

November 24, 2020

Dear Friend,

Suppose you were writing a letter to your great grandchildren, what would you say? You might tell them about why the Chinese settled in Chicago in 1890's. Where there was legalized discrimination against the Chinese, especially The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Stories about their journeys, what customs they brought, work they were able to find, and raising their families.

It is this dedicated work of the Chinese American Museum of Chicago to advance the appreciation of Chinese American culture through exhibitions, education, and research and to preserve the past, present, and future of Chinese Americans primarily in the Midwest. We began over 15 years ago, when the Museum opened to the public on May 21, 2005. After a devastating fire in September of 2008, the Museum was closed for renovation and reopened in 2010.

Our vision is to work with organizations, visitors, and community leaders across the country to tell the story of Chinese Americans primarily in the Midwest and to build a community around a continuous dialogue illustrating how Chinese American culture and contributions are an important part of the American fabric. In 2020, we offered these exhibitions and public programs:

- **Attic Treasures II** Exhibition
- Virtual Screening: **Soul of a Banquet**, an unforgettable film about Chef/Restaurateur, Cecilia Chiang
- An Intergenerational Conversation: **What's at Stake for the Chinese/Chinese American Museum in the US?**
- First-Ever Virtual **Mid-Autumn Festival and Annual Fundraiser**
- Documentary Film Screenings of **Far East Deep South** and **First Vote**
- **Dare to Tell: Podcasting for Asian American Stories**
- Virtual Panel Discussion: **Honor and Duty: The Chinese American WWII Veterans**
- Book Talk: **Gold Mountain, Big City** with Jim Schein
- Recurring Storytelling Workshop/Circle: **Straight to the Heart!**
- **Preserving Family Memories** – Conversation with Amelia Lin, founder of the mobile app Saga

We have relied on the generous donation of members and donors like you to fund our exhibitions and public programs and would like to end the year strong despite setbacks due to COVID-19. **Our year end goal is to raise \$25,000.** With your support we can reach that goal. Please consider making a donation to the museum before the end of the year and continue to show your support for our mission and vision. Your generosity will allow us to host exhibitions and public programs to help us inspire the next generation of young people to take on a greater role in their communities to promote education and cultivation of the Chinese American culture. This action helps to define and strengthen our communities.

Sincerely,



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