

UNITED ASIAN COMMUNITIES CENTER: PROSPECTUS

We have come together.

We have come together as individuals of Asian ancestry.

Some of us live in distinct neighborhoods.

Many more are dispersed throughout the greater New York metropolitan area.

Because of this geographic fragmentation, we have become separated from one another and from ourselves. We have begun to lose a sense of ourselves as Asians.

And because we have been defined by the false myths and stereotypes of others, our needs and concerns have been inadequately met or totally neglected. We believe it is time for us to join our strength as Asians in America, breaking down the barriers that divide us, to focus upon our own image and to define our own needs.

We must join together to share our common experience as Asians in America, to explore the differences and similarities of our past and heritage, to help one another understand and cope with the problems confronting us.

By creating a United Asian Communities Center, we hope to encourage and deepen the relationship between Asian Individuals and organizations of different national origin, now scattered throughout the area, by offering a central location for the exchange of information and services, and by providing space for meetings, recreational activities, cultural programs, and political forums. Privately financed and voluntarily staffed, the United Asian Communities Center will depend on the efforts and good will of all its participants in determining the nature and direction of its programs.

As Asians in America, we look upon ourselves as unique individuals, proud of our people and heritage, and of our role as members of the Third World in America. We believe that the United Asian Communities Center by bringing us together is a step towards fulfillment of this truth.

UNITED ASIAN COMMUNITIES CENTERSUGGESTED PROGRAMS

The Center is initiating only those programs that can be feasibly undertaken. These include:

- . Educational (language workshops; history and cultural classes)
- . Tutorial
- . Counseling and referral services (see attached)
- . Film showings
- . Newsletter
- . Forums
- . Asian Community Theatre (drama, music and mixed media workshops)
- . Exhibits (art and photography)
- . Recreational and social (sports -- judo, karate classes; organized bowling and softball teams; ping-pong, etc.)
- . Community involvement and political activities
- . Library of Asian and Asian American literature and Resource Center
- . Baby sitting services
- . Multilingual informational Hot line for Asians
- . On-Going projects (legal fund, etc.)
- . Crash pad accommodations
- . Activities for Senior Citizens (table games, special outings, etc.)
- . Community Classified Bulletin Board (apartment and job listings, etc.)

Later...more ambitious projects may be undertaken, such as:

- . Child Day Care Center
- . Third World School
- . Food co-op

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Counseling services provide information, guidance, and referrals (to specialized social service agencies and clinics) for Asians in the New York community seeking help on matters of health, income maintenance, legal problems, and education. The counselors are experienced professionals and specialists, many of whom are bilingual.

The services include the areas of:

HEALTH

Medicare
Medicaid
Abortion/Family Planning
Mental Health
Drug Addiction

INCOME MAINTENANCE

Social Security
Unemployment Insurance
Pensions
Workmen's Compensation
Public Assistance
Food Stamps
Reduced Fares for Senior Citizens
Entertainment Discounts for Senior Citizens

LEGAL PROBLEMS

Civil and Human Rights (complaints/violations)
Immigration (passports/visas)
Tax Matters
Selective Service
Housing and Rental

EDUCATION

Day Care Centers
Child Guidance
Special Schools
College Counseling
College Entrance Examination Preparation