



CCCSA NEWSLETTER

Calgary Chinese Community Service Association

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2014 Greeting

By Lily Kwok, Executive Director, CCCSA

CCCSA has served the community for 35 years, our motto is *“Connecting the hearts of the community”* and our goal is to foster a stronger sense of community and to promote social and personal responsibility.

In 2013, we witnessed the worst flood in Calgary and CCCSA quickly jumped in to help, not only to demonstrate our care and concern but in the spirit of building a stronger community. We worked with other partners and volunteers to support residents and local businesses.

During these tough times, a caring community can help to make a real difference in people’s lives. With all of our hard work, we are proud to be recognized by the Provincial Government and the Municipal Government as one of the Heroes of the flood. Today, we are still working with other stakeholders to rebuild and revitalize Chinatown. We will also continue our work so that residents will have information on how to prepare themselves for an emergency.

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Annual Report 2013, AGM & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 2013

By Tina Tian, Communications Coordinator, CCCSA

CCCSA 2013 general meeting and volunteers appreciation was successfully completed on November 24th. In the business meeting, our board members reported the progress we made in the previous year. In particular, we expressed our everlasting gratitude to our volunteers for helping make our community stronger. After the business meeting, there was a banquet along with a wonderful performance by the volunteers.

Shall We Dance 2013

By Jim Wong, Board Secretary of CCCSA

CCCSA’s 2013 Shall We Dance Fundraising Event at the Glenmore Inn was a success!

We were able to raise funds towards the construction of our new facilities but most important of all, the attendees had fun. We had to close the event around mid-night under the threat from the hotel management of turning everyone into pumpkins!

We are pleased to have the fundraising event attended by many of our supporters including the three levels of government. We thank everyone for their support.

CCCSA’s Shall We Dance Fundraising event was started by four University of Lethbridge students back in 2004. They took the theme from the famous movie that year called “Shall We Dance” starring Richard Gere.

Interesting to note that in 2004 the featured band for the event was the “Cream and Sugar” and it was the same band last year. The members are older and seem to have wider waist bands, but their music and energy remained just as popular and vibrant as 10 years ago. We had a feature dance performed by Eric Sit and his wife. The audience was pleasantly surprised to learn that he was also a member of the Cream and Sugar in his younger days. Eric went on stage to sing a few songs with the band for old times’ sake.

We are planning a bigger fundraising event for 2014 and look forward to your continued support. Thank you.



Like US on FACEBOOK to see videos of the dancers in ACTION and much much more!



Alberta Heroes of the Flood award

By Bonnie Dam, Children and Youth Coordinator

CCCSA was quick to act during the 2013 flood, along with other Chinatown organizations, we assisted Chinatown businesses and residents recover and rebuild. We were excited and honoured to learn that CCCSA and our Executive Director, Lily Kwok, were nominated for Alberta's Heroes of the Flood award. Thank you so much for the support from our volunteers and partnering community associations!



CCCSA is moving to a NEW FACILITY in Spring 2015 - 1408 Centre Street NE

By Candy Poon, Co-Chair of CCCSA

CCCSA has been serving the Calgary Chinese population since 1978; with the dedication of our staff and a changing demographic, our client base has been expanding to almost every corner within the City of Calgary. In order to better serve our clients, CCCSA have purchased a new centrally located office.

Our fundraising goal is to reach \$125,000. Thank you for all the generous donations for this initiative to date, we are still seeking donors and supporters! Please contact us at communication@cccsa.ca



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Candy Art 2013

By Princeton Lau, Co-Chair of CCCSA

Halloween? Yes, it has been a while since October 31st, however, we must always be vigilant when it comes to tooth decay! CCCSA's Candy Art competition is an important event promoting dental health, demonstrating that candy isn't only for eating, it makes for some great artwork too!

The competition was started by dentists in 2009 and has become a bi-annual event to raise awareness of oral health around Halloween. Not only does it get people thinking about their teeth, it also provides opportunities to build community and team spirit, while supporting CCCSA's Children and Youth program!

Past competitions involved many teams from local corporations, community groups and dental offices. This year was no different and included teams from college, schools and the public at Cardel Place! We also had an information booth from Alberta Health Services, a hand eye coordination game, a face painting section as well as a traditional Chinese dough figure table.

Everyone did a wonderful job, learned more about dental health and most importantly, had fun! We are deeply appreciative to all our sponsors, partners and volunteers, in particular, Dr. Lu, he and his office created a wonderful candy version of our very own Peace Bridge!

In addition to show casing it at this event, we were very fortunate to have displayed it at city hall and Calgarians really enjoyed it!

Be sure to check out more photos on our Facebook page, floss and brush your teeth daily, and stay tuned for more fun and exciting events!



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Candy Bridge in the City Hall Atrium

By Sammi Tang, Director of Communications, CCCSA

We displayed a Peace Bridge, made from candy collected after Halloween from participating families and local dentists, in the City Hall Atrium from December 9 to 13, 2013.

The colorful three-dimensional candy Peace Bridge is the creation of CCCSA's youth volunteers and a local dentist's office.

"The Candy Art Competition is a very good opportunity for both families and children to create works of art and to build oral health awareness," said Ms Lily Kwok, the Executive Director, CCCSA. "I hope this beautiful bridge may promote local artistic talent, as well as inspire children to understand that candies have an etiological role in dental decay."

The Candy Art Competition was initiated in 2009 and is a friendly way for corporations and families to support the Children and Youth Program at the CCCSA.

Lion's Club funding events 2013

By Tina Tian, Communications Coordinator, CCCSA

Chinatown Lion's Club has been helping us in engaging and empowering children and youth integrate into the Canadian environment in the past few years. With their generosity and support, we successfully organized the Power Play Hockey Program, Glenbow Museum Visit, Upper Kananaskis Lake Trail Hiking, Flip Factory, Summer Camp Activities, and Heritage Park Once upon a Christmas in the past year. 175 people coming from different ethnicities participated in the family-based activities, which has empowered visible minorities to feel more included and supported within our community.



Sinopec Canada Donation to CCCSA

By Sammi Tang, Director of Communications, CCCSA

We were recently selected to be one of the charities to receive the proceeds from Sinopec Canada's Annual Christmas Fundraiser.

The company and its employees generously donated to CCCSA to support various community programs.

"We are pleased and honoured to be recognized by Sinopec Canada and its employees," said Ms. Lily Kwok, the Executive Director, CCCSA. "We thank them for their generous donation to support the work that we do."



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