Cameron House Report to the Community 2019
We are pleased to offer this report of our past year of compassionate service to heal, support, and empower the lives of our community’s most vulnerable – the oppressed, survivors of abuse, violence, and trauma, and the underemployed, and socially isolated.

We welcome all. Our skilled program staff leverage their understanding of Chinese culture and fluency in Chinese languages to connect and provide people with the support they need, including case management, counseling, and facilitating support groups. We create a safe and nurturing environment for them to build friendships, social networks, and community. For our children and youth we create opportunities for their academic achievement, enrichment, and character development, and foster their self-confidence, social equity, resilience, and servant leadership.

The love, empathy, and compassion of our volunteers, staff, funders, our faith community, and agency partners make all these services and support possible.

Our community of volunteers and staff offer their genuine caring selves, knowledge, skills, and joy in service to others. They mentor and coach youth, prepare meals to support quality family time, distribute food to those in need, make home visits to the sick and lonely, and lead and facilitate learning and discovery.

Together, with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, Department on the Status of Women, Presbyterian Church in Chinatown, Asian Pacific Islander Council, Domestic Violence Consortium, and San Francisco Neighborhood Centers Together, to name a few – we share a fierce commitment to improving the lives of our most vulnerable.

And, the gracious and loyal financial support of individuals, families, alumni, and funders, have built a self-renewing, intergenerational community of goodness, kindness, and love for well over a century, responding at each turn in history to the changing needs of our community.

As the new leadership team we are humbled by your contributions and we are emboldened by the trust and faith you have in us. We thank Rev. Greg Chan and Yulanda Kwong whose interim leadership sustained the vitality of Cameron House through our executive leader transition.

We thank you for offering yourselves so selflessly and generously to the mission of Cameron House and invite you to walk a path of possibility and renewal with us in the months and years ahead.

Scott Barlow, President of the Board  
Michael Lee, Executive Director
Cameron House empowers generations of Chinese American individuals and their families to fully participate in and contribute positively toward a healthy society. We put our Christian faith in action to help people learn, heal, and thrive.

**1,388**

Chinese American immigrants and youth served, 66% of whom come from a Chinese-speaking household.

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- Summer Youth Leader

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- Bilingual Afterschool Program Alum

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- Women’s Support Group member (translated from Chinese)

We assisted 90 survivors of domestic violence in their search for housing, legal aid, and emotional support.

**44 volunteer cooks, ages 16-94**

provided 1,788 healthy, handmade meals for community members in need.

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“Parent Support Group improved our husband-wife relationship. We are able to communicate effectively and respect each other’s feelings. Thanks to these skills, our children feel they are being loved and cared for.”

– Parent Support Group Attendee (translated from Chinese)

Cancer is the leading cause of death among Chinese Americans, and for many seniors, a cancer diagnosis can cause devastating isolation. Cancer support group serves a community of 93 Chinese American immigrants, including both cancer patients and their family members.

“When I received my diagnosis, it felt like the sky had fallen.”

– Cancer Support Group member and volunteer (translated from Chinese)

Our multilingual program staff provide their services in Cantonese, Mandarin, Toisanese, Vietnamese, and English.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Asian Community Basketball Association, API Council, API Legal Outreach, Asians Against Violence, Asian Women’s Shelter, Bay Area Wilderness Training, Camping at the Presidio, Chinatown YMCA, Chinese Historical Society of America, Chinese-Progressive Association, Community Youth Center of San Francisco, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, Department on the Status of Women, District Attorney’s Office Victim Services Unit, Heidelberg California Connect, Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, Presbyterian Church in Chinatown, Presbytery of San Francisco, San Francisco Chinatown Rotary Club, San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium, San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, San Francisco Neighborhood Centers Together, Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center, UPS, Urbdoc Academy, and Westminster Woods.

136
27 community members, representing 720 hours of service, and representing $1.1 million worth of support to programs and services.

250
elders depend on our weekly food pantry for fresh and nutritious groceries.

59
Chinese American community.
In 2019 your donations powered

- **28,929** volunteer hours of youth leading other youth.
- **1,659** sessions of therapeutic counseling in Chinese and English.
- **90** survivors of domestic violence in their search for legal aid, housing, and healing.
- **9,261** hours of afterschool homework time.
- **23** academic scholarships for promising young people.
- **12,500** bags of groceries for low-income seniors.
- **62** sessions of support groups for cancer patients, domestic violence survivors, and immigrant parents.
- **1,778** healthy, handmade meals for kids.
- **60** lessons of ESL and computer use.
- **92** summer camp leaders, many of whom were once campers themselves.

“I come back year after year because I’ve always wanted to come back as a leader and be able to give back to this community that has poured so much into me.”

- *Summer Youth Leader*