### CHINATOWN YMCA 華埠青年會

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2023–24**



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT® FOR HEALTHY LIVING FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY







As I look back on the past year, the Chinatown YMCA is proud to share a few highlights:

- We continue to address food insecurity by starting a new grocery program with support from HSA. 100 Households in the community receive weekly groceries. Grocery items are bought locally, ensuring that the food is culturally relevant, and at the same time, supporting local businesses. Along with our Food Pantry, we now serve over 350 households weekly with food support.
- We supported 200 families with wellness programming in partnership with CYC. From regular exercise to health workshops and field trips, these families learned to live a healthy lifestyle. A healthy family lives together, plays together and exercises together!
- Our Active Older Adults programming continues to grow. We now serve over 150 Seniors with programs aimed at decreasing social isolation and increasing relationship building. This past year, we added an intergenerational aspect by partnering with a local middle school. Our AOA participants and the students met regularly to learn about each other; often finding many similarities that bind us together as one community.

As always, we cannot achieve any of this without you, our most dedicated supporters. I continue to be amazed and humbled by your generosity. Thank you!

This past year, we also lost two long time board members, Hanley Fong and Ford Lee. Their contributions to the Chinatown YMCA were significant. From our capital campaign to build the new Y, to their time on our Board (60+ years each), we are not where we are without their contribution of time and talent. We forge ahead in their memory.

Thank you all as we build strong communities where we all can **BE, BELONG,** and **BECOME**.



ANDY CHU Executive Director Chinatown YMCA



## **CHINATOWN COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE**

APPROXIMATELY 15,000 RESIDENTS CALL THE 20 SQUARE ICONIC BLOCKS OF CHINATOWN HOME.

This vibrant and historic neighborhood, though rich in culture and tradition, faces significant daily challenges





LIMITED ACCESS TO OPEN SPACES



FINANCIAL



70% OF RESIDENTS ARE IMMIGRANTS



71% OF RESIDENTS HAVE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Navigating social services, accessing resources, and finding jobs can be daunting tasks. Financial stability remains a constant struggle for many.

#### **Chinatown Family Income Overview:**



These factors compound the difficulties residents face in achieving a healthy and prosperous life.

### The Chinatown YMCA serves as a vital lifeline, offering programs and services designed to address these specific needs and challenges.



## **ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING**

In Chinatown, where only **5%** of the land is open space compared to the city average of **23%**, access to safe and engaging environments is crucial. This is particularly significant for the **12%** of youth under 18 living in the area.

### Our enrichment programs play a vital role in the social, emotional, and physical development of these children.











Art

Tutoring

Swim Lessons

**Martial Arts** 

Youth Sports

These programs not only offer physical activity and recreation but also foster:



