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Newsletter of Asian Christian Counseling & Educational Seminar Services, Inc. (ACCESS)

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## Capacity Crowd Turnout at 2013 ACCESS Fundraiser

Many thanks to all of you who attended, sponsored and/or helped with our 2013 Fundraising Dinner Gala on October 19th! It was a great turnout with about 230 people in attendance at Canton House Restaurant in Chamblee, GA, and our musical guest and guest speaker Janie Chu did a wonderful job sharing with us in both song and from her life (and even in music video!).

Many were deeply moved by Janie's sharing. Under the theme "Hope, Healing, and Freedom" Janie shared about how her counseling experience at ACCESS helped her and her marriage, and how her journey of healing helped her rediscover her identity and transform her musical career to helping others find hope, healing, and freedom. Her involvement in the anti-trafficking cause is inspiring! A bundle of her music CD's, including the compilation dedicated to fighting trafficking for which she was producer and contributor, was even donated by Janie as one of our wonderful door prizes!

We were honored to have Joe Kelley emcee again for us, serving as Master of Ceremonies for us for the fourth time! We were also grateful for



2013 ACCESS Fundraising Dinner Gala Guest Speaker and Musical Guest Janie Chu performing

those who brought friends, because we again had a substantial number of people new to ACCESS in attendance.

We are thankful to those who donated that evening, or sent in donations before or after our fundraising dinner, which again enabled us to finish the year in the black. Once again we held a Donors Raffle Drawing for those who donated \$50 or more in conjunction with our fundraising dinner. We were privileged yet again to have a donated Hawaii vacation package as our grand prize among the Donors Raffle Drawing prizes. In addition to the popular Hawaii vacation package prize, this time we also had an ASUS tablet computer donated by the

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office of Atlanta (TECO). The drawing was held on January 15th, with the help again from Moore Colson to monitor and audit the drawing. Congratulations to Shawn Zhang on winning the tablet computer, and to Dr. and Mrs. Philip Low on winning the Hawaii vacation!

We are very thankful for these generous prize donations, as we are for all our event sponsors, volunteers, guests, and donors. Thanks for helping to make this fundraising dinner our second highest attended fundraising dinner and an overall success for funds raised! We could not do it without all of you! (For more photos of the event, see p. 6)

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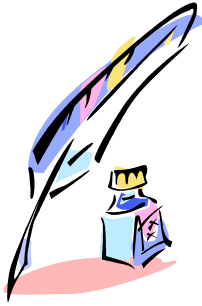
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**“Faith is being sure of what we HOPE for and certain of what we do not see...”**

**-Hebrews 11:1**

## Message From the Executive Director

Dear Supporters and Friends:

Welcome to those of you who have joined our mailing list since our fundraising dinner last fall! We are thankful for you, just as we are very thankful for those of you who have supported ACCESS since the very beginning of ACCESS in 2004. Yes, we are actually celebrating our 10th Anniversary this fall!

Like the last several years, we are again incorporating an abbreviated annual report into our newsletter, for everyone’s information, rather than publishing a more extensive annual report just for our donors. With continuing improvement in the economy, 2013 was a better year for us at ACCESS than the previous few years, although still a struggle. Thanks to your generosity at our successful fundraising dinners, as well as God’s provision, we’ve

been able to raise enough to keep us in the black at year end the last few years, as well as to stay in our main office, which we were in danger of having to give up.

There have been a number of developments since our last newsletter issue, the biggest of which is the exciting new addition to our counseling staff (see Staff Updates on page 7)!

Thanks to our new counselor Yoko O’Brien, ACCESS served its first Japanese-speaking client this year. We still hope to find new Chinese and Korean Bilingual Counselors soon!

Our next fundraising dinner will be back to our usual timeframe of early November, so please save November 1st on your calendars and note the enclosed flyer for ticket orders. If you need any additional flyers, or want to help spread the word about our event for

ticket orders and/or sponsorships, you can download flyers, sponsorship forms, and sponsor letters from our website. We hope you will be able to join us, especially as we celebrate our 10th Anniversary at this event! We also hope you will consider becoming a Friends Sponsor and putting a personalized message in our special 10th Anniversary edition program booklet this year. Please see our sponsorship brochure or call me for more information on how to do that.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff at ACCESS, thanks again for your part in helping to make what we do possible! We are grateful for your support over all the ups and downs this past decade, and look to see what the next decade brings!

