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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear TCCC supporters:

On Oct. 28, 2015 the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center celebrated its 10 anniversary at our River Road location. Many good things have happened in the past decade and we have much to be proud of. Without you all, we won't be here today. So I want to sincerely say "Thank you" to each of you for your support in the last 10 years.

But after 10 years, our programs are experiencing growing pains and our beautiful building needs repairs to keep it in top shape. As the year ends we are asking for your help and support to keep our center and its program strong in its second decade. Please consider the list of needs detailed below and consider making a gift of money, goods or time to the program of your choice. Sponsorships with naming rights are available for significant or ongoing donations.

BUILDING NEEDS

- Our biggest need is for new air conditioning, which will have to be replaced in the upcoming year. This is a big financial project, so we've started a fund to pay for it.
- Landscape service. Our seniors are no longer able to do this, so we need to hire a company to maintain our campus.
- Our east courtyard is beautiful, but the heat makes it unusable for much of the year. We want to add a shade structure to allow us to use this space year-round.

Needs for ongoing services

- Insect extermination services
- Exterior window cleaning
- Recycling pickup
- Paper supplier

Significant needs

- New partitions for the multi-purpose room
- New sofas for the lobby
- New microphone system
- Television to be used at events, 70 inches or larger
- Faster WiFi router
- New hand sink in the kitchen
- New lighting system
- New audio-visual system
- Refinishing of wooden floor
- Walk-in refrigerator
- Refinishing asphalt parking lot
- Storage units
- Installation of BBQ grill (grill has been donated, but isn't being used yet)
- Window coverings for classrooms
- Security camera system

Wish List (smaller needs/supplies)

- White-board markers
- Donations box
- First-aid kit
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- New scanner
- Printer ink

TUCSON CHINESE CULTURAL CENTER PROGRAMS

HISTORY

Program director Robin Blackwood reached a new high for our history program by successfully applying for the TCCC to host a Smithsonian exhibit, "I Want The Wide American Earth." This exhibit, featuring large panels that tell the story of Asian immigration to the United States, will be at the TCCC from March 19 to May 29, 2016. We will work with other local groups to showcase the full story of Asian immigration to the Tucson area.

Significant needs

Donations or sponsorships to underwrite the exhibit

Wish List (smaller needs)

Volunteer to arrange and oversee rotating exhibit for the display cases in the hallway to the classrooms

TUCSON CHINESE SCHOOL

This year has been a big one for the Tucson Chinese School. We celebrated our 65th

anniversary. We added conversational classes, continue our collaboration with Confucius Institute at the University of Arizona offering martial arts, tai chi, watercolor and calligraphy classes.

Significant needs

Funds for well-deserved teacher pay raises
Smart boards for the classrooms
Computers
Laptops
Ping pong tables

Wish List (smaller needs)

Printer paper
Ping pong paddles and balls
Badminton paddles and birdies
Basketballs
Watercoloring ink and brushes

SENIORS

The seniors program is exploding, with 150 people attending each week. More people are coming for tai chi – there are now five classes – and for mahjong. We are committed to keeping the cost of participation low — only \$125 a year or \$7 a day — because many of our seniors are on fixed incomes. Participants help support the program by making and selling Chinese tamales each year — this year they raised nearly \$5,000. The seniors also helped make mooncakes this fall. We'd like to thank the UA Confucius Institute for providing tai chi instructors and we'd like to thank Chinese folk dancing teacher Shuping Zhao; tai chi instructor Roger Ederly, line dancing teacher Karen Lee Yee and aerobics teacher Donna Phillips. Our teachers have been volunteering for many years, but we need to start paying them.

Significant needs

Financial support to pay teachers
Donations for food
Mahjong sets and tables

Wish List (smaller needs)

Volunteer cooks
Volunteer mah jong teacher

LION DANCE

Our lion dance team is growing and doing more advanced routines. The team is divided into age and ability groups and is doing more performances. Conversational Mandarin classes also are offered each day along with practice. This year we are preparing to update the team's logos and branding and are starting to do outreach to area schools. WE are trying to incorporate Chinese YOYO as part of the lion dance team too.

Significant needs

Van to carry lion heads and drums

Updated uniforms, shoes, sashes, headbands

Electric YOYO's

Additional financial support for our beloved instructors who commute from Phoenix to Tucson every other week.

RED THREAD FAMILIES

After several quiet years, the number of children being adopted from China is on the rise again. In response, Tucson Red Thread Families ramped up again. We had the first Red Egg and Ginger party in several years, a lovely night with about 75 people in attendance. We also brought back our long-dormant Moon Festival in the park, which included a shadow puppet play, a lantern parade and a visit from the Moon Goddess and the Jade Rabbit. Another highlight was our second annual pool party, this year held at the Jewish Community Center.

WISH LIST (smaller needs)

Donations to sponsor a spring 2016 from filmmaker Dr. Changfu Chang, who produces films about Chinese adoption.

Your continuous help and support is greatly appreciated!

Tucson Chinese Cultural Center is a non-profit organization. We are a 501C3.

Donations can be made on our website:



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