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** 



VOLUNTEERISM

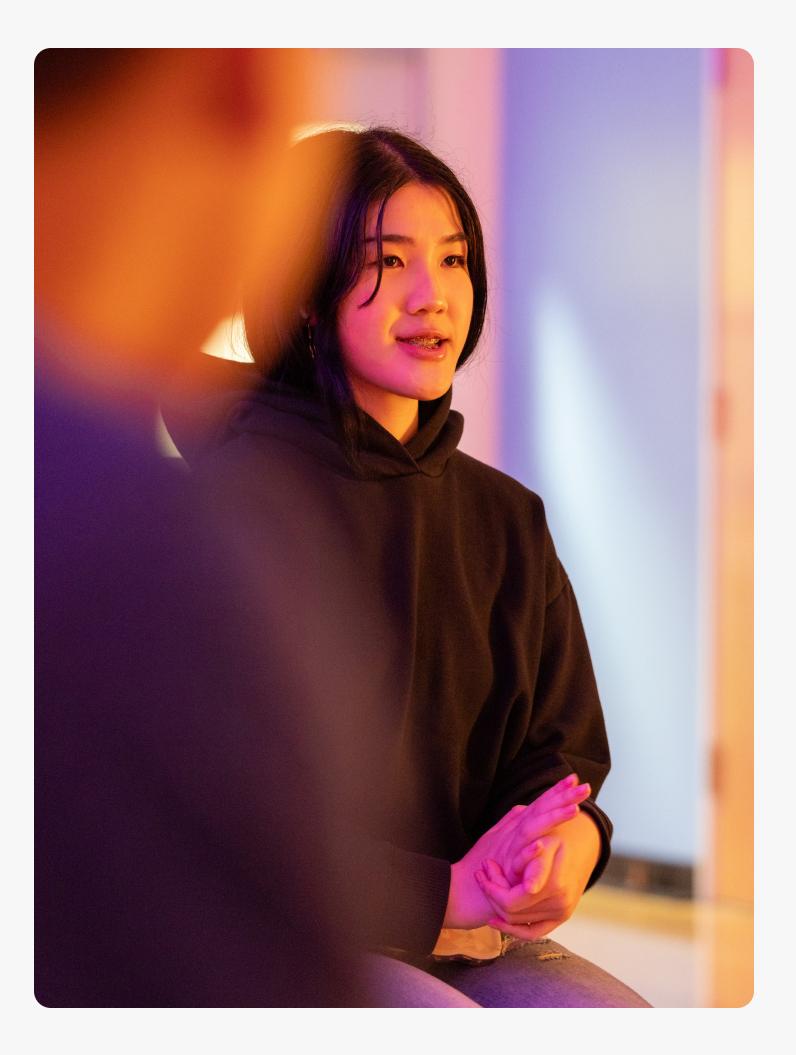


LEADERSHIP



By bridging resource gaps for immigrant and low-income families, our enrichment initiatives support overcoming barriers like language and financial constraints. Celebrating cultural backgrounds helps build self-esteem and positive identity among immigrant youth, nurturing future community leaders.

**INVESTING IN THESE PROGRAMS ENSURES A MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR ALL.** 



## **REACH & RISE MENTORING**

### Challenges Faced by Children of Immigrant Parents in Chinatown





CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT



EDUCATIONAL DIFFICULTIES



DIFFICULTIES WITH SOCIAL INTEGRATION

These stressors can lead to feelings of **isolation** and **cultural dissonance**. Additionally, many immigrant children act as translators for their families, adding to their pressures.

The Reach & Rise<sup>™</sup> Mentoring Program addresses these issues by providing positive adult role models. Mentored youth are:

55%	MORE LIKELY TO ENROLL IN COLLEGE
78%	MORE LIKELY TO VOLUNTEER REGULARLY
130%	MORE LIKELY TO HOLD LEADERSHIP POSITIONS COMPARED TO THEIR PEERS WITHOUT MENTORS

(The Mentoring Effect, 2014, MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership)



With a dedicated program manager, we have expanded the program, pairing up to 20 vulnerable youth with trained, caring mentors to support their positive development.



## INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR SENIORS

#### **COVID-19 Impact on Seniors**





DIGITAL DIVIDE

ECONOMIC HARDSHIP



LIMITED HEALTHCARE ACCESS



ΜΕΝΤΔΙ

HEALTH

**ISSUES** 

FEAR OF RACIALLY BASED ATTACKS

Even with the return to regular programming, many seniors feel the long-term impacts of isolation and fear.

Intergenerational programming offers a solution by connecting different age groups thus enhancing:



In partnership with **Presidio Knolls School**, our program brings together seniors and 4th graders to learn and share.







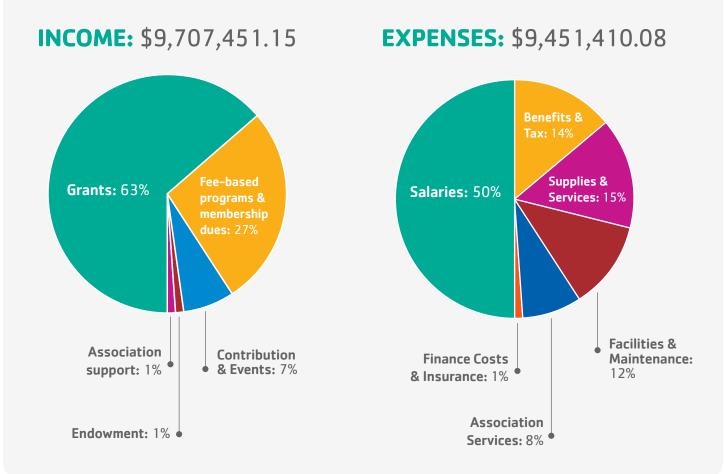
Seniors tell their stories, and students engage with them, stimulating cognitive abilities and breaking stereotypes. The success of this partnership encourages us to continue and expand intergenerational programming, positively impacting both elders and youth.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### IN 2023-2024, YOU RAISED



OUR TOTAL ENDOWMENT IS \$3,812,000.





**ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CREATING OPPORTUNITIES HEALTHY EMPOWERED LOVE** LIVING INTEGRITY BALANCE **HERESUPPORTIVESAFE** FOR FRIENDSHIPS GOOD FORWARD CONNECTION INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP A PLACE VALUE FAMILY FOR ALL DISCOVER CONNECT WITH ALL **ANTI-RACIST** HOLISTIC **RESOURCEFUL** EQUITABILITY APPRECIATIVE TRANSFORMATIVE A BETTER PASSION POSITIVE FUTURE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES FOME YMCA OF SAN FRANCISCO

# HEALING WELLNESS HEALING TOGETHER WELCOMING DIVERSE ENGAGING COLLABORATIVE FUN TRONG BE HERE SPIRITUAL DRIVEN BELONG YOUTH-LED COMPASSION BECOME IMPACTFUL OUTREACH STRONGER COMMITMENT TOGETHER SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMUNITY PERSONAL GROWTH BUILDING A RESILIENT RELIABLE **BAY AREA LOVE DIFFERENCES**

### **BE, BELONG, BECOME** YMCA OF GREATER SAN FRANCISCO

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