SOUL & ELEGANCE

AUTHENTIC VOICES
From the Executive Director

Looking back, who would’ve imagined? We’d just hosted several Christmas celebrations for our volunteers, social service clients and staff, as well as our annual Visual and Performing Arts Festival. But we’d welcome to staff who moved on to new inspired roles and welcomed new staff and board members. We hosted our annual Soul & Elegance gala that honored the Authentic Voices of Evan Jackson Leong, The Friends of Cameron House, and Dorothy “Polka Dot” G. Choo-Quach.

Our Legacy Committee planned an Estate and Planned Giving workshop for April; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; we welcomed our next class of the United Parcel Service Community Immersion Program; 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Welcome to Cameron Carnival!

The Cameron House Planned Giving/Legacy Committee is pleased to announce its next workshop:

The Tail of the (Charitable) Dog: Tax and Control Considerations in Planned Giving, and Other Estate Planning Thoughts

This workshop will educate people about the value of planned giving and to share tax planning and tax saving strategies. Guest speakers, Jeff Tachiki and Anne Rhodes, will cover various topics including the current gift and estate tax landscape; core estate planning strategies including wills, revocable trusts, and powers of attorney; as well as tax planning strategies including charitable techniques.

Anne Rhodes advises on estate planning and has specific experience with cross-border estate planning, wealth transfer and U.S. tax compliance for clients with global investments and assets, particularly in Asia. In addition to drafting succession planning documents, such as wills and trust agreements, she has counseled clients on U.S. inbound pre-immigration, passive foreign investment companies and controlled foreign corporations, European usufruct rights, Section 367(a) gain recognition agreements and compliance with the Common Reporting Standard in various jurisdictions. She also drafted an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) comment letter on proposed regulations, as well as memoranda and opinions on various complex tax issues. Outside of her legal practice, Anne has spent the last few years providing college admissions counseling and financial literacy advice to low-income high school students.

Jeff Tachiki guides clients through the complex issues that arise in estate planning, and during trust administration and probate, including disputed matters. Jeff has particular knowledge of California’s nonconforming trust and estate law, specifically the elements relevant to trust and estate administration, and is a certified specialist with the State Bar of California in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law. His trust administration work includes experience addressing cross-border issues, and he has dealt with multiple jurisdictions when working through the estate tax issues related to probate administrations. Jeff is also very active in the Bay Area legal community. He serves as chair of the Estate Planning and Administration Committee for the East Bay Trusts and Estates Lawyers (EBTEL) and is a member of the Judicial Appointment Evaluation Committee for the Alameda County Bar Association.

This is the second workshop of the series of twice per year offerings. Last autumn 25 people participated in a workshop, “Family Record Inventory”. Participants received a binder of forms to identify their critical financial and personal information all in one easy to access place for their family and relatives to use in case of emergency. Examples of key information include: People to Notify, Banking and Investing account info, Insurance info, Tangible assets, and Location of Documents.

With the threat of Covid-19, we have postponed this estate tax planning, wills and trusts workshop and will reschedule when it is safe to do so.

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Cameron Carnival, normally occurring the first Saturday of May, has been CANCELLED this year due to health concerns over the spread of Covid-19.

For more Cameron House program updates due to the coronavirus, visit our website at cameronhouse.org/news/covid-19-updates/

We are still operating!

Every Thursday we distribute food to more than 200 low-income people and families in Chinatown. Food Pantry is seen as an essential service and will continue to operate on site every Thursday until further notice.

How much food has our pantry distributed in 2020?

January .................. 23,026.62 lbs
February.................. 18,111.1 lbs
March.................... 20,728.4 lbs

For a total of 61,866.12 pounds of food!

And the year has only just begun!

If you would like to help out with food pantry and are not part of a vulnerable community (older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions) please contact Nolan Chow at nolan@cameronhouse.org

Masks and gloves will be provided upon request.
Meet Emmy Li
Friday Night Club Senior Commission Leader

How did you first get involved with Cameron House?

