CISC Endorses the Veterans, Seniors & Human Services Levy

Thank you to King County voters and CISC supporters, for voting to approve the VSHSL (Veterans, Seniors & Human Services Levy) in 2017. This Levy provides a wide range of programs that connect seniors, veterans, military service members and their families, with affordable housing, employment, behavioral health treatment and other services.

This funding over the last three years has helped CISC in the following ways:

- Supported programs at the Sunshine Garden Senior Center
- Provided bi-lingual outreach staff to connect with seniors who are feeling isolated and living in remote areas, making it challenging for them to access resources
- In collaboration with three other senior centers in South Seattle, a senior center hub called Hub for Asian American Pacific Islander (HAAPI) was created to strengthen and promote cross-cultural collaboration and sharing

With the current VSHSL Levy expiring in December 2023, CISC has endorsed KC Prop 1 on the Primary Election ballot on August 1st.

To learn more about this Levy, please refer to your Voter’s pamphlet.

Kick Off to the Summer Learning Program Begins

Our Summer Learning Program is designed to empower students with their academic learning and to promote their social emotional learning continually. Not only can students immerse themselves in structured educational programs, but it gives them an opportunity to stay engaged, while having fun.

Classes included: origami, painting, cooking, team games, music, learning about the environment and even a field trip to the Bullitt Center in Seattle to learn about urban sustainability (seen on the right).

To learn more:
Youth Development Program
Every year, the National Institute of Senior Centers’ (NISC) annual Programs of Excellence Awards honors and promotes the outstanding programs offered by senior centers across the country.

This year, CISC’s Senior Helping Senior Network Program, which is a part of CISC’s Sunshine Garden Chinese Senior Community Center, was among the top recipients recognized for the Program for Excellence Award.

“This year’s awardees are proof that senior centers continue to be hubs of innovation for creative programs that reach a diverse population of older adults, improving lives and communities,” said Dianne Stone, NCOA’s Associate Director of Network Development and Engagement.

The Sunshine Garden Chinese Senior Community Center launched a project, focusing on senior center participants who live alone and have not participated in senior center activities either via Zoom or in person, as well as those who received free iPads but did not join any activities via Zoom. The goal: to connect identified seniors to care communities and other vital community resources, with the support of culturally competent programs. This kind of connection and engagement can be especially important for Chinese seniors, who may have limited access to cultural activities due to language or physical barriers.

To learn more:
- Sunshine Garden, Chinese Community Center
- Program of Excellence Awarded to Seniors Helping Senior Network
- National Council of Aging

Mayor Bruce Harrell Visits CISC

Mayor Bruce Harrell hosted a press conference at CISC to announce the expansion of the City’s Affordable Seattle initiative. He thanked community-based organizations, City staff, and Google.org partners for their work building a program and tool called CiviForm that included feedback from the community during its development. Thank you to Karia Wong, CISC Family Resource Center Director, for providing perspectives and feedback from social workers to improve CiviForm. Learn more about the Affordable Seattle Executive Order.

Supervisors Attend Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Foundations Training Workshop

As we continue to grow as a team and serve more clients each year, one of the key elements to advancing the organization’s mission lies with the leadership team.

Recently, CISC supervisors completed a series of 3 ADHI(Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Foundations Training Workshop,
called “Leading with CISC’s Mission and Values”, which was conducted by F.A.C.E. Consulting Collaborative.

At the conclusion of these workshops, our supervisory staff will be better equipped to support CISC’s mission in the following ways:

- Understand their roles and responsibilities as organizational leaders, so they can maintain safe spaces for all staff and community
- Learn to consistently model and uphold CISC’s core values
- Effectively promote anti-racism, diversity, equity and inclusion with each other and across the organization and community

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

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