Dear friends,

In 1972, a group of energetic college and high school students saw that Chinese immigrants and seniors living in Chinatown were unable to access services. They started using a space at the Wing Luke Museum to provide services. Fifty years later in 2022, we are continuing the vision of our founders and have expanded our services to include early childhood education, youth development, family support, senior and disabled adult services, and health care access programs.

Throughout 2022, we will be highlighting CISC’s 50th anniversary by sharing our history and accomplishments over five decades. We hope you’ll share stories about how CISC has made a difference with us and your friends and family. This fall, we will bring the community together to celebrate 50 years of serving the community and the ways we create opportunities for immigrants and their families to succeed while honoring their heritage.

Read more about our founding from an article in the NW Asian Weekly published in 2012.

Happy Lunar New Year! We wish you all a safe, healthy, and fulfilling Year of the Tiger!

Michael Itti
Executive Director

Preschool recognition

Our preschool team is delighted to prepare 20 students for lifelong learning through our Bilingual Preschool at Yesler Community Center, which is run in partnership with the Seattle Preschool Program. Our dedicated teachers create a classroom environment that supports their physical, social, emotional, cognitive, bilingual, and bicultural development.

Recently, we learned our program received a 100% evaluation in the dual language area for our efforts to incorporate and embrace bilingual and bicultural development strategies in our classroom. This achievement is due to our teachers and staff who have attended dual language trainings and utilized classroom materials and teaching methods that are linguistically and culturally relevant to our students.
Connecting seniors virtually

Social connections are important for health and well-being. CISC provided tablets to seniors to enable them to access virtual activities during the pandemic.

Our Community Living Connections team collaborates with North Bellevue Community Center to provide English lessons, Tai Chi, and singing classes remotely. In South King County, we reached out to hundreds of older adults through our wellness calls and provided information and assistance at our Kent office for urgent needs. Our Sunshine Garden provides weekday virtual programming and will resume limited in person activities soon.

Helping caregivers in their vital role

Our Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) team is honored to be part of the support network for those who are caring for their loved ones. Last year, we helped 200 caregivers who speak Chinese and Spanish languages with education, counseling, referral, respite service, and long term care planning. Here is some of the feedback we received from them.

“CISC is helping and caring for us, just like a family.”

“Many thanks and gratitude for having the opportunity to join FCSP program. Especially thanks to the social workers for your hard work!”

“Thank you for the respite and all the services that CISC FCSP has given us, you make a difference in our lives.”

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Thank you and be well,

CISC Team

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