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July 2024 Newsletter

Generations United: CISC Kids Bring Joy to the Senior House



CISC's Summer Learning Program launched this month to enable students to experience hands-on learning and fun during the summer. One of the first field trips involved bringing joy and warmth to the International House seniors. The room lit up as the kids sang "The Moon Represents My Heart," a beloved Chinese 70s pop song. The seniors joined in, their expressions showing joy upon hearing a familiar song. "I was nervous at first to sing in public, but the elderly were listening attentively with smiling faces. It made me feel more relaxed," one student shared. Another student proudly interpreted in Toisanese for the elders, ensuring everyone felt included. CISC appreciates the LKC Foundation for providing Summer Learning Program funding for the third consecutive year, which enables us to support the next generation.

Community Outreach at Redmond Derby Days



Our team members participated in the annual Redmond Derby Days with two booths that showcased our programs and resources. Six teams attended the event: Sunshine Garden (Eastside Outreach Team), Healthcare Access, Community Living Connection, Anti-Bias/Anti-

Hate, Voter Registration Outreach, and Care Coordination. We enjoyed talking with the 800 community members who visited our booths. Our outreach efforts reached a highly diverse audience, including members of the Russian-speaking, South Asian, Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish-speaking communities. We connected with individuals of all age groups, from kids and teenagers to families and seniors.

Expanding Information & Assistance Services

In response to community needs, we've expanded information and assistance services for Russian and Ukrainian-speaking communities on the Eastside. In addition to Bellevue Mini City Hall, we're now at Peter Kirk Community Center on Thursday mornings and Redmond Together Center on Thursday afternoons. Our team members are delighted to assist community members in learning about information from community partners and government agencies and accessing services related to affordable healthcare, housing options, transportation, benefits applications, employment opportunities, and more.



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EAST KING COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

- We provide information and direct assistance services to the Russian and Ukrainian-speaking community. Our staff assists clients in understanding available options and resources, enabling them to make informed choices.
- We assist clients in obtaining information from community partners and government agencies. We also provide support related to health insurance options, housing options, transportation, benefits applications, education, employment opportunities, energy and utility assistance, and more.
- Our team will be happy to assist you with any inquiries or requests. Service locations and contact information are listed below.

Peter Kirk Community Center
352 Kirkland Ave.
Kirkland, WA 98033
Thur: 9am - 12pm
(206) 751-6651

Redmond Together Center
16305 NE 87th St.
Suite# 123
Redmond, WA 98052
Thur: 2pm - 5pm
(206) 751-6651

Bellevue Mini City Hall
Crossroads Shopping Center,
Suite# E1
15600 NE 8th St.
Bellevue, WA 98008
Mon: 10am - 2pm
Tue & Thur: 10am - 6pm
(425) 502-0883

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Nature and Community: Elders Engage with Marine and Botanical Life



This summer, CISC's Sunshine Garden Chinese Senior Community Center and the Russian-speaking Senior Day Program hosted enriching field trips, enhancing our elders' well-being through social gatherings. On July 23rd, 48 elders and 4 volunteers from the Chinese community explored Golden Gardens Park, guided by four Beach Naturalists from the Seattle Aquarium who shared insights into intertidal marine life. Meanwhile, the Russian-speaking Senior Day Program hosted its first field trip. Seniors walked under the shades at Bellevue Botanical Garden, where participants enjoyed the serene landscape, vibrant blooms, and tranquil ambiance. At CISC, we believe that offering opportunities for social gatherings and a robust support system enhances the happiness and well-being of our elders.

Fun-Filled Family Day at Woodland Park Zoo



The ParentChild+ Home Visiting Education program hosted a memorable end-of-year family field trip to Woodland Park Zoo on June 21. The event saw an impressive turnout of 153 participants, including caregivers, children from the program, and their family members. Before exploring the zoo, our Early Learning Specialists led engaging cultural games to encourage families to get to know each other. This ice-breaking event helped our kids practice valuable skills and strengthened the relationships between families and the CISC community.

We're excited to announce that the ParentChild+ team is planning another zoo visit for newly enrolled families in the fall. Please contact Queena Cai at 206-471-3243.

Riding the New Sound Transit 2 Line



The Family Resource Center organized an exciting field trip for our community to experience the new Sound Transit 2 Line to Redmond. Thirty people, including 14 families, participated in the event. A special highlight of this trip was that teenagers from our Youth Volunteer Program meticulously planned the entire event's itinerary, including games, questions, and tasks. Their leadership and creativity truly shone throughout the day. This trip included visits to the Microsoft Visitor Center and a local blueberry farm. Additionally, practical lessons on navigating the transit system and applying for an ORCA card were offered, empowering our community with valuable skills.

ANHPI Primary Election Candidate Forum at CISC



The 12th Annual Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (ANHPI) Primary Election Candidate Forum, featuring Seattle City Council candidates running for the citywide position 8, occurred at CISC on July 25. About 100 community members attended and interpretation was provided in Cantonese. Councilmember Tanya Woo, Alex Mercedes Rinck, and Saunatina Sanchez answered questions about homelessness, gentrification, public safety, police accountability, social services funding, and more. ACRS, CISC, ReWA, UTOPIA, and Wing Luke Museum organized the event.

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