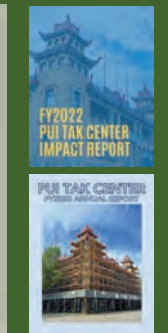
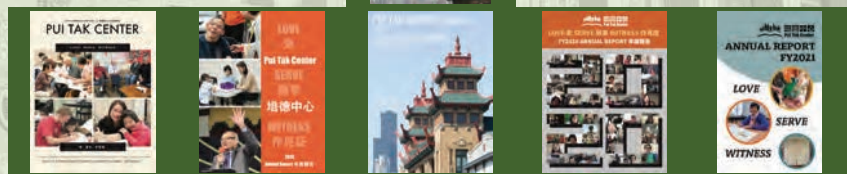
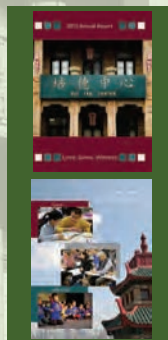
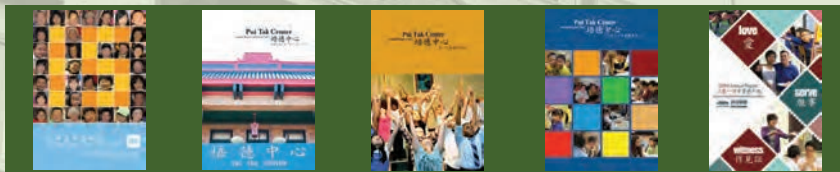
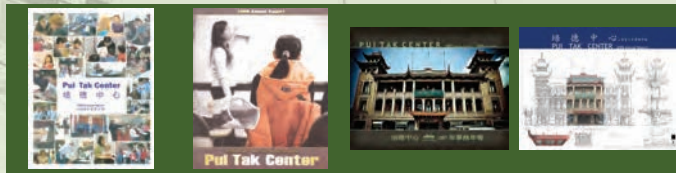
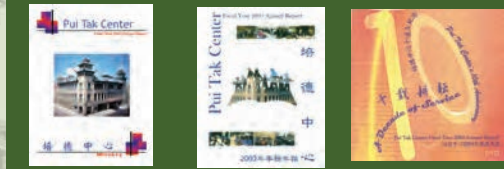




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Pui Tak Center

# 30 Years of Christian Witness



# Letter from the Presidents & Executive Director

As we look back on the past thirty years, we marvel at God's faithfulness.

**God provided the opportunity** At the time that Chinese Christian Union Church needed more space, Chinatown's only historic landmark building became available.

**God provided the vision** Mr. Stephen Yeh, Sr. championed the vision and Dr. James Lo drafted the proposal that this landmark could be used for church ministries and build upon the church's legacy of serving the needs of Chinatown's residents.

**God provided financial resources** Sacrificial gifts enabled the church to acquire the building. Every year since, we see God's faithfulness through grants and donations.

**God provided staff** For some, Pui Tak Center was their first job after college. Some wanted to serve the community before they retired. Others dedicated their careers to Pui Tak Center. All of the staff have lived out our motto of "Love, Serve and Witness."

**God provided volunteers** Our work wouldn't be possible without one-time volunteers, short term teams and regular volunteers - some who have served for many years. Nearly two thousand volunteers have been Moody Bible Institute students who developed cross-cultural skills and experienced the joy of impacting a life.

**God provided different ways to serve needs** Pui Tak Center has served through ESL and citizenship classes, tutoring services, food service certification classes, immigrant services, disability services, children and youth programs, bookstore, music program; senior activities; service projects such as income tax assistance and vaccinations, Pui Tak Christian School; and most recently, Hope Counseling Services.

While we may never know all of the long-term impact of our work as our early records are lost, our staff and volunteers have touched the lives of tens of thousands of children, youth, adults and seniors in the greater Chinatown area. 8630 unduplicated adults learned English in our classes during the past seventeen years. 5796 unduplicated adults received personal help through our immigrant services during the past nine years. 1910 children joined our July Summer Program/Jumpstart during the past sixteen years.

As our mission is to be a Christian witness, many experienced God's love through our staff and volunteers. Others have heard the good news of Jesus. While we pray for open hearts, our part is to love with compassion, serve with humility and witness with grace.

