



**Boston Chinatown
Neighborhood Center**
波士頓華埠社區中心



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ABOUT BCNC

Since 1969, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) has been a vital presence in Greater Boston and beyond, empowering Asians and new immigrants to build healthy families, achieve greater economic success, and contribute to thriving communities. We provide a broad range of innovative and family-centered programs and services to more than 13,000 children, youth, and adults every year.

Programs include:

- **Acorn Center for Early Education and Care**
- **Adult Education & Workforce Initiatives**
- **Family Child Care**
- **Family Services**
- **Pao Arts Center**
- **Red Oak After School & Summer**
- **Recreation & Fitness**
- **Youth Center**



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90% of five-year-olds graduated prepared for kindergarten



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95% of immigrant parents improved their resilience

**YOUR SUPPORT
IS CREATING
PATHWAYS
TO BRIGHTER
FUTURES!**

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Average starting wage for adult students was \$16.50/hour



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100% of high school seniors were accepted to college; all are first generation college students

SUPPORTING IMMIGRANT FAMILIES IN QUINCY

To meet the needs of the growing Asian population in the South Shore, BCNC responded with more adult English classes, an expanded youth program, and additional family services. In June 2019, BCNC Quincy celebrated the opening of a new, larger, and more convenient location in Quincy Center.



BCNC Quincy:

- **More than doubled the capacity for adult students, from 54 to 120**
- **Served 100 families through case management and support workshops**
- **Piloted an infant massage program to support new families**
- **Empowered 86 percent of youth to feel confident to navigate college and their communities**



BCNC Portrait: **KEVIN & JUDY**

When their son Henry was born, it changed Kevin and Judy's lives entirely. Kevin and Judy experienced unconditional love that they didn't know was possible and they wanted to be the best parents. However, they quickly discovered how tough parenting is and Henry did not come with an instruction manual. In 2017, when Henry was three years old, they relocated from Indiana to Quincy, Massachusetts for work. **They felt frustrated and hopeless when their son wasn't feeling well, when he didn't sleep, and when he had tantrums.** Desperate for help after moving to a new place where they didn't know anyone, Kevin searched for parenting resources and found BCNC.

Kevin and Judy found a community at BCNC that welcomed and supported them. As Chinese immigrants, their English was not that strong, but BCNC connected them to resources and help with both their parenting concerns and language needs. Through parenting classes at BCNC, Kevin learned about healthy child development, parenting skills, and the important concept of self-care. Kevin shares, ***"Parenting is still not an easy job, but it is the most rewarding one. I am so glad that we took this journey at BCNC - it gave us a lot of hope that Henry will grow up to be a happy and responsible person."***

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

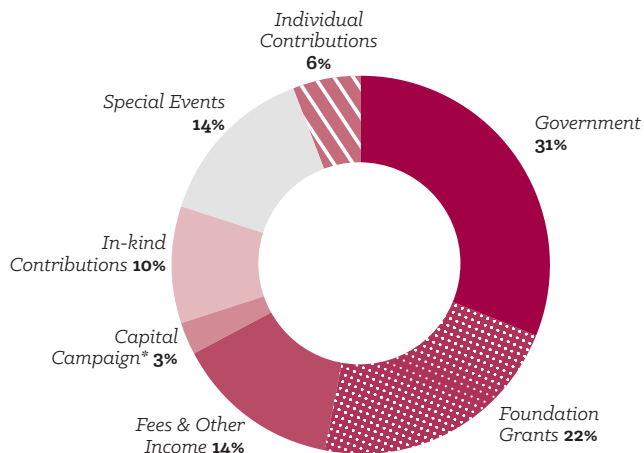
Revenue & Support

GOVERNMENT	\$2,354,351
FOUNDATION GRANTS	\$ 1,654,809
FEES & OTHER INCOME	\$ 1,111,115
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN*	\$ 212,553
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 767,342
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$1,083,655
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$441,065
TOTAL	\$7,624,890

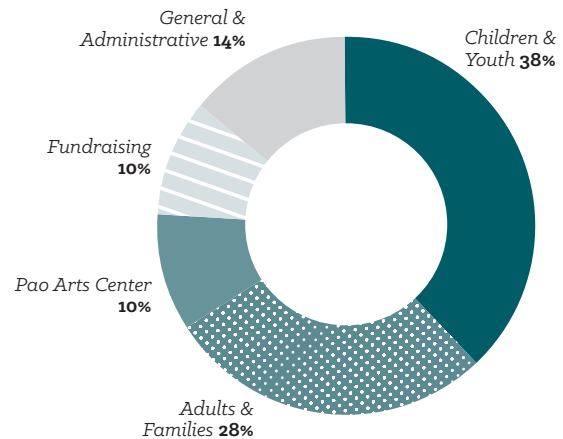
Operating Expenses

PROGRAMS	
CHILDREN & YOUTH	\$2,626,081
ADULTS & FAMILIES	\$1,903,242
PAO ARTS CENTER	\$654,273
ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORT	
FUNDRAISING	\$677,850
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	\$972,587
TOTAL	\$6,834,033
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$790,857

FY 19 Revenue & Support



FY 19 Operating Expenses



*Note: Capital Campaign revenue represents gifts and multi-year pledges received for the Build a Better Life Campaign.





THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH 50 YEARS AND CELEBRATING WITH US!

In 2019, BCNC celebrated 50 years of responding to the needs of immigrant and Asian families. What started as a summer program for 15 youth has grown to four locations in Boston and Quincy that services more than 13,000 each year.



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TEA CEREMONY Left: Co-chairs Scott Schoen & Nancy Wang Adams, Governor Charlie Baker, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. Right: Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch, Tea Master Xingcai Zhang.



Exhibit at Boston Children's Museum



Bamboo Circle Reunion



Staff and Volunteer Banquet



Youth and Recreation Reunion



Adult Education Reunion





Co-Chairs: Peter Chow, Eleanor Pao, Nancy Wang Adams

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

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Guest MC: David Brown



MC: Joy Lim Nakrin



Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu, Honoree Hudson Yang, Sopheak Tek, Giles Li, Honoree Jeff Yang, Singer Katherine Ho



Participants: Yanyi and her mother Chunye



Meet the Artist:
Joanne Chang



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Experience
Chinatown



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Founders: Stephanie Fan, Ken Jue



Former Executive Directors: Giles Li, Elaine Ng, David Moy, Beverly Wing

BCNC Portrait: **WENYIN**



Wenyin and her mentor Ally

Wenyin and her family immigrated from China to Boston Chinatown when she was three years old. The summer before she began high school, a family friend introduced her to the BCNC Youth Center and she joined the leadership and college access programs.

At BCNC, Wenyin found friendships that helped her grow in confidence to become a community leader. Through BCNC, she participated in a pedestrian safety program, organized a recycling campaign, and helped plan a youth-led conference that saw over 100 youth in attendance.

She was also paired with a mentor who walked with her through the college application process. Because Wenyin was the first in her family to consider college, her mentor Ally provided invaluable support such as helping on college essays, giving guidance, and taking her on college tours. BCNC also provided financial aid workshops for parents in Chinese. **Wenyin explains, “My immigrant parents didn’t understand college financial aid, and I lack the Chinese to explain it to them, so having this workshop was really helpful.”**

Wenyin was accepted to seven colleges, received a full scholarship, and now attends Wellesley College as the first in her family to go to college!

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PROTECTING THE CULTURAL VITALITY OF CHINATOWN

The Asian community is rapidly growing but remains underserved by local arts and cultural institutions. At the same time, gentrification threatens

Last year at the Pao Arts Center:

- **10,000 people visited**
- **149 artists presented their work to the public**
- **263 Bunker Hill Community College students took classes, making it the largest off-campus site**
- **93% agreed creativity and culture are important to encourage care for their community**

Chinatown's unique character and its importance as a gathering place for Asians. By promoting the cultural vitality of Chinatown, the **Pao Arts Center** nourishes Asian audiences and artists to greater individual and community health. A co-creation of BCNC and Bunker Hill Community College, the Pao Arts Center empowers communities to learn and thrive socially by offering artist services and educational, placemaking, and presentational programs. ***Thank you for your support that helped the Pao Arts Center celebrate and strengthen the Asian community through accessible and culturally relevant art, education, and creative programs!***



*Pao Arts Center 2018-2019
Artist-in-Residence:*

YU-WEN WU

Neighborhood engagement is the focus of the residency program. An artist works on a dynamic project that stimulates community dialogue in public spaces through artistic practice.

Yu-Wen Wu is a Boston-based interdisciplinary artist who was born in Taipei and came to the United States at the age of seven. Her work is informed by her bicultural upbringing—the eastern and western influences in life and art.

During her residency, Yu-Wen engaged 150 community members in the **Leavings/Belongings** Project to give

voice to immigrants and refugees who made it to the US. Participants created symbolic cloth-wrapped bundles while sharing stories about their own and their family's immigration journeys. These bundles represent what is left behind and what may be carried in migration – survival, hope and dreams. ***“What has struck me most throughout this project is the sense of gratitude,” said Yu-Wen. “Gratitude to have made it to the United States, and gratitude for the opportunity to build a better life in a new country. There is much hope for the future of their children and their families.”*** This project culminated in a multimedia installation at the Pao Arts Center and the project appeared at the SITE Santa Fe biennial in New Mexico in February 2020.

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