Gratefully,  
**Rebekah Wang, LMFT**  
Executive & Clinical Director

## A Very Special Thanks to our ACCESS Partners!



**Long time ACCESS Partners  
Mr. & Mrs. Cheng Kuang Lin  
at our 2013 Fundraising  
Dinner Gala**

The “ACCESS Partner’s Program” is designated for donors who wish to support ACCESS on a regular basis, whether monthly, quarterly, or annually. We greatly appreciate our **ACCESS Partners**, who have so generously stepped out in faith (especially during the tough economic times!) with the vision to help us further the mission of culturally-sensitive, affordable professional counseling services, to help bring hope and healing to those in need. While some had to discontinue their support for various reasons, we want to acknowledge our ACCESS Partners listed below for continuing to support us during 2013. If you would like to become (or rejoin as) an ACCESS Partner, please call or email Rebekah Wang.

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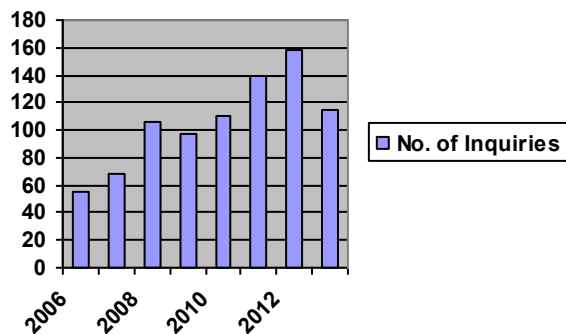
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*Thank You*

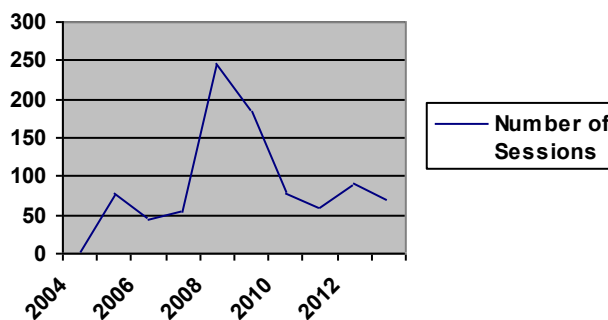
# ACCESS 2013 Report

— By Rebekah Wang, Executive & Clinical Director

As the economy has begun to show signs of gradual recovery, so also has ACCESS shown signs of gradual improvement in terms of client count and donations. The following diagrams depict the number of telephone and email inquiries (Fig. 1), since we began keeping records of them in at the end of 2005, as well as in the number of counseling clients served (Fig. 2). Note that Fig. 2 does not include the number of people served through our counseling groups and educational workshops and seminars.



**Fig. 1: Number of Telephone/Email Inquiries**



**Fig. 2: Number of Client Counseling Sessions**

As indicated in the diagrams above, people continue to find out about ACCESS, and the needs are definitely out there! Even though we're a small organization, we still receive telephone calls from all around the country, from California to New York, and we have received email inquiries from as far away as Asia! Unfortunately, because 2013 was our first year ever without a bilingual counselor, we were unable to help a number of people asking for counseling in Chinese and Korean. Also in 2013, due to the lack of bilingual staff and therefore needing to cancel or postpone some seminars, we were only able to offer 6 workshops or talks to a total of about 140 people, but we still had positive feedback on all of our seminars and talks, and demand for more. Because of the lack of bilingual staff, for the first time in our existence all of the talks, as well as counseling sessions, in 2013 were in English. Although unable to meet Asian language needs, we did continue to carry out our mission of more affordable counseling, especially to those in financial need, although not as much in demand last year, giving an average discount in 2013 of 29% to our clients coming in for counseling, totaling \$390, with some clients receiving as much as a 50% discount.

