We appreciate your support and look forward to bringing the community together at the Gala. We have limited tickets available and expect to sell out soon.

This year’s Gala will be held at the Westin Bellevue, located in downtown Bellevue, on October 15th, 2022. For the first time in over two years, we will be back in person to celebrate our history and our current accomplishments in serving the community.

**Tickets are Limited.**
**Reserve yours today.**

Get Your Tickets

**A Special Gift Challenge:**
We are thrilled to announce that a long-time donor has generously offered a $250,000 matching challenge at our 50th Anniversary Friendship Gala Raise the Paddle Fundraiser. The proceeds will enable CISC to help immigrants throughout King County achieve success by providing information, referral, advocacy, social, and support services.

**Play a starring role in our future!**
From now until Oct. 15, your donation at the following levels will be matched up to $250,000:
- Donate $10,000 for 2:1 Match
- Donate $5,000 for 1.5:1 Match
- Donate $2,000 for 1:1 Match
**50th Anniversary Videos**

In our **fifth 50th anniversary storytelling video**, we highlight impactful moments over the decades from:

Alaric Bien, Former Executive Director  
Janet Ung, Former Board President  
Olga Nikitina, In-Home Case Management Supervisor  
Russell Joe, Former Board President  
Rocky Fong, Board Treasurer, and Community Partner  
Mary Hsu, Board President  
Michael Itti, Executive Director

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**Summer Learning Program**

In late August, we concluded our 8-week Summer Learning Program for 80 preschool and elementary-age youth. The program provided in-person, online, and field trip experiences that incorporated science, technology, engineering, art, math, and literacy into the curriculum. In addition, we included diversity and social & emotional learning concepts to promote problem-solving, decision-making, and interpersonal skills. Students and parents provided feedback that the program advanced their education and knowledge of the world, cultural awareness, health, and more. We appreciate the Liu Kuo-Chun Educational Foundation for funding the program including new Smart Boards to enhance the classroom experience.

Staff from the Seattle Aquarium offered our students a vivid education about the lifecycle of salmon. Students observed salmon swimming upstream at the Ballard Locks and were inspired to help preserve our marine ecosystems.

Students and parents enjoyed an excursion to Seahurst Beach led by Seattle Aquarium staff. They learned about marine animals including moon snails, starfish, barnacles, and sea cucumbers.

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**New Funds Available to Support Immigrants**

Applications are open now for the King County Relief Fund and Immigration Fee Support Program.
The **King County Relief Fund** is here to help King County immigrant residents who are ineligible for federal stimulus money and unemployment benefits. Approved applicants can receive $1,000.

The **King County Immigration Fee Support** program is here to help King County immigrants pay fees associated with the immigration process. Approved applicants can receive up to $3,000 per individual and up to $6,000 per household, depending on fees incurred or expected for the year 2022.

Apply at [kcfeesupport.org](http://kcfeesupport.org) and [kingcountyrelief.org](http://kingcountyrelief.org) or contact Aimee Zhu, CISC’s ESL & Naturalization Program Coordinator, at 206-393-2110 for assistance.

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**KING COUNTY RELIEF FUND**

The King County Relief Fund is here to help King County immigrant residents who are ineligible for federal stimulus money or unemployment benefits.

**AWARDS WILL BE $1,000 PER APPROVED APPLICANT.**

**THE APPLICATION WILL BE OPEN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL FUNDS RUN OUT.**

**REMEMBER, THERE IS NO COST TO APPLY. IF SOMEONE ASKS YOU TO PAY SOMETHING, IT IS A SCAM!**

[APPLY NOW](http://kingcountyrelief.org)

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**KING COUNTY IMMIGRATION FEE SUPPORT PROGRAM**

The King County Immigration Fee Support program is here to help King County immigrants apply for documented status and citizenship by providing financial support with the fees associated with the immigration process.

**AWARDS WILL BE UP TO $3,000 PER INDIVIDUAL AND UP TO $6,000 PER HOUSEHOLD, DEPENDING ON THE FEES YOU’VE ALREADY PAID OR FEES YOU EXPECT TO PAY.**

The application will be open on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 and will be available until funds run out.

[APPLY NOW](http://kcfeesupport.org)

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**Sunshine Garden Celebrated Mid-Autumn Festival**

On September 9, Sunshine Garden hosted forty seniors in person and virtually to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival. Activities included Hanfu traditional shows, instrumental, vocal performances, and Lantern riddles to celebrate reunion, diversity, and Chinese traditional culture.

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**Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration at South King Family Resource Center**

On September 9, 2022, CISC hosted a program kick-off and cultural celebration at our South King County Family Resource Center for 23 Vietnamese American families and individuals with a total of 70 adults and children to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival together. Children were dressed in traditional Vietnamese clothes. There was lantern decorating, lion dance, program overview, cultural songs sing-along, and storytelling. At the end of the event, cultural food was served, and participants had the opportunity to mingle and connect.
From all of us at CISC,
Thank you for your support!

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