been very busy during the past six months supporting 1,700 seniors who speak Russian and Chinese languages. The pandemic has had a tremendous impact in the lives of the elderly and the amount of effort required to coordinate care has increased since many organizations that provide elderly services have reduced their staff or working hours. Our team has strived to maintain as much of the familiar routine as possible for seniors through their caregivers and the delivery of essential supplies and meals.

In-home care services have been especially important during the pandemic. Caregivers provide vital physical and emotional support to the most vulnerable in our community. Anna, a Russian-speaking client in her 90s, was especially anxious and scared when she learned about the virus. She did not want non-family caregivers to come to her home due to the risk of getting sick. Since she was not able to take care of herself alone, our Case Manager, Natalie Zaniuk, spoke with her client’s family and enabled Anne’s daughter to leave her job to become a paid caregiver. This brought peace of mind and happiness to Anna since she could be with her daughter.

A Support Network for Caregivers

CISC has been responding to the increasing needs of unpaid caregivers who speak Spanish and Chinese. From the beginning of the pandemic, we reached out to caregivers to determine the challenges they faced. We heard requests for help accessing financial resources, food, energy assistance, unemployment claims assistance, and emotional support. Through the Veterans Seniors and Human Services Levy, we provided food delivery and wellness items to clients who were unable to leave their home or in financial need. Juana, who is a caregiver, appreciated having CISC in her support network. We connected her with a food delivery service during challenging times and assisted with filing for an unemployment claim for a family member.
Upcoming Event:

AAPI Democracy Summit
September 15, 10:30am-1:30pm
Join the Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC) for the 2020 AAPI Democracy Summit on September 15. APIC and CISC have worked together to advocate for the needs of our communities to the governor and other elected officials over the decades. This year’s event will be accessible virtually and will feature a gubernatorial candidate forum, keynote speakers, and cultural performances. Register to attend the summit via rebrand.ly/aapisummit

Access to Energy Assistance

Our Community Living Connections (CLC) team specializes in helping seniors navigate programs and services to improve their quality of life. They are knowledgeable about a wide range of federal, state, and local programs. Recently, our team helped clients apply for a $500 benefit in an energy assistance program through Byrd Barr Place. To ensure social distancing, we provided assistance through the telephone and texting, which involves more time compared to in person services. Through our efforts, 110 seniors applied for the benefit to help lower their energy costs. CISC CLC Program

Upcoming Event:

Hybrid Citizenship Clinic
September 26, 10:00am-3:00pm
CISC is partnering with the Entre Hermanos (EH), and the City of Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (ORIA) to host a Citizenship Clinic in Mandarin and Cantonese on Sept 26 at CISC Seattle office. A team of volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and interpreters will help eligible permanent residents with their citizenship application. This service is FREE for all eligible permanent residents (green cardholders). Pre-screening and registration are required for application assistance. Please email Aimee Zhu at aimeez@cisc-seattle.org, text, or call 206-393-2110 CISC Facebook events page

CISC at Byrd Barr Place Food Bank Event

Our Healthcare Access and Outreach Program Supervisor, Jasmine Chau distributed hand sanitizers and first aid products to those in need.

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2. AmazonSmile Charity List is a new and meaningful way for you to donate items on our wish list directly to CISC. Link to AmazonSmile CISC Charity List

Thank you and be well!