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Funds still arriving at TCCC from local community, organizations

Over \$73,000 raised for earthquake relief at Tucson Chinese Cultural Center Benefit Concert

WHO: Hundreds of people packed the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center (TCCC) Friday for a concert and auction to benefit victims of the earthquake in the Sichuan Province, China. Together, over \$73,000 was raised to support emergency services for the region where tens of thousands of people have lost their lives and more than a million are homeless and without access to basic necessities.

"We are proud to give the first Benefit Concert for China Earthquake Relief Fund in the United States! We did it in three days and we reached SEVEN TIMES our intended amount of fundraising!" said a jubilant Larry Lang, concert organizer and head of the Tucson Sino Choir.

"We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from our fellow Tucsonans," said Jason Wong, President of the Tucson Chinese Association. "From the volunteers who put together the concert to the organizations who helped us, I am truly honored to be a part of such generosity by so many wonderful people."

MAJOR GIFTS:

- Platinum Level:
 - Pacific International Properties
- Gold Level:
 - Terrazzo Homes
 - Kai Foundation
 - Mr. & Mrs. Dan Feig
- Silver Level:
 - Ventana Medical Systems
 - Texas Instruments
 - Mr. and Mrs. Jason Wong
- Bronze Level:
 - Mr. & Mrs. Kinlen Gee
 - Mr. & Mrs. Victor Gee
 - Mr. & Mrs. Jason Kai
 - Mrs. Esther Tang & David Tang
 - Haoran & Xiaolan Zhang

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VOLUNTEERS & ORGANIZATIONS:

- Tucson Chinese Association
- Tucson Chinese Cultural Center
- Tucson Chinese School
- Pan-Asian Community Alliance
- Chinese American Citizens Alliance Tucson Lodge
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce
- Datong Xu, artist who donated several artworks
- Southern Arizona Chinese Physicians Association
 - Tehli Huo, MD, and Peter Xu, MD, who organized a free medical screening clinic at the event through the Tzu-Chi Foundation
- Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association
 - Gao Linda Chen
- American Red Cross of Southern Arizona

PERFORMING GROUPS:

- Tucson Sino Choir
- Tucson Sino Dance
- Tucson Sino Taiji
- Tucson Sino Martial Arts Group
- Tucson Chinese School
- Charlotte Chan, violinist
- Larry Leung, played the guzheng, a traditional Chinese stringed instrument

DONATIONS: Donations received at the TCCC will support the International Red Cross in care of the American Red Cross of Southern Arizona, Chinese Consulate LA Earthquake Relief Fund and the Wells Fargo China Relief Fund. The TCCC will continue to accept donations and assistance for Sichuan Earthquake Relief. They are located at 1288 W. River Rd., or call 520-292-6900.

Tucson Chinese Cultural Center

The Tucson Chinese Cultural Center (TCCC) opened in August 2005, as a site established to create a sense of place and identity for the diverse Pan-Asian community in Tucson and the Southwest. The TCCC is a part of the Tucson Chinese Association (TCA), a nonprofit (501C3) corporation that promotes, sponsors, and educates the community relating to the Chinese culture and heritage via activities and the Tucson Chinese School throughout the year.

The TCCC, a 16,000-square-foot structure, is located at 1288 W. River Rd. Tucson, Arizona, USA 85704 with a main phone number of 520-292-6900. The center's hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sundays. For more information, visit their website at www.tucsonchinese.org.