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HONOREE SPOTLIGHT SERIES



MEET OUR HONOREES



Chi-mei Lin
Chinese Community Center
Chief Executive Officer



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Welcome back to our exciting annual newsletter series, "Celebrating Changemakers: Honoree Spotlight." In this series, we embark on a journey through the lives and accomplishments of extraordinary individuals who have made a lasting impact on our community and beyond. Each month, we will shine a well-deserved spotlight on one honoree, revealing their inspiring journey, their contributions, and the indelible mark they've left on the world. This month, we are featuring Chi-mei Lin, the Chief Executive Officer of the Chinese Community Center .

HONORING A LEGACY OF COMPASSION: CHI-MEI LIN & HER 40-YEAR IN HUMAN SERVICES

CELEBRATING A VISIONARY LEADER'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

As we kick off this year's "Celebrating Changemakers: Honoree Spotlight" series, we are proud to highlight **Chi-mei Lin**, the esteemed CEO of the Chinese Community Center (CCC), who will be honored with the **Lifetime Achievement Award** at the Embracing Tomorrow's Harvest Gala on November 16, 2024. Chi-mei's illustrious 40-year career in human services and her 25 transformative years with CCC have left a profound mark on the community, inspiring countless individuals and shaping the Center's future.

»»» A DEVOTED SERVANT LEADER



Chi-mei's leadership is rooted in a lifelong commitment to serving those in need. From her early days in Massachusetts to her impactful tenure in Texas, she has worked tirelessly to uplift vulnerable communities, including at-risk youth, frail seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Since taking the helm at CCC in 2002, she has led CCC's Child Development Center to achieve national accreditation—an honor held by fewer than 5% of childcare centers in Houston. She also played a pivotal role in establishing the Financial Opportunity Center (FOC) within the Social Service Department and launched the state-of-the-art Senior Day Activity and Health Service (DAHS) program, helping countless families thrive post-pandemic.

»»» A STRONG VOICE FOR THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Beyond her role as CEO of the Chinese Community Center, Chi-mei is a fierce advocate for the Asian American community. She was instrumental in creating the Empower Community Initiative (ECI), a collective effort of 15 AAPI organizations committed to civic engagement and language justice in Houston. By securing national resources and building a strong local coalition, Chi-mei has ensured that Houston's Asian American voices are heard, represented, and empowered.



»»» A DREAM BUILDER AND DELIVERER

Chi-mei's legacy is deeply tied to her visionary work in expanding CCC's impact. She worked closely with the CCC board to successfully complete the Capacity Building Campaign in 2005 and the New Horizon Campaign in 2019, raising a combined \$14 million for the Center's current campus. These efforts have cemented CCC's place as a leading community resource for generations to come.

As Chi-mei moves to a new chapter of retirement, we are proud to present her with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Her passion, leadership, and vision have fortified CCC's mission and will continue to inspire those who follow in her footsteps.



Join us in celebrating Chi-mei Lin's incredible journey at our "Embracing Tomorrow's Harvest" 45th Anniversary Gala on November 16, 2024. For more details, please visit ccchouston.org/2024gala/.

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Gee Family Association: Honoring Heritage, Inspiring Generations