



*Southeast Asian Coalition
of Central Massachusetts*

Helping Asian Families Integrate.



Who We Are

The Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts' mission is to help Southeast Asian immigrants in Central MA successfully integrate into the community while maintaining their cultural identity.



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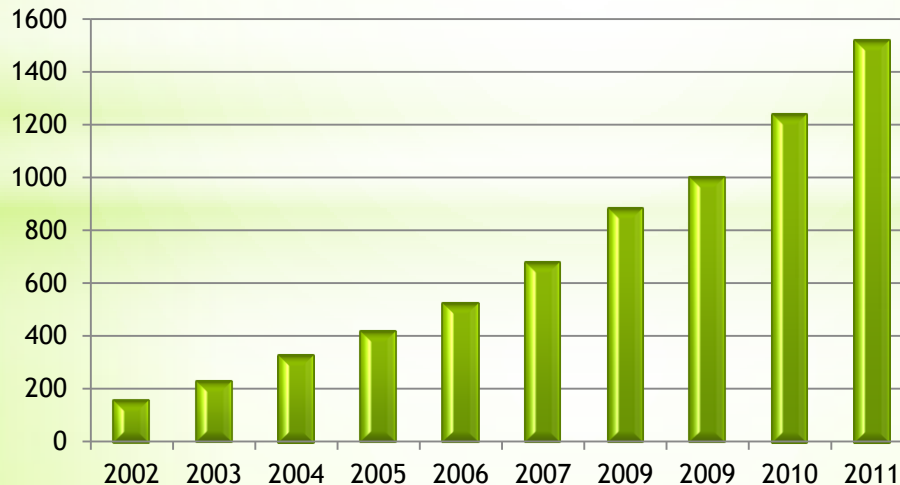
Over the past 10 years, we achieved this through providing support and assistance in the areas of education, employment, citizenship, civic engagement, youth development, and through connecting community members with healthcare services.



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We also work to create a robust network of partnerships with city government departments, local organizations, and healthcare providers in order to better serve our community members. The need for our services is growing and this year we have assisted over 1,500 individuals and families.

Number of Individuals served



Our Accomplishments

Youth Effect Program:



- The program serves Worcester public school students aged 13-19.
- 95 enrolled youth with 45 active participants.
- 59 youth attended academic support - 90% of them reported improved overall academic performance.

“Like the roots of this tree, we are the foundation to a better society.”

Photo and Caption: Juliana Villegas Cruz



Our Accomplishments

Youth Effect Program:



WYND, a Lion Dance group

- Youth organized the 4th annual Moon Festival at the Boys & Girls Club - over 500 children and their families attended.
- Worcester Youth Nian Dance (WYND), a Lion Dance group, began in May 2010 with 16 youth participants, has performed over 30 times at cultural events, local schools, colleges and community celebrations, reaching over 10,000 audiences.



Our Accomplishments

Youth Effect Program:



Volunteers for Asian Festival

- Awarded Scholarships to 3 youth to attend summer programs.
- 76 % of youth program participants reported improvements in their ability to think critically and make positive decisions.
- Trained 12 youth leaders; 2 youth participated in the Youth Empowerment and Activism group; 8 youth obtained jobs through Summer Youth Work program.

“Youth Effect is like a family which brings people together ... sharing their culture, hobby, sadness ... happiness. I met nice friends and learn many meaningful things about life here.” Phung (youth member)



Our Accomplishments

English as a Second Language (ESL):

- 113 students enrolled in our classes throughout the year.
- 41 additional students were referred to other programs due to space and schedule restrictions.
- 19 students moved to higher education: Clark University, QCC, and Worcester State University.
- 27 students obtained jobs.

Our Accomplishments

English as a Second Language (ESL):

- 10 students obtained U.S. Citizenship; currently preparing 15 students for their Naturalization test.
- According to our survey, 80% of students reported improved communication in their workplace and daily activities.
- 41 volunteers from the community and from local colleges provided over 2,400 hours of service as tutors and teaching assistants.



Our Accomplishments

Other Services:

- Linked 171 job-seekers with employment; approximately 52 people successfully found better opportunities .
- Assisted more than 1,000 immigrants with translation, interpretation, documentation, access to other social services and educational opportunities annually.
- Referred 64 Worcester housing units to the Worcester Lead Action Collaborative to be de-leaded.
- Assisted 57 people with Naturalization efforts.



Our Accomplishments

Civic Engagement:

- Provided 355 constituents with educational materials and registration forms enabling them to make informed decisions, which resulted in a 30% increase in actual Southeast Asian voters in Worcester last year.
- Assisted 118 new individuals register to vote.
- Organized Neighborhood Watch meetings with 50-60 community members in attendance each month.



