

Year 2001 Annual Report

2001 年度报告前言

二十一世纪是中国人的世纪。远离祖国故乡，在美国生活工作奋斗的华人都希望在异国他乡有一个象征中华文化凝聚力、象征华人大联合的活动中心。来自世界各方的炎黄子孙能在这里找到乡音、找到朋友、欢聚一堂、互相帮助，交流经验、弘扬中华文化、开展华人社区的各项活动。

经过多年的努力，在各方朋友的关心和支持下，特别是在香港超级市场华人企业家王裕炎先生的鼎力帮助下，休斯顿中国人活动中心在蛇年安了家，有了近三万平方英尺的使用面积。拥有三万多册藏书的中文图书馆、阅览室、展示厅、多功能活动厅、会议室、教室等，可供华人社团举办各种会议、讲座和联谊活动。许多来自中国的舞蹈家、音乐家、武术家、美术家，还有电脑学校等选择到中国人活动中心开班授课，举行汇报演出和展览等；华人业余合唱团、曲艺社、乒乓球俱乐部等也纷纷进来“安家落户”。中国来的考察团、招商团、科技教育交流团等安排在中心开会，与新老朋友聚会洽谈。中国人活动中心自新址启用剪彩以来，每周开放六天，服务人数每周逾 2000 人次。到了周末，楼上楼下，人来人往，男女老少，各得其乐。中心成了华人家庭和社团的活动乐园。

有了自己“家”，侨社有了更大的凝聚力。去年休斯顿侨社的许多重大活动就是由中国人活动中心协调组织或在中国人活动中心举办的。如春节侨社团拜、万人签名支持北京申奥、邀请承办云南省民族歌舞团访美巡回演出、国庆宴会、表彰为促进美中友好作出杰出贡献的美国友人、华人社团联合参加感恩节大游行、组织赈灾募款，以及动员华人参政参选等。

中国人活动中心是一个非盈利性的民间机构，由热心社会公益的各行业人士利用业余时间参与管理。其宗旨是：服务侨社、凝聚侨心、弘扬中华文化、促进美中友好。在新的一年里，中国人活动中心将进一步完善内部运作和管理，加强与华人社区及主流社会的联系，并计划在侨社内外开展大规模基建筹款，争取购买自己的大楼，扩建大型演出剧场及室内球场，建立休斯顿侨社活动的永久场所，造福子孙后代。

我们真诚感谢各界人士长期以来对中国人活动中心的帮助、鼓励和支持！希望在新的一年里，特别是在基建筹款活动中，能继续得到您的慷慨资助和鼎力支持。

祝马年大吉，万事如意！万马奔腾，共同迎接中国人的新世纪！

中国人活动中心 理事会
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Message from the Chair of Board

Greetings,

2001 was a year of change and a new beginning for the Chinese Civic Center. As we entered the new century, the Chinese Civic Center has settled into a new facility which is an in-kind usage space donated by Mr. Duong Du Hai. The facility is located at 10052 Harwin Drive, Houston. With limited capital fund, we renovated about 30,000 sqft of the building, enlarged the Jinbaoshan library; furnished rooms for community organization gatherings, and provided training spaces to many Chinese Cultural/Arts education institutes serving youths and seniors and professional job training programs. Our center opens 6 days a week. Weekly services have reached over 2000 individuals and families. We have successfully coordinated many major community-wide events.

CCC has approached more funding resources and built better connections with many segments of our community, including business leaders, community representatives, and over 40 non-profit organizations. Board Directors have set the goals to foster collaborative efforts, volunteerism and leadership; to promote multi-culture, arts, language and heritage education; to enrich the lives of individuals, and families and to enhance US-China relationship. I am very pleased that CCC has reached a new level, and I am confident that the Chinese Civic Center will strengthen our fundraising effort, our relationships with donors, and our partnership with more community organizations. We have launched a capital campaign to purchase a building of our own with enough space for all current programs, plus a gym and a performance hall. The Board of Directors has a vision to make the Chinese Civic Center a hub around which many grass root organizations and families gather to build a stronger community. In the pages of this Report, you will read about programs, services and events the Chinese Civic Center has coordinated and achieved in the past year.

As a donor and/or a volunteer, your support has been essential to us. You enabled the Chinese Civic Center to continuously grow. Thank you for your generosity and dedication! Please continue to support us and refer your friends to join our community building efforts. Together, we can make things happen! Together, we can make our dream come true!

Thank you and wish you a prosperous year of the Horse!

Yun C (Grace) Li 李允晨
Chair, Board of Directors

LIST OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

During 2001, the Chinese Civic Center (CCC) provided a full range of programs and activities to serve the Chinese American community and other communities in the Great Houston area. Below is a list of our major programs and activities.

Chinese Language Library

In 2001 we experienced rapid growth in membership and our library collections. The number of members has reached 1725. We now have about 30,000 books and periodicals. The library also has 3,640 video CDs and about 2,500 videotapes. The library opens 6 days a week (closed on Monday) to the public.