Major milestones give us a chance to look back and to look forward. Chinatown has certainly changed in the past thirty years. The Chinese population in the greater Chinatown area has grown 3x (from about 12,000 to about 35,000) and live in a much wider area. The pandemic equipped us to serve people remotely but we want to serve people in-person and are looking to bring our services to where our community is now living. We continue to ask ourselves the questions: "who is most vulnerable" and "how can we serve them". This past year, it meant serving Chinese migrants – who otherwise are ignored and scorned. During the past year, a volunteer helped our board visualize our strategy (see this Annual Report's centerfold). Immigrants will continue to come into our community. We will find ways to serve their needs, especially the need of the most vulnerable. Jesus is the center – providing us with our model of service and the hope that we want others to find.

Whether you have known and supported our work for thirty years or reading about us for the first time, we urge you to help us by praying for our work, volunteering your time, or giving of your resources. You'll be joining many others who together have impacted tens of thousands of individuals and families in greater Chinatown.



Stephen Yeh, Sr.  
President  
FY1994 to FY2007



Shirley Wong  
President  
FY2008 to FY2011



Larry Wong  
President  
FY2012, FY2015



Philip Chow  
President  
FY2013 to FY2014



Cheuk Yung  
President  
FY2016 to FY2020



Kenneth Chow  
President  
FY2021 to FY2022



John Wong  
President  
FY2023 to present

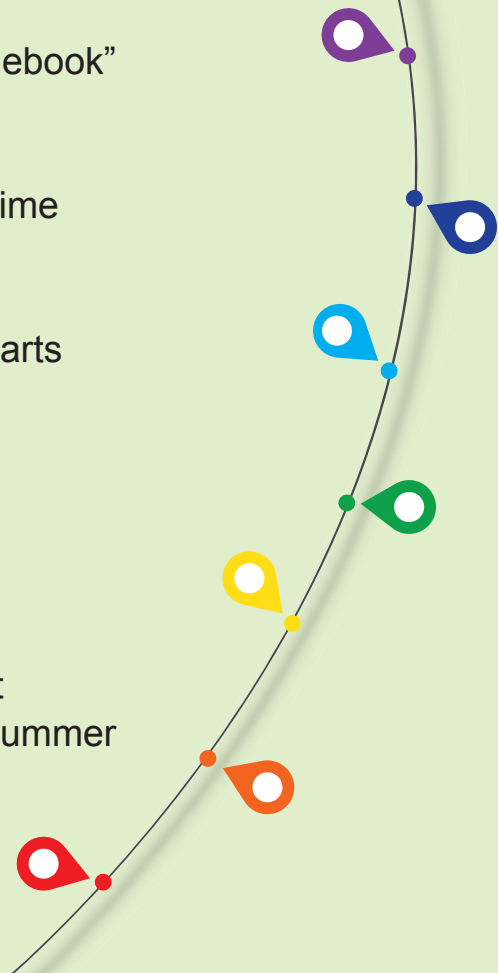


David Wu  
Executive Director  
FY1994 to present



# Milestones

- 1993 - CCUC purchases the former On Leong building
- 1994 - David Wu starts as Executive Director
- 1995 - CCUC dedicates building during its 80th Anniversary
- 1996 - Chicago Tribune and IL Sec'y of State awards first grants
- 1998 - Pui Tak Christian Bookstore opens
- 1999 - ISBE (and later ICCB) funds ESL classes
- 1999 - Youth after school program starts
- 2000 - Community Program publishes first "New Immigrant Guidebook"
- 2001 - CCUC transfers Pui Tak Christian School (PTCS) to PTC
- 2001 - Computer Center starts
- 2002 - ESL program serves 1000 students annually for the first time
- 2002 - Music program starts
- 2002 - JSP Jumpstart serves 200+ children for the first time
- 2003 - Support group for parents with children with disabilities starts
- 2003 - Rev. Daivay To becomes our first Director of Outreach
- 2003 - PTC's annual income reaches \$1 million
- 2004 - Family Literacy program starts
- 2006 - Youth ESL class starts
- 2006 - First Annual Thanksgiving Lunch for Immigrants
- 2007 - Outreach outings to Cantigny starts
- 2007 - Pui Tak building wins a \$100K building preservation grant
- 2008 - Spring English Bible Camp starts and later held in early summer
- 2009 - PTC's annual income reaches \$2 million
- 2009 - Yunn Fook Home starts




