December Newsletter

Holiday Celebration at Bellevue Office
Over 30 staff from our Chinese and Russian-speaking, In-home Care Case Management team gathered at the Bellevue office on December 16 for a holiday party. They also celebrated the successful year of 2022 in serving more than 1,500 elderly and disabled adults by providing comprehensive assessments to develop care plans and coordinate services to monitor their progress.

Dear Friend of CISC,

This year, we looked back over our 50 years of serving the community. We are proud to have made a positive impact in the lives of thousands of people. Our region is a stronger place today through the efforts of CISC, which has become a vital pillar in the community, along with many other organizations that ensure King County is a welcoming place for immigrants and refugees from around the world.

Looking forward, we will continue to create opportunities for immigrants and their family members to succeed, while honoring their heritage. Our team of 130 bilingual staff is dedicated to empowering each person we serve from toddlers to age 102. We will do so with compassion while continuing to adapt and innovate in response to emerging challenges.

• Building a solid foundation: Our preschool teachers, early learning specialists, and after-school program staff are dedicated to preparing youth for school and life by building their academic, language, and cognitive abilities. We are incorporating research-based strategies to help youth with problem-solving and social skills that are needed to navigate a dynamic world.

• Strengthening individuals and families: Our Family Resource Centers are a place to go for information & assistance, cultural activities, and community building. We utilize technology to serve our clients remotely while maintaining in-person meetings for those who prefer this option.

• Improving the well-being of older adults: Our Sunshine Garden and senior activity programs in East & South King County promote healthy living and social connections. We have weekly in-person activities including Tai Chi, yoga, and karaoke and virtual programming that is convenient for those who prefer not to travel. Annually, we are responsible for ensuring 2,100 seniors are able to thrive in their homes with the support of caregivers and equipment, and we support hundreds of family members who care for a loved one.

All of us appreciate your support of our mission. Contributions from the community have enabled us to build a team of bilingual staff who speak Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian, Vietnamese, and Spanish languages who improve the lives of families, youth, and older adults throughout King County.

Make a year end donation to CISC today. Your donation of $100, $250, $500, $1000 or any amount will support our team retention efforts. Our 130 bilingual staff start each day knowing they have the power to improve lives through our programs and services. Providing a competitive wage is essential for nonprofit organizations to retain an excellent workforce that provide vital social services.

On behalf of our team and board of directors, thank you for your continued support of CISC. We wish you a safe and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Michael Itti, Executive Director

Mary Hsu, Board President
After-school Program Highlights

Afterschool program implemented fun rewards for students to reinforce positive behaviors. Gifting prizes to students encourages consistency with behavior, procedures, and routines.

Care for Elderly Community
One of our Afterschool Program’s goals is to increase opportunities for student to practice social-emotional skills especially empathy. The students chose to create products to solve the elderly’s daily challenges. The groups identified minor inconvenience and daily struggles of the elderly community, and they came up with the ideas of creating vacuum shoes, back scrubber and back scratcher with a waterproof blue-tooth speaker, and a robot who can cure cancer. It's a great activity for students to develop problem-solving, teamwork and leadership skills. It's encouraging to witness students' strong and active engagements.

Students was taught by one parent from the parent engagement program using play dough to make Christmas tree with decorations. The positive partnerships we build with parents will drive student
Family Resource Center Fun & Learn

Fun and Learn – that’s how we concluded our 2022 with educational games and activities at CISC Family Resource Center with 130+ community members. Big THANKS to our youth volunteers, King County Metro, Seattle Human Service Department, Seattle Public Utilities, and Seattle Office of Labor Standards for making this event a blast.

From all of us at CISC,
Wishing you all a holiday season full of cheer and good health.

Thank you for making a difference in our immigrant community!

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