

Press Release

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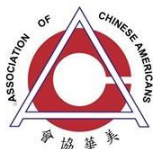
Heartwarming Event Held to Appreciate, Recognize, Congratulate, and Celebrate

Madison Heights, MI (November 21, 2021) – Association of Chinese Americans (ACA) serves up an extra helping of holiday magic this Thanksgiving with the Annual Holiday Celebration on Saturday, November 20, at 7pm Eastern Standard Time. This Holiday Celebration includes the Thanksgiving Celebration, Donor Appreciation and Volunteer Recognition that has been a part of ACA going on for many years.

Host Sharon Dow, Vice President of ACA, kicked off the night with a greeting from ACA President Shenlin Chen and a recap of the significant milestones in ACA from Interim Executive Director, Peggy Du. Together, they took audience on a ride through various ACA accomplishments and most heartwarming moments of 2021. These works are made possible by all of the donors and volunteers who help us carry out our mission. ACA thanks our donors and volunteers for taking care of all aspects of the community's needs, which also follows our traditional virtues of respecting the old and loving the youth.

President, Shenlin Chen, presented the High School scholarship program which was initiated in 1984 to honor local graduating high school seniors of Chinese heritage. It is a keystone of ACA and one of our longest-running programs. The program has been funded by ACA as well as many individuals, families and business. Board of Director, Sue Sung, presented donors who supported ACA's general operation, Online workshops and activities. This category covers General Fund, Annual Gala, Give in May campaign, Building Fund (In memorial of Grace Yu), Senior Program, Youth Program, Internship Program, and PPE donation from NACSAE. ACA is thankful for all the financial contributions made by the donors.

Interim Executive Director, Peggy Du, presented volunteers who supported ACA's events and activities, including Teen Volunteer Council, Immersion Internship Program, Health Screening, Summer Camp, CCC Activities, Art Exhibition, CCC Cleanup and mini painting project, Healthy Gardening Fair, and Mobile Clinics. Canton Center Manager-Lei Wang, Program Coordinator-Shau ching Tang, Program Coordinator-Huanhuan Jia, Program and Inventory Coordinator-Min Liu, and Program Specialist-Liqun Yang, together presented volunteers who supported ACA's events and activities across Southeast Michigan-Canton Township, Ann Arbor City, Westland City, Madison Heights Co-op Apartments, Oakland Park Towers II Apartments, Online Classes, Detroit City, Oakland County, Macomb County, and Farmington Hills City. ACA appreciates everyone's continuous support as it contributes greatly to our efforts in providing valued programs and services to the community.



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Board Secretary, Roland Hwang, presented the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) recipients. The PVSA is a premier volunteer awards program honoring individuals whose service positively impacts communities and inspires those around them to take action. Joined the Official Certifying Organization for the PVSA since 2017, ACA's programs and services are made possible only through the dedicated hard work of countless volunteers and we express our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers. ACA congratulates the 2021 Presidential Volunteer Award winners:

Teens: Joshua Dong (Bronze), Jennie Wei (Silver), Jolie Hom (Gold), Allen Lin (Gold)
Young Adults: Aaron Zheng (Bronze), Sara Hom (Bronze), Dillan Lau (Silver), Ally Wang (Gold),
Shanshan Ye (Gold), Ingrid Huang (Gold)
Adults: Xianfang Xu (Bronze), Choi Hom (Gold), Chue Hom (Gold)

To cap the year, Board of Director, Jie Wang, presented a video with the most heartwarming 2021 moments featuring two testimonials by ACA long-time members and friends—Director of Community Impact at Comcast-Heartland Region, Maria W. Holmes, and Development Associate of ACA, Curtis Lee; and the cultural performances brought by ACA members through ACA programs and activities.

ACA, at the event, also announced a new Teen Volunteer Council (TVC) that will focus on teens in middle and high school, grades 6-12. Co-President, Dillan Lau and Shanshan Ye, presented the TVC mission of helping teen volunteers build a foundation of responsibility, knowledge, leadership skills, and develop an inspirational way to spend time giving back to the community.

Only with the long-time support and contributions from our donors, volunteers, and community friends, ACA was able to fulfill our mission to promote and shape a healthier community. Although 2020 and 2021 were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to come together as a community to face the challenges and hardships that followed. In the spirit of this holiday season, it is also ACA's tradition to Appreciate our Donors, to Recognize our Volunteers, and to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday. ACA invites everyone to learn more and stay connected on www.acadetroit.org and our social media sites. Share with your friends and family! Find us on Facebook and become a fan.