Our Accomplishments

Civic Engagement:

- Started Media Educational program called “Voices of Asian Americans in Worcester” which broadcasts weekly on Channel 13. The purpose of this program is to provide information and educational topics to the community. The first show was broadcasted on August 2, 2011.
- Helped our community understand the political process and become more involved in Municipal Elections by hosting the first District 4 City Councilor Candidates Forum for the Vietnamese community.



Our Accomplishments

Cultural:

- Organized 8th Annual Asian Festival with 12 Asian countries participating.
- More than 300 youth and adults volunteered to perform.
- Over 3,000 people attended the Festival.
- Community youth were recognized with 4 Academic Scholarships and 1 Youth Recognition Award.



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Access to Health:

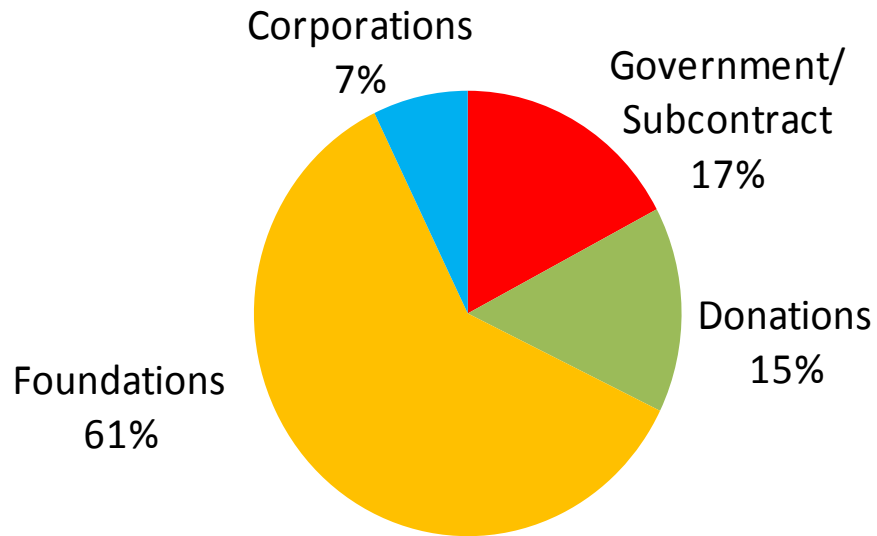
- Helped 61 families obtain health insurance.
- Referred 61 individuals to the UMass Care Mobile and to local health care providers.
- Provided 381 services related to health care such as interpretation, translation, and documentation.
- Provided health education workshops for over 80 people.



Funding Sources

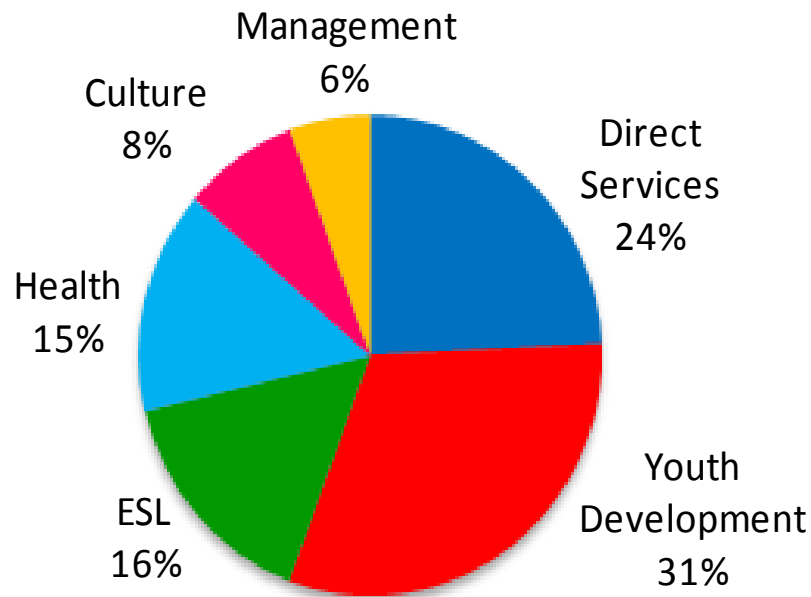
Total Income \$247,500

Breakdown of Income by Source



Funding distribution

Breakdown of Expense by Program



Youth Photo Voice



“What we see in our reflections are our dreams.

*Every color, every chance to hold the light
We see ourselves only then and there as it
seems.*

*It’s our mirror image we want to pursue...
But is it in our reality?*

*We need more ways to see ourselves
successful .*

Than just in the ripples of the water.”

Photo and Caption: Lucky Thach



Youth Photo Voice



“Imagine... Each crack is an obstacle we must overcome. Do you seep into the cracks and lose yourself or do you build new sidewalks over them?”

Photo and Caption: Thu Nguyen



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