There is no doubt about the great need for services such as ours, and that we can begin to fill the void of counseling services for the Asian and Asian American population in the Metro Atlanta area, if not beyond. Because of the need, the lack of such services available in the area, and the positive responses we receive from people as they find out about us, and more importantly because of the call to this mission, we are confident that ACCESS can grow in order to help meet those needs, but we cannot do it alone. Every year there are many important budgeted expenses which we have to cut or do without due to lack of funds. We saw some of our most difficult times financially during the recent economic crisis, in 2009 having to cut personnel costs, and 2010 seeing our all-time lowest income level, but **we are thankful that our 2013 income was higher than in 2012** (2013 Total Income: \$64,239.18). Over the years, we have been operating on an **average of only about 41% of our budgeted needs**, with **2013 at 32% of our budgeted needs** (2013 Total Expenses: \$54,592.93). We greatly need your help, and we are grateful for those of you who have already shown us so much support. Although there are more people supporting us in various ways, we acknowledged our 2013 donors on pages 2, 4 and 5.

The full financial statements are available for review upon request at our offices during normal business hours with reasonable notice. The financial statements of Asian Christian Counseling & Educational Seminar Services, Inc. (ACCESS) have been reviewed by Director/Treasurer, Joe Tai, Certified Public Accountant according to the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles of AICPA.



**Pastor David Park speaking at our ACCESS youth seminar for Atlanta Chinese Christian Church—Northwest (ACCCNW) in April 2013**



**ACCESS counseling session room**

## ACCESS To Celebrate Its 10th Anniversary!



**Master of Ceremonies  
Peter Choi at our 2011  
ACCESS Fall Fundrais-  
ing Dinner Gala**

**“It is more  
blessed to give  
than to  
receive.”  
Acts 20:35**

This month is the 10th Anniversary of ACCESS and we will be celebrating the milestone at our upcoming 2014 Fall Fundraising Dinner Gala. Our 10th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraising Dinner Gala this year will be on Saturday, November 1st at Happy Valley Dim Sum & Asian Cuisine Restaurant in Norcross, GA, under the theme “Journeying Into The Next Decade.”

We are excited to have Peter Choi emcee for us again this year. Peter was the Master of Ceremonies at our fundraising dinner gala in 2011, and has also helped as musical guest and sound/AV person in previous fundraising dinners. We are also pleased to have Eugene Rhee as our guest speaker. Eugene has worked and served in a variety of settings in Boston, New York City, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, in a variety of roles, including as a counselor, chaplain, and pastor. He has a Master’s of Arts degree in Counseling and a Master’s of Divinity degree, and currently owns a small online business. As we look back at both the past decade of service and what the future may hold for ACCESS, somehow it seems fitting for Eugene to share about understanding and growing from change and transition, although we do not have any specific changes and major transitions planned for ACCESS. We have had a new Japanese Bilingual counselor joining us this year, however, so we are reaching out to the Japanese community in Atlanta. Of course, everyday life is always filled with all kinds of changes and transitions, so the topic is always applicable, and Eugene is currently in transition himself.

As usual, we will have a feast of a multi-course gourmet Chinese banquet, great music, and the chance at winning fun door prizes, in addition to Eugene’s sharing and a brief ACCESS presentation. We hope you’ll be able to join us that evening and invite others. Your support enables us to provide culturally-sensitive and language-appropriate counseling services for the Asian and Asian American population in the Metro Atlanta area. For more information, please see the enclosed flyer. If you would like to help sponsor the event or know of any potential sponsors, sponsorship brochures and sponsorship letters are available. This includes donation of gifts for door prizes. Please look on our ACCESS website Events Page at [www.asianchristiancounseling.org/events.shtml](http://www.asianchristiancounseling.org/events.shtml) to download any of the forms or call our office at (770) 986-0800 to request them.

