Please GiveBIG to help CISC respond to community needs

The immigrant communities we serve need us now more than ever before and we’re able to respond because of your generous support. Please participate and donate to CISC at the GiveBIG annual statewide fundraising event. On behalf of all of the youth, families, seniors and disabled adults, and every CISC team member, thank you!

Donations can be made online today or by sending a check to CISC at 611 S Lane Street, Seattle, WA 98104.

Thank you for bringing hope, health, and happiness to our community!

Frances Yuet
Marketing and Fund Development Manager

Equitable Access to Vaccines

CISC’s Vaccination Task Force has been active since January to help bring peace of mind to the senior communities we serve. We assisted the Seattle Fire Department in the Chinatown International District and other vaccine providers in Bellevue, Redmond, and Issaquah to help get more than 2,000 doses in arms. Our Cantonese, Mandarin, and Russian-speaking staff go onsite in apartment buildings that house low-income seniors to support vaccination efforts by providing interpretation and logistical assistance.

Over the last several months, we have expanded our work to help limited English-speaking communities and those who need help navigating online systems in each new eligible group to schedule nearly 700 vaccination appointments. With all adults now eligible, we are setting up a helpline to provide language assistance for Cantonese and Mandarin-speaking community members.

Healthcare Enrollment During COVID

Access to quality and affordable healthcare is essential to health and well-being. CISC’s Healthcare Access Team has been a longtime partner in the Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program. To help community members understand the complexities of programs like Medicare and Medicaid, we conducted 10 virtual sessions between December and February. We invited a University of Washington clinical instructor to provide information about COVID-19 and the various vaccines and answered questions such as whether there is a cost to get a vaccine (answer: the vaccines are free to everyone). We also referred eligible clients to our vaccination task force members to help them schedule an appointment.

To access our Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisor services:
Fresh Fruits and Veggies for Seniors

CISC is helping seniors who live in King County apply for the 2021 Senior Farmers Market Vouchers through May 17. The first 8,000 applications will be entered into a random selection process to receive the limited number of vouchers. Many of the seniors we serve utilize food banks across King County and the City of Seattle, including Byrd Barr Place in the Central District. Our staff provided assistance on-site in early April to help enroll seniors.

Eligibility for $40 worth of vouchers
To apply, all of the following must be true:

- Age 60 or age 55+ if you are Native American by June 30
- Live in King County by June 30
- Income at or below poverty threshold
- Income is $2,848 for one person or $4,344 for two people for each additional person, and $5,040
- King County resident
- Fill out the application online from the website listed below. Mail or fax your completed application - no later than May 17, 2021. (See below)

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
140 Lake and Avenue, Suite A-100
Seattle, WA 98112

Phone: 206-684-3232
Fax: 206-684-3233

The first 8,000 applications received will be entered into a random selection process. If your name is selected, you will receive your checks by mail in July.

AgingKingCounty.org/SFMNP

Public Health Recognition

King County Public Health has recognized CISC for our partnership and efforts to respond to the pandemic and support the health and well-being of the communities we serve. Our team members have demonstrated their dedication throughout the last year in so many ways. We will continue to serve the community by assisting with vaccination efforts and helping the community recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Well Wishes to You and Your Family!

CISC Team

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