I’ve known about Cameron House for a long time since I grew up in Chinatown but I was never fully involved in any of the programs. I first got involved with Friday Night Club when I went to Westminster Woods in 2017. It was my first time going to West and I saw that Cameron House was a really warm and big community. I noticed that everyone was friends with each other. My week at camp was fun and I got to meet some cool new people. I decided that I wanted to be a part of the community and went on to be a Youth Development Leader (YDL) ever since!

What kept you coming back?

I keep coming back because of the youth and other YDLs. In the beginning, I was still figuring out what being a YDL meant. As I spent more time with the youth, I realized that we were forming a very precious relationship, one that will always last. Meeting other YDLs has also been a highlight. We share club experiences with each other and also bond outside of Friday Night Club. Cameron House has provided a space for me to grow and develop new relationships.

Do you have a favorite memory/memories from Club?

There are a lot of fun and awesome memories but one that comes to mind would be Carnival. It is one of my favorite memories because of time and the availability of others. I also like to go eat, I like to go eat different types of food with friends and family because food is great! Dessert is also something I can’t live without, I’ll always have room for it. Hiking, going to the beach/somewhere with a view, or anything with nature is really calming. I also want to travel more in the future when I have time, there is so much to experience when one is in a new place!

What are you studying? What’s after club for you?

I enjoy playing volleyball, I will always be down to play. I only play during the summer and not all year round because of time and the availability of others. I also like to go eat, I like to go eat different types of food with friends and family because food is great! Dessert is also something I can’t live without, I’ll always have room for it. Hiking, going to the beach/somewhere with a view, or anything with nature is really calming. I also want to travel more in the future when I have time, there is so much to experience when one is in a new place!

What do you like to do with your free time?

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Anything else you’d like the community to know?

I hope that the state we’re in will pass and that things will turn better. I am truly treasuring the time that I get to spend with my loved ones right now. We will get through this!

2020 UNITED PARCEL SERVICE COMMUNITY IMMERSION PROGRAM

In partnership with UPS, Cameron House hosted its 16th cohort of UPS executives for 19 days from January into February. Led by Cameron House alumni, Josh Chuck, these executives received an opportunity to experience the many different communities of San Francisco. With visits to non-profits in Chinatown, the Tenderloin, and Bayview/Hunter’s Point, some of the participants share their personal experiences:

Can you tell me about your time here at Cameron House?

JG: I got deeply involved, at least in my mind, with the BAP program, and also the Kitchen Medicine program and some of the activities hosted for young adults (Friday Night Club). The most important thing is never to be involved but also to be aware of an understanding of why we’re doing this. I think this is the key for a lot of the social issues that we don’t tackle proactively; it will become a bigger issue. What Cameron House is doing, their being involved with young children and young adults, they’re making sure they’re on the right track. That’s been a tremendous amount of impact to everybody in this community to act on things at an early stage, making sure everyone is taken care of, making sure nobody’s isolated, making sure that we’re looking after each other, that’s pretty much what I learned from my three weeks here.

Thank you for your service, UPS!
Farewell to Staff!

Anson Ho left Cameron House in December. Anson grew up going to Friday Night Club and went on to become the Friday Night Club Director, Youth Leadership Development Programs Coordinator in the Fall of 2017 and later the Youth Leadership Development Programs Director. He is now pursuing his career in film.

Cody Friesenborg-Lee left Cameron House in January. Cody started at Cameron House as a summer camp leader for Solid Ground in 2007. She went on to become the Out of School Time Director and Volunteer and Special Events Manager, Communications & Community Outreach Coordinator, and then later the Associate Director as well as the Development Director. Cody now works at Wah Mei School as the Director of Extended Learning.

David Pon left Cameron House in February. David started at Cameron House in 2018 as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator. He is now working as a Program Associate for the environmental non-profit, Youth Outside, in Oakland.