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- 2010 - PTC hosts a new citizen swearing-in ceremony
- 2011 - Food Service program starts
- 2012 - ESL serves an all-time high of 1388 students
- 2013 - Yunn Fook Home's annual attendance reaches 580
- 2015 - Children after school tutoring starts
- 2016 - PTCS reaches the dream of offering eighth grade
- 2016 - PTC's annual income reaches \$3 million
- 2017 - PTCS becomes independent and dreams of a new campus
- 2017 - Bookstore closes after serving the community for nearly 20 years
- 2018 - Poinema program for young adults with disabilities starts
- 2019 - ESL Program cumulatively helps 1000 students pass citizenship exam
- 2020 - Immigrant Welcoming Center starts and expands our immigrant services
- 2021 - PTC receives one of the first Mayor's Medal of Honor
- 2021 - PTC partners with Prism to provide 16,000+ COVID-19 vaccine doses
- 2021 - PTC partners with CCUC to distribute 10K food packages during 30 events
- 2023 - Hope Counseling Services starts
- 2024 - PTC celebrates 30 years of serving Chinatown



Pui Tak Christian School



Adult ESL



Thanksgiving Outreach Lunch



Computer Center



Youth Program



Poiema



# Adult Education

Pui Tak Center has offered ESL classes since 1994 and has likely served about 15,000 students. During the past twenty years, we have consistently been amongst the top three largest community-based ESL programs in Illinois and consistently exceed the state's learning gain average. In 1995, we began offering one-to-one tutoring through volunteers. This not only gave our students a chance to practice English with their tutor, but also gave both students and volunteers a window into the lives of someone from a different culture. In 2011, we began food service training. More than two thousand workers received the training needed to get sanitation licenses so that they can operate restaurants.

Today, our Adult Education Program continues to offer ESL classes, citizenship classes, food service and other workforce training classes, and tutoring services. In FY2024, our ESL served 200 more students than the year before as many Chinese migrants sought our help. As English remains one of the most important needs of newcomers, Pui Tak Center's classes are as important now as when we started in 1994.



## Jinxiu Ruan

I've been in the U.S. for about two and a half years. Initially, my English was very limited and my son didn't know the alphabet. When my son first arrived, he resisted learning English. He would often tell me, "Let's go back to China!" After joining Pui Tak's summer program, he's made remarkable progress.

I knew that my English was improving after my son's "Back to School" event. An elderly lady started talking to me. While my English is still quite limited, she complimented me for being friendly and said that my English was quite good. She taught me a few English words and I taught her a few Chinese ones. It was a joyful moment.

As my English has improved, I've been able to find a job that I enjoy. I hope to improve my English so that I can find an even better job and spend more time with my children. Thanks to Pui Tak, we've both significantly improved our English skills and confidence. Pui Tak has been a turning point in my life.



## Impact

<b>ESL Class Students</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>Tutoring Students</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Students who Improved at least one ESL levels</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>Volunteer Tutors</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total ESL Student Attendance Hours</b>	<b>136,596</b>	<b>Food Service Training Students</b>	<b>237</b>
		<b>Food Service Certifications Earned</b>	<b>250</b>



# Vision

Pui Tak Center mobilizes Christians to compassionately meet physical and spiritual needs so that Chinese become part of God's family

Pui Tak Strengths

Donors

Geographic



Christ-Centered Churches Talent attraction

Collaborate with Churches  
Lead people to Jesus  
Programs

Grow Faith  
Served 2 Serve  
Programs  
Leadership Development

Senior Talent Engagement  
Programs  
Senior programs II

Children

Youth

Life issues  
Adults

Family

Empty Nester

Sin temptation

World attraction

I came to be served, now I want to serve,

Pui Tak is like my new family.

Wow, it seems like a great place to get help

Immigrants Life Cycle

New Immigrants

New Immigrants

New Immigrants



# Children and Youth

When Pui Tak Center started, CCUC transferred a small tutoring program and the July Summer Program to us. The late Connie Leung served as our first Children and Youth Program Coordinator from 1998 to 2014. During that time, we developed youth after school tutoring, summer and school year ESL classes, service learning projects, and enrichment programs. In 2015, we started after school tutoring and enrichment classes for children. Throughout the past thirty years, the July Summer Program (now called JSP Jumpstart) has been the largest summer program for children in Chinatown. We also served children through a music program (FY2003 to FY2023) and Pui Tak Christian School (FY2001 to FY2018 when the school became independent).

While other programs also serve children and youth in Chinatown, our niche is to serve youth who are immigrants themselves. They face many challenges - leaving everything familiar to come to the U.S., learning English, catching up in school and making friends.