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美華協會線上暖心活動 - 感恩、認可、祝賀、慶祝感恩節

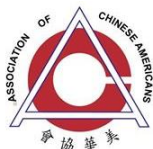
Madison Heights, MI (2021 年 11 月 21 日) – 密西根美華協會 (ACA) 在美國東部標準時間 11 月 20 日星期六晚上 7 點舉行的年度假日慶祝活動中，為感恩節提供了額外的節日魔法幫助。這個節日慶祝活動包括感恩節慶祝活動、捐助者感謝和志願者表彰活動，這些活動一直是 ACA 進行多年的一部分。

節目由美華副會長竇惠娟主持，以美華協會會長陳聖玲的問候和臨時執行董事杜鵬對美華協會重要里程碑的回顧拉開序幕。他們一起帶領觀眾體驗了美華協會的各種成就和 2021 年最溫暖的時刻。所有幫助我們完成使命的捐助者和志願者使這些作品成為可能。美華協會感謝我們的捐助者和志願者照顧社區各方面的需求，這也遵循了我們敬老愛幼的傳統美德。

會長陳聖玲介紹了 1984 年發起的高中獎學金計劃，以表彰當地華裔高中畢業生。它是美華協會的基石，也是我們運行時間最長的項目之一。該計劃得到了美華協會以及許多個人、家庭和企業的資助。理事會理事宋尚行介紹了支持美華協會總體運營、在線研討會和活動的捐助者。此類別包括普通基金、年度晚會、五月捐贈活動、建築基金（紀念 Grace Yu）、高級計劃、青年計劃、實習計劃和 NACSAE 的個人防護裝備捐贈。美華協會對捐助者的所有財政捐助表示感謝。

臨時執行董事杜鵬介紹了支持美華協會活動的志願者，包括青少年志願者委員會、沉浸式實習計劃、健康篩查、夏令營、CCC 活動、藝術展覽、CCC 清理和迷你繪畫項目、健康園藝博覽會和移動診所。廣州中心經理-王磊、項目協調員-Shau ching Tang、項目協調員-Huanhuan Jia、項目和庫存協調員-Min Liu 和項目專家-Liqun Yang 一起介紹了支持 ACA 在密歇根州東南部-廣州鎮舉辦的活動和活動的志願者、安娜堡市、韋斯特蘭市、麥迪遜高地合作公寓、奧克蘭公園塔 II 公寓、在線課程、底特律市、奧克蘭縣、馬科姆縣和法明頓山市。美華協會感謝每個人的持續支持，因為它為我們為社區提供有價值的計劃和服務的努力做出了巨大貢獻。

理事會秘書 Roland Hwang 為總統志願服務獎 (President's Volunteer Service Award-PVSA) 獲獎者頒獎。總統志願服務獎是一項首屈一指的志願者獎勵計劃，旨在表彰對服務產生積極影響的個人，並激勵周圍的人採取行動。自 2017 年加入總統志願服務獎官方認證機構以來，美華協會的項目和服務只有通過無數志願者的辛勤工作才成為可能，我們向所有志願者表示衷心的感謝。美華協會祝賀 2021 年總統志願者獎獲得者：



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青少年組：Joshua Dong（銅牌）、Jennie Wei（銀牌）、Jolie Hom（金牌）、Allen Lin（金牌）
青年組：Aaron Zheng（銅牌）、Sara Hom（銅牌）、Dillan Lau（銀牌）、Ally Wang（金牌）、
Shanshan Ye（金）、Ingrid Huang（金）
成人：Xianfang Xu（銅）、Choi Hom（金）、Chue Hom（金）

為結束這一年，董事會成員王杰展示了一段視頻，其中包含 2021 年最暖心的時刻，其中包括美華協會長期成員和朋友的兩個感言—康卡斯特中心地區社區影響總監 Maria W. Holmes 和美華協會發展助理 Curtis Lee；以及美華協會會員通過美華協會計劃和活動帶來的文化表演。

美華協會在活動中還宣布了一個新的青少年志願者委員會 (Teen Volunteer Council - TVC)，該委員會將專注於 6-12 年級的初中和高中青少年。聯席總裁 Dillan Lau 和 Shanshan Ye 介紹了青少年志願者委員會的使命，即幫助青少年志願者建立責任感、知識和領導技能的基礎，並開發一種鼓舞人心的方式來回饋社區。

只有在捐助者、志願者和社區朋友的長期支持和貢獻下，美華協會才能完成我們促進和塑造更健康社區的使命。儘管 2020 年和 2021 年被 COVID-19 大流行打亂，但我們能夠作為一個社區團結起來，共同面對隨之而來的挑戰和艱辛。本著這個節日的精神，感謝我們的捐助者，認可我們的志願者，並祝大家感恩節快樂，這也是美華協會的傳統。美華協會邀請朋友們訪問我們的網站 www.acadetroit.org 和我們的社交媒體網站上了解更多信息並保持聯繫。與您的朋友和家人分享！