We commemorated 50 years of CISC in 2022. We honored our founders and the dedication of staff and volunteers who have served the community over the decades by sharing their stories and accomplishments. We celebrated with friends, volunteers, and colleagues at our gala event.

The new year saw our transition back to providing in-person services for our more than 20 family, youth, and senior programs. From graduation ceremonies to Tai Chi classes to visiting clients in their homes, we were delighted to have the familiarity of sights and sounds—a big change from the previous two years.

We launched and continued several initiatives. We brought community leaders together to build stronger connections and address urgent challenges. We developed a summer learning program to engage youth with activities and lessons to support their skills and development. We expanded our Russian Senior Day program in Bellevue to reduce social isolation among older adults. And, we continued our partnership with HealthierHere into its fourth year to address social determinants of health and advance diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Our strengths come from you, our team, and the power of community. From our first executive director to our longest serving staff, compassion for others and a commitment to empower our clients are the legacies we have upheld and continue to cherish from day one to today. Thank you for enabling CISC to make a positive impact on thousands of people in King County.

On behalf of our team and board of directors, thank you for your continued support of CISC.

MICHAEL ITTI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Participants who attended Sunshine Garden in-person and virtual classes

Visits by seniors to assist them with accessing vital programs to improve their quality of life

Workshops to inform seniors about Medicare and other affordable healthcare options

Home visits and developmental screenings to support youth in their early years

Spanish and Chinese-speaking unpaid family caregivers received support

Activities and classes in Russian and Chinese languages at North Bellevue Community Center

Lawyers volunteered at our legal clinic and naturalization workshops

Visits by seniors to assist them with accessing vital programs to improve their quality of life

Activities and classes in Russian and Chinese languages at North Bellevue Community Center

Workshops on CPR and accessing emergency services for limited English speaking communities

Participants who attended Sunshine Garden in-person and virtual classes

outreach visits to seniors living in affordable housing in Seattle

Data may include duplicate client interactions
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are incredibly grateful to the community for enabling CISC to make a positive impact for five decades. We enjoyed celebrating with more than 300 community members at our 50th Anniversary Friendship Gala. Through contributions and sponsorships, we raised more than $500,000 to advance our mission to create opportunities for immigrants and their families to succeed while honoring their heritage. Learn more at cisc-seattle.org/50th.
NEW REPORT BY STOP AAPI HATE

CISC responded to the rise in anti-Asian hate in 2020 by creating a new agency program and joining the Coalition Against Hate and Bias. During the pandemic, elder Asian Americans have reported significant fear of physical assault, stress, and anxiety. A report by Stop AAPI Hate highlighted our Sunshine Garden Chinese Senior Center efforts to support older adults by providing iPads to access our virtual programs as one real solution to building safer places for our elders. Read more at stopaapihate.org/reports.

EXPANDING THE RUSSIAN-SPEAKING SENIOR DAY PROGRAM

We launched the Russian Senior Day program in 2019 to promote wellness and social activities for older adults who speak Russian. The one-day program, funded by the City of Bellevue, at North Bellevue Community Center has provided in-person and virtual programming during the pandemic. A grant from Amazon enabled CISC to add a second day of activities and organize a Technology Day where Amazon team members joined us to provide free Fire Tablets to the seniors. Along with CISC staff, they showed seniors how to utilize the tablets to access resources and stay in touch with family and friends.

CELEBRATING AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

May ushered in opportunities for youth and seniors to celebrate AAPI heritage. Our Sunshine Garden Day event enabled seniors to hear stories, enjoy dancing and exercises, and informative workshops. Our early learning and youth programs featured book readings, activities, and a field trip to the Seattle Asian Art Museum.

Mission Statement
We support immigrants and their families by creating opportunities for them to succeed, while honoring their heritage.

Vision Statement
A culturally-inclusive, supportive community where immigrants and their families thrive.

Core Values
Community • Compassion • Empowerment • Equity • Inclusion
BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL RECOGNITION

The Bilingual Preschool achieved a 100% score and certification by Soy Bilingüe Dual Language Preschool Assessment. The accreditation speaks to the work of the preschool’s teachers and their commitment to creating a dual language and language-responsive classroom.

