

**United Chinese Americans UCA
Illinois Chapter Year End Report 2018**

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Executive Summary

United Chinese Americans (UCA) is a nationwide 501(c)(3) non-profit and nonpartisan organization. It is a federation of organizations and individuals dedicated to enriching and empowering Chinese American communities through civic participation, heritage sharing, youth development, and promoting greater understanding between the United States and China. UCA is igniting a civic movement among Chinese American communities through its expanding chapters, community partners, and coalition members. The movement is driven by the UCA motto “Serve, Lead, Inspire”, and based on our values of compassion, service, integrity, collaboration, fairness, and humanity.

UCA IL is an independent 501(c)(3) and all-volunteer organization. UCA IL elected its first official board at the beginning of the year 2018. The executive team continued to invest time in recruiting motivated and high-quality volunteers, and building capacity. We formed a partnership coalition with the local community to serve through well-thought-out and impactful programs designed for the needs of the community.

In year 2018, UCA IL organized a second Jiaozi Fest with over 600 participants that drew mainstream media attention from ABC & NBC, organized a second parenting conference on topics like anti-bullying, organized over 100 volunteers to help with community events including the Friendship Forever Millenium Concert. UCA IL made great contributions to the second Chinese American Convention with over 50 representatives attending and raised significant funds. UCA IL events and volunteers were featured in multiple Chinese newspapers, WeChat blogs, mainstream local TV stations, and organization news. UCA IL continues to build strong relations with many Chinese American organizations in Chicagoland.

UCA IL volunteers have contributed over thousands of volunteer hours in organizing its events and initiatives, building infrastructure, and maintaining its operations with the highest standards. UCA IL has a wide community support network through partnerships with more than 40 organizations and government entities for its events, initiatives, and services. UCA IL would like to acknowledge and thank all incredible volunteers, members, donors, sponsors, organizations, community members, and families in support of our mission.



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A. Program Reports

1. 2018 Chinese American Convention

UCA IL contributed significantly in helping promote and organize 2018 Chinese American Convention in Washington DC, on September 27-29 with 20 program sessions. Over 55 members of IL team attended the convention and contributed significantly in fundraising, program logistics and youth volunteerism. The convention was attended by 500+ participants representing 32 States and Canada. The two-day program was preceded by a half-day visit to Capitol Hill by 150 Conventioneers who visited more than 50 Members of Congress representatives. Four prominent national political and civic leaders gave keynote speeches, some of the most outstanding community leaders and organizations were recognized at the Gala Award Dinner such as Ambassador Gary Locke. Two distinguished IL delegates received UCA Awards at the convention: C.W. Chan from Coalition for Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC) received Chinese American Civic Leadership Award, and Dr. William Wan received Chinese American Charitable Giving Award. Post convention survey reveals over 90% of respondents agree or strongly agree on the following areas: meeting expectation, topics relevance, speaker expertise, and convention recommendation. Here are some feedbacks from some of our IL participants:

“The friendly and heartwarming welcome extended by the UCA coordinators and volunteers created an atmosphere of inclusiveness and community. I am grateful to have made many new friends at the convention. Several speakers remarked that America is a nation of immigrants. Diversity is her strength. United we stand. The Chinese American community came together as UCA members on Capitol Hill to voice concerns to ensure the protection of civil rights and the contribution to a multi-ethnic democracy. In the spirit of American unity I chose to stand as an American alongside my fellow Americans, my voice joined with yours on Capitol Hill, that there be no doubt the Chinese American Community does not stand alone. Thank you to everyone for sharing your friendship, culture, history and life experiences with me this weekend.”- AF

“Congratulations on a successful conference! I really enjoyed attending and participating with my fellow panelists on our Foundation discussion. Throughout the conference presentations, I was most struck by all the thoughtful topics and high degree of engagement by the attendees.”-JS



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"It was my pleasure to attend and provide information at the convention. It was an outstanding convention and so impressive. You have an outstanding team..."-MM

For complete information about convention, please visit here:
<https://ucausa.org/convention/2018-chinese-americans-convention/>

2. Lunar New Year Charitable Jiaozi Festival

In 2018, UCA IL organized 2nd Jiaozi Festival to introduce public service and charity into the traditional Lunar New Year celebration on Feb 7. The festival consisted of Jiaozi/dumpling making, family arts and crafts activities, Chinese dance performances. Collected canned food and cash donations sent to local community center. The event was attended by over 600 participants with special guests: Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Illinois State Representative Theresa Mah, People's Republic of China Consul, and UCA National President Haipei Shue. The festival was supported by many local Chinese businesses and supporters with cash donations and in-kind food and gift donations. Over 100 volunteers participated in the two month planning process that included activity planning, food and transportation preparation, decoration, stage production, and serving food during the day of the event. The Jiaozi Festival was reported by 8 main Chinese newspapers and WGN Channel 9. For 2018 Jiaozi Fest program book, please open the link here:
<http://il.ucausa.org/2018-uca-jiaozi-fest-lunar-chinese-new-year-celebration/>

2. "Get Serious about Bullying" Parenting Conference

In May 2017 UCA IL organized "Get Serious about Bullying" conference, addressing the serious issue about bullying at schools. The event was held at Living Water Church in Naperville. The conference drew over 100 participants including parents, youth, community advocates, and community leaders. Naperville NCTV17 came to cover the event, and professional make videos were produced and uploaded on UCA IL website as a resource to the community. Department of Children and Family Service DCFS, and many local nonprofit organizations including Chinese schools in the area came to the conference.