Community Activities

Asian Heritage Month celebration

In May, we invited Yunnan Folk Dance Trope from China to present a world-class art performance to showcase the richness of our heritage. The Asian Heritage Month event provided an excellent opportunity to unite the community and to connect it to the mainstream society.

Donation to the victims of Sept.11 tragedy

Chinese Civic Center together with other organizations in the Chinese community raised a total of \$25,000 to the victims of the World Trade Center attack victims through the American Red Cross.

Thanksgiving parade

We participated in this annual event again. This is another excellent opportunity to present our culture to the mainstream society. In addition, since it took place right after the Sept. 11 tragedy, we demonstrated through the parade our strength, unity, and belief in freedom.

China National Day Celebration

A Gala was organized during the China national day celebration to reconnect us to our heritage and culture. Besides showing the richness of Chinese culture, it also demonstrated the unity of Chinese communities. At the gala, we recognized the contributions made by prominent people in the Houston area to the Sino-U.S. relationship, as an effort to promote mutual understanding among the peoples and to further enhance the tie between the two countries.

Art Exhibitions

We had a Chinese New Year folk art exhibition at the center to introduce the rich history and culture of China to the general public. We also organized art exhibitions of renowned Chinese landscape painters to promote cultural exchanges between the United States and China.

New emigrant education and seminars

A series of classes and seminars were organized on topics such as tax preparation, English language skill improvement, health care, etc.

Senior activities

We provided the facilities for seminars on health care, Chinese Folk arts and music, Taiji exercises, and other social gatherings to the seniors.

Youth sports activities

The center provided space to Ping Pong club and Kung Fu practices to promote self-confidence and mutual respect. Various card games were also organized together with other organizations.

The center also hosted Chinese movie shows, trader exhibitions, and many other events to serve the general interests of our community.

Hub for Other Community Organizations

During 2001, more than 20 community organizations used the facility for their annual meetings, news conferences, seminars, exhibitions, or other social events on a routine basis. Below is a list of some of those organizations.

- Sino-Professional Club
- CAPST (Chinese Association of Professionals in Science & Technology)
- HuaSheng Academy
- Houston Chinese Basketball Association
- Houston Alumni Association of Beijing University
- NACA (National Association of Chinese Americans)
- ZhiQing Association
- China Overseas Petroleum Alumni
- Overseas Sichuan Development Association
- Overseas Chinese Education Fund
- Shanxi Overseas
- Fudan University Alumni Association, Houston
- CAPA (Chinese American Petroleum Association)
- Alumni Association of Xiamen University
- Zhijiang University Alumni Association
- Houston Yellow River Chorus & Harmonic Chorus
- Texas Wu Yep Association
- Shandong Fellowship Association
- Association of Northeast Chinese, Texas
- New Continent Pen Pals
- Zhejiang Overseas
- United Associations of Chinese Alumni in Houston

Facility for Cultural and Educational Classes

CCC provided spaces to the following youth classes to promote quality education.

- Julia School of Music
- J&J Music School
- Shaolin Kung Fu Academy
- Wang Xincheng Art Studio
- Golden Peacock Dancing School
- Kapok Cantonese Music Club
- Ping Pong (table tennis) Club
- English As Secondary Language Classes
- George Feng Piping Design School
- Mo's Institute of Technology

Financial Statement

Balance Sheet (12/31/2001)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	\$ 249,629	Accounts Payable	\$ 2,500
Total Current Assets	\$ 249,629	Total Liabilities	\$ 2,500
Prepaid Insurance	\$ 3,934		
Library - Books & CD	\$ 81,477		
Furniture and equipment	\$ 14,660		
Leasehold improvements	\$ 34,379		
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$(51,678)</u>		
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 82,772</u>	Fund Balance	<u>\$ 329,901</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 332,401</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 332,401</u>

Income Statement (1/1/2001 to 12/31/2001)

	Current Funds		Property & Equipment	Total
	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>		
Contributions	\$ 3,719			\$ 3,719
United Way grants	\$ 5,000			\$ 5,000
Operations Revenue		\$ 55,955		\$ 55,955
Program Revenue				
Restricted CACHH Grants	\$ 7,000			\$ 7,000
Unrestricted	\$ 46,083	\$ 38,000		\$ 84,083
Investment Income & other		\$ 7,591		\$ 7,591
Total Public Support and Revenue	<u>\$ 61,802</u>	<u>\$ 101,546</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 163,348</u>
EXPENSE				
Operations Expenses		\$ 46,075	\$ 21,973	\$ 68,048
Program Expenses	\$ 52,599	\$ 28,000	\$ -	\$ 80,599
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 52,599</u>	<u>\$ 74,075</u>	<u>\$ 21,973</u>	<u>\$ 148,647</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Public Support and Revenue over Expenses	<u>\$ 9,203</u>	<u>\$ 27,471</u>	<u>\$ (21,973)</u>	<u>\$ 14,701</u>

Note: Income statement does not reflect the sale of the land which took place in February, 2001. 2001 Financial Statements are not audited yet.