## Thanks to our 2013 Fundraising Dinner Sponsors!



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Board Member Stan Single-  
ton talking with a friend at  
our 2013 Fall Fundraising  
Dinner**

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## 2013 Fall Fundraising Dinner Gala Photos

-Photos by Shawn Zhang



2013 Fall Fundraising Dinner Guest Speaker and Musical Guest Janie Chu sharing at the dinner



Capacity crowd of dinner guests at our 2013 ACCESS Fall Fundraising Dinner



Emcee Joe Kelly and ACCESS Board Members conduct door prize drawings



Pictured right: Rebekah congratulating one of the door prize winners



Pictured left: 2013 ACCESS Fundraising Dinner Guests at Mrs. Irene Zhu's table

## Some Easy Ways to Support ACCESS

**D**oes your company have a Matching Gifts Program? You can potentially double your giving and double the impact for ACCESS if your workplace has one! Companies with such programs will match your charitable contribution to a 501(c)3 organization dollar for dollar. ACCESS has already received a number of matching gifts over the years from Home Depot Foundation and McKesson Foundation. To find out if your employer has a matching gifts program, contact your human resource or community relations representative. One person can make a difference!

Do you shop at Kroger? ACCESS is an approved charitable organization to receive donations from Kroger. You can help support ACCESS just by shopping at Atlanta area Kroger stores as you normally would. All you need to do is register your Kroger Plus card at: [http://www.kroger.com/community/Pages/community\\_rewards.aspx](http://www.kroger.com/community/Pages/community_rewards.aspx)

If you don't have a Kroger Plus card, you can sign up for one at any Kroger store customer service desk. Register your card with our organization using our name, *Asian Christian Counseling & Educational Seminar Services, Inc. (ACCESS)*, or by entering our NPO (non-profit organization) number 44487. After you register your Kroger Plus card with our organization (you can only sign up to support one organization), every time you shop with your Kroger Plus card, you'll earn rewards for ACCESS. For more information, please see [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

Did you recently upgrade your computer or laptop and your older one still works well or you still have your old software? As many of you may know, Microsoft stopped supporting Windows XP beginning April 8th of this year. ACCESS is ten years old, and so are our computers (one desktop and one laptop), so we are still using Window XP and other 2003 and 2004 software, although we thankfully also have a slightly newer donated laptop that has 2007 software on it and a donated copy of 2007 Microsoft Office. If you have upgraded and are no longer using your CD of genuine Windows 7 software, please consider donating it to ACCESS so we can put it on our desktop, otherwise we have to continue working in 2003 Microsoft documents in order to be compatible between our computers. (Any version of Quickbooks Non-Profit newer than 2004 would be great, too, but we know most people don't use that.)

We certainly don't need anything new or the latest technology, and our old desktop and printer still work for now, but it would be helpful to no longer need to use Windows XP at all so that our computers aren't lacking the Windows support and security updates we might need, and so we don't have to keep working in 2003 versions of documents for compatibility. We would, of course, also be open to a good, donated working-condition desktop computer, as well as a monitor or laser printer that you may have just replaced and not need anymore. To donate, please call the ACCESS office.

## ACCESS Staff Updates

**Yoko Ishizuka O'Brien, LAPC** is a Licensed Associate Professional Counselor and our new Japanese Bilingual counselor. Originally from Japan, Yoko graduated with a Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) degree in Professional Counseling from Georgia State University, as well as a Master's degree (M.S.) in Community Counseling from Mercer University. She works with children and adults, with professional interests in counseling children with adjustment issues, poor impulse control, attention difficulties, mood instability, anxiety and impaired social functioning. She also offers play therapy for young children. Yoko is able to provide counseling services in Japanese and English, and works in our main office in Doraville. We are very excited to have her join our counseling staff!



## ACCESS Donations Through eBay Giving Works

As you may know, Asian Christian Counseling & Educational Seminar Services, Inc. (ACCESS) became a registered non-profit organization with PayPal Giving Fund (formerly known as MissionFish) last year, which allows us to accept donations and raise funds through eBay Giving Works. This means that we have visibility on eBay as a charitable organization to whom anyone can donate online as a straight cash donation or eBay sellers can donate part or all of their sales. We as an organization can also sell items on eBay for fundraising.