3. Volunteerism and Community Service

With UCA motto "Serve, Lead, Inspire", UCA IL continues to encourage volunteerism and community services among all members in all UCA IL organized events and other community events. Hundreds of volunteers participated in UCA IL 2018 Jiaozi Fest, Anti-bullying parenting



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conference, 2018 Chinese American Convention, and Friendship Forever Millenium Concert with 10,000 spectators organized by Chinese Association of Greater Chicago CAGC.

UCA IL is a certified Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) site by the Illinois Department on Aging (listed on IDoA website), and our dedicated certified SHIP counselors have contributed 230+ hours volunteer time to help seniors with their medicare insurance needs and questions through outreach, one-on-one counseling, and developing/updating bilingual Medicare slides for general education purposes .

4. Youth Tutoring Program

UCA IL collaborated with Cornerstone Education (CsEdu) for the second year in a row, where Chinese international high school students tutored math and Chinese to Valentine Boys & Girls Club after-school program students on a weekly basis in Chicago's Bridgeport. The students also tutored Chinese students at the Beverly Area Planning Association. The program served around 60 students from a 4-year-old to 70-year-old senior. This year, the tutoring service expanded to Oak Lawn St. Germaine School. The program has grown so popular that students are added to a waitlist. The tutoring program promoted service, culture sharing, and established great relationships with local communities.

5. UCA IL Fundraising

UCA IL raised significant funds for the 2018 Chinese American convention to ensure its success. We also fundraised to cover for all our events such as for Jiaozi Fest and anti-bullying parenting conference, and with positive balance in our bank account.

B. Community Partnerships

UCA IL strongly believes in establishing strong relationships and partnerships with other community organizations to build up our community. UCA IL has partnered with and/or supported the following organizations for programs and events in year 2018:

1. Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACCA) Chicago Lodge
2. Calvin Jia-Xin Li Foundation
3. The Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC)
4. State Representative Theresa Mah
5. Paul Hastings LLP Chicago
6. Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
7. Illinois Department on Aging Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

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8. Association of Chinese-American Scientists and Engineers
9. Chinese American Association of Greater Chicago
10. Cornerstone Education (CsEdu)
11. Prominent Image
12. Bright Pei Consulting
13. Living Water Chinese Church
14. Greater Chicago Chinese American Women Chamber of Commerce
15. Dongfang Chinese Education Institute
16. Northern Illinois University NIU School of Nursing
17. Shaw Legal Services. Ltd
18. Xilin Association
19. ICARE Senior Building
20. Peace Manor Senior Building
21. Chicago North Shore Chinese Center
22. Pacifica Square/Windfall Group
23. Julian Grace Foundation
24. Zhou Agency
25. Chinese American Arts Society of Chicago
26. McAndrews HELD & Mallory LTD
27. Chinese American Museum of Chicago
28. Chicago Culture and Arts Society
29. Naperville NCTV 17

C. UCA IL Media Reports

UCA IL events, programs, initiatives, and volunteers were covered in 20+ Chinese and English newspapers, TV stations, and organization newsletters that reached over tens of thousands of readers. Please visit the link for complete list il.ucausa.org

D. Organizational Governance

UCA IL Chapter board of directors passed and adopted the final version UCA IL bylaws in October, and successfully transitioned from the interim board to the formal board with seven board members elected on Dec 31, 2018. New Chapter President was also elected on Dec 31, 2018. UCA IL is committed to the highest standards of organizational governance, financial transparency, and continuing its high-impact and high-quality programs in 2018 to enrich and empower communities. In the year 2019, UCA IL will continue to refine its financial process to the highest standard possible, restructure its executive team to meet the emerging needs of the



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community and programming, prioritize programs, and be ready to have successful transition to continue maintaining the highest standards.

E. Summary

In a very short time, UCA IL has successfully organized multiple events and initiatives with proven results to operationalize its vision enriching and empowering communities. 2018 has been an awesome year with UCA IL carrying out UCA's motto: Serve, Lead, and Inspire. We are extremely grateful for the most valuable assets of UCA IL of dedicated, passionate, and talented volunteers with hearts to serve, and the overwhelming support of the community. With the continuation of selfless service of our volunteers led by the UCA IL executive team, and support from our community partners, UCA IL is determined to revitalize and serve our community with enthusiasm in 2019 and beyond.

F. Acknowledgments

UCA IL would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the heart and soul of our new organization - our awesome volunteer executive team and volunteers: Ren Li (Vice President of UCA IL), Hongbo Wang (Jiaozi Fest Event manager), Jing Kong (Program Logistic), Gracie Wu Lavitt (Marketing chair), Sandy Hui (bookkeeper and administrative support), Katherine Wang (young professional council chair), Sujie Man (Chinese Media chair), Xun (Sam) Zhang (Finance and Administration), George Wu (General Counsel), Jan Zheng (Outreach advisor), Yao Ming Pei (IT and HR advisor), Gabriella Pan (Paul Hasting Legal Counsel for by laws), UCA IL Board of Directors: Haibo Guo, John Holton, Ren Li, Anne Shaw, Steve Wang, Jun (Justine) Zhou, Steve Hugh (board advisor), Ivy Lam, Yao Ming Pei, Jean Ma, Lucy Tung, Dr. William Wan, Ken Li, CornerStone Dongliang Education Consulting families and staff, Julie Eng & family, Chunhua, Zhiyu, Wenyang Hu, Sonya Chen, Sisi Wu, Jen, Candi Makara, Sherry Huang, Lily Limin McCathy, Jie Zhang, Jenny Long, Kaidi Hu, Li Jin, Wendy Xiong, Jessy Qiu, Michael Chen, Grace Chen, Michael Wu, and Charlie Suo. The list is by no means exhaustive and we sincerely appreciate all of our dedicated volunteers of youth, parents, and community partners.

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