More than 15,000 people join CCC’s Lunar New Year Celebrations

The Chinese Community Center’s 2018 Lunar New Year Festival welcomed in the Year of the Dog and thrilled more than 15,000 Houstonians with a full day of performances representing China, Tibet, Korea, Vietnam, and Polynesia. The event was highlighted by traditional Lion and Dragon dances, which were held on the main performance stage and around the festival grounds. Cultural performances ranged from martial arts and Chinese yo-yo demonstrations to belly dancing and traditional folk music.
Attendees also visited the festival’s East West Bank Marketplace, an outdoor bazaar that featured over 60 booths showcasing small and large businesses, community partners, and local food vendors. The booths offered delicious food from around the world, family-friendly craft activities such as lantern making, and traditional Chinese New Year merchandise.

This year’s Lunar New Year Festival was sponsored by East West Bank, Lead Corporate Sponsor of the East West Bank Marketplace; Houston Arts Alliance through the City of Houston; H-E-B; Wells Fargo; Xfinity; Discount Power; Houston Symphony; Bud Light/Silver Eagle Distributors; Drewstar Insurance; and MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Sponsor Spotlight: East West Bank

The mission and work of the Chinese Community Center would not be possible without the support of generous donors and community partners who care deeply about our Southwest Houston community. East West Bank, a major donor of CCC, continues to demonstrate their commitment to improving the lives of all Houstonians while celebrating the cultural traditions of our city’s robust Asian community.

Immediately after the arrival of Hurricane Harvey last year, East West Bank provided CCC with the initial funding needed to start our Harvey Relief Assistance Center. To date, CCC has provided more than 750 families comprised of more than 2,000 Harvey victims with relief services to help them rebuild and recover.

East West Bank increased its support of CCC in 2018 by providing additional support to our Workforce Development program, which helps adults gain workforce training, find employment, and improve their financial knowledge. They also became the 2018
attendees on festival day. CCC also welcomed East West Bank Branch Manager Jack Li as the newest member of our Board of Directors.

We want to extend our greatest appreciation to East West Bank for their continued partnership and for the role they play in strengthening our rich and diverse community.

East West Bank is the largest independent commercial bank headquartered in Southern California with exclusive focus on the U.S. and Greater China markets. They operate over 130 locations on both sides of the Pacific and have specialized expertise in high-growth industry sectors, such as entertainment and media, tech, biological sciences, aviation, private equity and venture capital, real estate, and agriculture.

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American First National Bank

Helping Houstonians Rebuild

On February 1, 2018, American First National Bank donated a total of $82,000 in Homeowner Recovery Grants to nine Houston families whose homes had been
they can recover more quickly.

The Chinese Community Center, which has been operating a Harvey Relief Assistance Center since September 2017 to help address flood victims’ needs, partnered with American First National Bank to identify families that could benefit from a Homeowner Recovery Grant.

CCC thanks American First National Bank for their caring and generosity in helping Houstonians recover from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

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**New Horizons Update**

Great progress has been made on the construction of CCC’s New Horizons Expansion Project! In February, the newly-paved west parking lot served as the location for the East West Bank Marketplace for CCC’s Lunar New Year Festival. Other areas of the New Horizons Expansion Project will be completed soon, including additional recreation space just in time for our summer camp program. The entire project is expected to be completed before the end of 2018!

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**Upcoming Events**

Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and explore the best of Asia right here in Houston.

**BUS TOURS | WALKING TOURS | WORKSHOPS**

**APRIL 28 - JUNE 9**

[www.ccchouston.org/tour](http://www.ccchouston.org/tour)
Registration is now available for CCC 2018 Summer Camp

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