*Jia Rui Liang's father*

As new immigrants, we are completely unfamiliar with American culture. During their first year in the U.S., my children struggled academically and were anxious as they couldn't meet their teachers' expectations. As we have limited English skills, we needed someone to help our children with their studies. One day, I noticed that Pui Tak Center offered an after school program. I called for more information, and soon, enrolled my two children.

During the pandemic, my daughter's classes were online. I wasn't familiar with computers and the internet. I also had to work long hours. Fortunately, Pui Tak remained open and provided support for students. They helped my daughter navigate her online classes and provide space and help so that they could finish their homework. Now, my daughter is doing well academically.



*Anthony's mother*

When we first came to the U.S., we felt very lost and didn't understand anything. I tried to find a school for my son Anthony, but I was unsuccessful as I needed proof that he had completed ninth grade. I hadn't brought any school documents to the U.S. and didn't know what to do.

I turned to Pui Tak Center as their youth staff has helped other immigrant students. There were so many issues that came up with assessments and enrollment processes. The staff helped me solve each and every issue and my son successfully enrolled in high school. I felt extremely happy.

With the summer coming up, Anthony did not want to attend more English classes but was willing to try Pui Tak's Summer ESL Camp. He made friends and enjoyed interacting with his teacher. When school started, he wanted to go for tutoring and learning English at Pui Tak. This is a decision that he is making and not one that I'm making for him. I am so happy that Pui Tak Center is having a significant influence on him.

## Impact

**Children Served** 213

**Youth Served** 340

**Youth Interns & Apprentices** 151

**Youth Involved in Service Projects** 183

**Youth in ESL/Tutoring** 106



# Community

Our Community Program started in 1997 when Sarah Lau became our first Community Program Coordinator. Our services steadily grew to include solving problems for immigrants and seniors, holding workshops, offering immigration assistance, organizing community services such as vaccination events and income tax assistance, and gathering parents with children affected by disabilities into a support group.

Our services are similar but greatly expanded today and include an Immigrant Welcoming Center, Disability Services, community services projects, and Hope Counseling Services which was started this past year. As the program staff has grown, we can quickly mobilize to address emerging needs. During the pandemic, the needs were for emergency food, unemployment claim assistance and vaccine access. While we have returned to normal, the program seeks to develop new services for our community's most vulnerable which includes new arrivals and seniors.



*Li Cai Wei and Guan Jai Ling*

I arrived in the United States 23 years ago and felt lost due to the language barriers. I was scared, jobless, worried about health issues and unsure how to ask for help. We started attending Pui Tak Center's free English classes. Since we knew no English, we started at the beginning. We kept studying until we passed the citizenship test which brought us great peace of mind.

We've turned to the Immigrant Welcome Center for help. They've helped us apply for Ride Free transit passes, medical benefits, and low-income assistance. Now, we seek help from IWC whenever needed and are truly grateful for Pui Tak's support over the years.



## *Theresa's mother*

My daughter has a disability. My husband and I worried about our finances as we had to work long hours and care for our daughter. When she was 18, a friend introduced us to Pui Tak's Disability Services. I learned about applying for guardianship so that I can make decisions on her behalf as well as Home-Based Services which provides financial help for caregivers. This allows her father to stay home to care for our daughter.

For the past few years, we've joined Pui Tak at the Joni & Friends Family Camp. Buddies cared for our daughter so that she could participate in activities, even driving a boat. We all had a fantastic experience.

Recently, Pui Tak helped register our daughter for a long-term residential home. There might be a long wait. But knowing that she will be cared for in the future gives us peace of mind. I always turn to Pui Tak for assistance whenever I need help. Their support greatly reduced my stress about my daughter's future as we age.

# Impact

*Immigrant Welcoming Center clients*

**1290**

*Cash Assistance applications*

**461**

*IWC cases*

**3018**

*Tax Preparation Assistance households*

**124**

*Disability Services families*

**71**

*Direct financial help to low-income households*

**\$1.05M**

# Outreach

Pui Tak Center's theme verse is Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." The verse models for Pui Tak Center what we should do. We are to be servants. But also to be witnesses to what Jesus has done. Not everyone will be interested. But we are happy to share with those who are interested in learning about Jesus.