We received a couple of small cash donations this year through proceeds of an eBay seller with no previous affiliation who donated 10% of two of her sales to us, and thanks to the donated items and volunteer time by Julie Wang, ACCESS has also been selling some items. This year we also received our first donated items to sell. You can help us by buying any of our items or donating items for us to sell. If interested, please look up our eBay page at: <http://givingworks.ebay.com/charity-auctions/charity/asian-christian-counseling-educational-seminar-services-inc-access-dba-access-inc/61039/> (or search for our organization under the "Search for Charities" box on the eBay Giving Works website at <http://givingworks.ebay.com>) and help spread the word for us about it our page as well!

If you would like to donate items for us to sell or have any questions, please email Julie at [donations@asianchristiancounseling.org](mailto:donations@asianchristiancounseling.org) for more information or instructions. We

ask for small and easy to ship items only. Donations are tax-deductible as in-kind donations to ACCESS, and are accepted on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of ACCESS and it's volunteer direct seller Julie Wang. The following is a list of suggested items:

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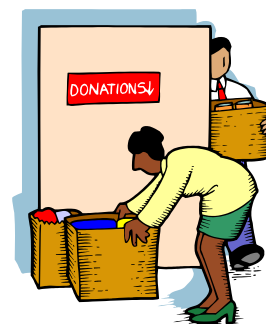
- Coins
- Currency (U.S. or foreign, old or new)
- Stamp Collections
- Comic books
- Legos/Lego Sets
- Vintage Toys
- Memorabilia

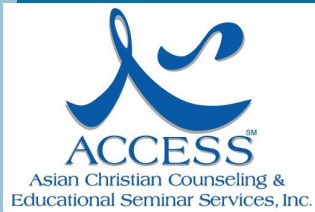
Gift Cards (unused, unwanted credit ok)

Small Electronics (including old cell phones/smartphones)

Promotional Items (ie, extra items from buy one/get one free offers or other special buys)

We also welcome your suggestions on items to sell. Item donations are certainly not limited to this list of suggestions. If you have any "treasures" lying around the house or in your businesses that you don't need anymore and want to put them to good use, someone may be interested in buying them! Consider donating to our cause. Please also consider bidding on and buying items on our eBay page. All proceeds go to ACCESS. We are still trying out this method of fundraising, but in the future, we may add a link from our ACCESS website if we decide to continue this fundraising avenue beyond our trial period.





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## Events and Presentations by ACCESS

**September 7, 2013 — "Counseling, Personal Growth, and Abundant Life"**  
Community Seminar at Atlanta Chinese Christian Church North (ACCCN)  
Speaker: Chiu Hea Hills

**October 19, 2013 — ACCESS Annual Fundraising Dinner Gala: "Hope, Healing, and Freedom"**  
Canton House Restaurant (Chamblee, GA)  
Emcee: Joe Kelley  
Guest Speaker & Musical Guest: Janie Chu

**February 21- 23, 2014 — Chinese Families For Christ Marriage Enrichment Retreat**  
Community Resource Information Table and Courtesy Consultations (Toccoa, GA)  
Representative: Rebekah Wang

**March 7, 2014 — "ID: Who Am I?" (Part II)**  
Youth Seminar at Atlanta Chinese Christian Church—North West (ACCCNW)  
Speakers: Rebekah Wang, Pastor David Park

**April 12, 2014**  
Children's Ministry Team Building Seminar at ACCCNW  
Speaker/Facilitator: Rebekah Wang

**May 18, 2014 — "The Culture Gap"**  
Youth Parents Seminar at ACCCNW  
Speakers: Rebekah Wang, Dr. Edward Lai



### Upcoming Events:

**September 20, 2014 — "Calling All Young Women! (Finding Your Calling)"**  
Young Women's Seminar at ACCCN  
Speakers: Irene Eng Wong, M.Div.; panelists

**November 1, 2014 — ACCESS 10th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraising Dinner Gala: "Journeying Into The Next Decade"**  
Happy Valley Dim Sum & Asian Cuisine Restaurant (Norcross, GA)  
Emcee: Peter Choi  
Guest Speaker: Eugene Rhee, M.A., M.Div.