In addition, the preschool ceremony returned in person on June 17 and featured caps and gowns, music, and a short film highlighting students’ activities. Our teachers enjoyed seeing the smiles of proud family members and being able to hand their children certificates.

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

A new summer learning program launched to enable 80 youth to continue their education during the summer months through engaging and culturally-relevant activities and lessons. We integrated science, technology, engineering, arts, and math concepts during field trips to the Museum of Flight, Kelsey Creek Farm, Seahurst Beach Park, and more. The LKC Foundation provided a generous grant for the program.

REGIONAL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

For decades, CISC has utilized the Family Center model to serve the community. We listen to the needs of immigrant communities and build wrap-around services in response. In late 2022, we moved our team in Kent to a larger location in Renton, which houses our South King County Family Resource Center. We often work in collaboration with partners to host events such as our workshop at our Seattle Family Resource Center with King County Metro on accessing public transportation and addressing safety concerns.

OPEN ENROLLMENT OUTREACH

Our dedicated Healthcare Access team held more than 60 in-person and virtual outreach events during Open Enrollment including in Seattle, Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond, and Renton. We conducted presentations and answered questions to help individuals and seniors make informed decisions about Medicare and the Affordable Care Act.
SUNSHINE GARDEN CELEBRATES 35TH ANNIVERSARY

The Sunshine Garden Chinese Senior Community Center celebrated its 35th anniversary at a community event and honored Julie Hwang, the first Sunshine Garden coordinator, as well as Vivian Chan and Andes Kong who also served the community in that role.

FAMILY RESOURCE SUPPORT PROGRAM

The invasion of Ukraine led numerous refugees to seek help from CISC. Despite their worries and feeling of helplessness, our team members at Bellevue Mini City Hall demonstrated compassion by making each person feel cared for and welcomed in the community. They received assistance on how to access essential needs, such as food and cash assistance, temporary housing, behavioral health services, employment and training programs, and childcare assistance, which fostered a sense of stability and hope. In addition, we collaborated closely with community-based partners and resettlement agencies tailored to individual cultural backgrounds and language preferences.

NORTH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER

213 activities were offered to seniors on the eastside at North Bellevue Community Center in 2022. Classes included Tai Chi, ballroom & line dancing, Oxford pictures, ESL, and singing classes. "The focused, low-impact movements can help our seniors increase muscle strength, improve stability and protect against falls, calm anxiety and support one’s mental health, and enhance immunity," said Mary and Chris, CISC Tai Chi class volunteer instructors.

131
Staff who speak Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian, Vietnamese, Spanish, English and other languages

23
Programs serving families, youth, and older adults throughout King County

516
Individual and organizational donors supporting our mission
With support from HealthierHere, we began and continued several efforts to improve health outcomes and address social determinants of health. We began an innovative partnership with Lutheran Community Services NW to support seniors and promote mental wellbeing. We are implementing a new technology platform, Salesforce, to enable us to better understand emerging needs. We continued advancing on our anti-racism and diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative.

The LKC Foundation provided a grant to launch a summer learning program for 80 preschool and grade school students. The timely investment responded to an urgent need to ensure youth continue their learning and growth during the summer.

Leaders in our region have worked together across cultures and communities to make King County a better place. CISC and the Anti-Defamation League-Pacific Northwest joined many other community-based organizations to launch an Asian Jewish Initiative. The initiative will facilitate stronger connections and responses around common challenges and opportunities, in particular responding to hate and discrimination. The launch featured panel discussions at the Wing Luke Museum and Temple de Hirsch Sinai.

The annual Rice Drive in partnership with the Chinese American Citizen Alliance - Seattle Lodge returned. CISC staff, CACA members, and community volunteers made it a great success in distributing bags of rice to seniors. Participants were encouraged to vote and received translated information from the voter’s guide.
FINANCE REPORT

Revenue

- Government grants and contracts: $10,939,567
- Contributions & special events: $691,132
- Foundation and business grants: $225,514
- Investment Income: $21,576

Total Revenue: $11,877,789

Expenses

Program services:
- Elderly: $5,274,447
- Literacy: $89,566
- Family and youth: $3,433,919

Supporting services:
- Management and general: $1,084,431
- Fundraising: $218,831

Total Expenses: $10,101,194

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