In our early years, CCUC located Min. Grace Tung's office at Pui Tak Center so that she could reach out to those served by our programs. Our outreach efforts developed further when Rev. Daivay To was called to join our staff in 2003 and later served as CCUC Outreach Pastor from 2013 to 2018. Rev. To organized outreach events and regular Bible studies and shepherded Yunn Fook Home. Every Thanksgiving, we have invited new immigrants to share a turkey meal and hear about why Christians are so thankful.

We continue many of these efforts and outreach to ESL students through an American Culture class, seeker Bible studies and an English Corner.



*Chen Yu*

Last May, I enrolled in English classes at the Pui Tak Center. Learning English has changed my life and work. I can now understand and communicate with restaurant customers in English. In the future, I hope to become my own boss.

But the biggest change in my life happened when Ms. Mei invited me to attend the church programs that meets at the Pui Tak Center. My mother-in-law is a Christian so I decided to try. I was invited to a Bible study group and studying the Bible has helped me understand how to conduct myself better and rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance.

The verse that impacted my life was John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."



*Rev. Daivay To*

I've always felt privileged to be called as our first Outreach Pastor. Mr. Stephen Yeh Sr. envisioned Pui Tak Center as a lighthouse to give direction and hope, and as a gas station/convenience store that gave practical help, support and encouragement to people in need. PTC fulfilled this early vision by displaying God's love, offering services and witnessing for Christ, who loves us and died for us.

I was blessed, along with my wife Soc Hen who co-labored by my side, with the opportunity to meet many struggling individuals. I also witnessed the dedication, sacrifice and care of our team. Their work prepared the way for many to learn about Jesus, accept Him, be baptized and serve Him. I had a front row seat in witnessing God's mighty hands and blessing in changing many lives.

On our 30th anniversary, I am confident that what Paul expressed in his letter to the Philippians is true for Pui Tak Center: "God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won't stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:6 (Contemporary English Version)



# Resources

## Board of Directors

57 board members have given their time and wisdom to govern and provide vision. Four served 20+ years including Matthew Chan, Roman Leung, Larry Wong and David Wu and nine served 10-19 years including Mike Chan, Betty Chow, Philip Chow, Bing Gin, James Lo, Shirley Wong, Stephen Yeh Sr, Jeanette Yep and Cheuk Yung.

FY2024 board members: John Wong (President), Cheuk Yung (Vice President), Julia Cheng-Kuk (Treasurer), Judy Fan-Hsu (Secretary), Mike Huang, James Hwang, Min. Chris Javier, Victor Louie, Danny Mui, Min. Sally Song, Crystal Tam, Vincent Tse, Kenneth Yeung, Ellen Yu and David Wu.

## Staff

Pui Tak Center has had 678 staff members who served as program staff, ESL teachers, after school tutors and summer JSP staff. Current and former staff who served 20+ years include: Sarah Lau, Jan Mei, Jenny Mei, Man Ying Tam, Connie Tse, David Wu, Jim Yeung, and Leah Lovell Zerari. Current and former staff who served 10-19 years include: Gina Atienza, Jim Hanert, Sarah Huang, Ivy Lee, Karen Lee, Connie Leung, Sandy Louie, Waiyi Louie, Alan Louie, Rosana Ng, Jeff Nofziger, Walt Schoenfuhs, Stephen Sit, Rev. Daivay To, and Sylvia Wu.

## Volunteers

More than four thousand volunteers have supported our work. Their efforts have ranged from tutors working with children, youth and adults; income tax preparers, workshop speakers, special event volunteers, and field trip chaperones. We are grateful that each of you found a way to use your talents to serve God and Chinatown with us.

## Financial (FY2024: 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024)

### Income

Government	\$2,201,008
Program Fees	\$285,888
Individuals/Churches	\$250,866
Contract Service Fees	\$156,720
Foundations/Corporations	\$103,508
Miscellaneous	\$198,461
In-Kind	\$311,010

**Total Income \$3,527,461**

### Expenses

Salaries/Benefits	\$2,452,327
Occupancy	\$316,004
Depreciation	\$123,491
Supplies	\$110,718
Contract/Professional	\$104,952
Miscellaneous	\$72,367
In-Kind	\$311,010

**Total Expenses \$3,510,869**

The FY2024 (7/1/23 to 6/30/24) financial statements was audited by IL NFP Audit & Tax and is available upon request. The Adult Education and Training department received \$628,141 in federal funding, 36% of the total program cost.

Annual Report in Chinese will be available on our website by early 2025.

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