



Asian Community Alliance, Inc.

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Creating & Coordinating Resources for Stronger Communities

Asian Community Alliance announces the transition of its Executive Director and Board Chair

Cincinnati, OH- Asian Community Alliance (ACA) Board of Directors has announced that Ms. Arlene de Silva is leaving the position of Executive Director on December 31st, 2018 after-five years of excellent service. Her position will not be filled immediately. Ms. de Silva will move to oversee ACA's workforce initiative Professional Accessible Nurturing Dedicated Associates (PANDA) a non-medical homecare training program she innovated in 2018.

Yen Hsieh will also be stepping down and resigning from the Board on December 31st, 2018 after 5 years of service as Board Chair. Julia Saldanha, will be the new Board Chair and Chandra Prasad will continue her service as Vice Chair. Ms. Saldanha who leads our Youth Leadership program and the Mental Health Program has been a Board member for the past two years. She is currently the Program Director for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

During Arlene and Yen's tenure, the organization has grown from a mostly advocacy /outreach provider to a program and service provider. In the past five years, we have provided quality programming and services that met many needs of our diverse community. Our revenue growth increased greater than seven fold during this period through support from foundations, local companies, and social service organizations. We created a multi-generational platform focused on programs/services that addressed family issues from youth to grandparents. We extended our Helping Our People through Empowerment (HOPE) program addressing domestic violence to include sexual assault and human trafficking. We have given college scholarships to nine graduating high school students in the past four years at \$2500 each. We addressed tough issues such as domestic violence, mental health and bullying in school through symposiums, expert speakers and workshops. We initiated many educational programs for refugees and immigrants with trainings such as computer literacy skills, job training, healthy life style, to empower and inspire individuals in building their capacity to achieve greater independence and financial stability. We connected and collaborated with our social service providers with our HOPE program, engaged in many local civic engagement events with various ethnic groups and provided early enrollment of health care to more than 800 constituents for the first time.

We thank Arlene & Yen for their immense contribution in growing our organization to its current status.

Asian Community Alliance founded in 2004 as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization is the leading Asian organization serving Asian Americans in the Greater Cincinnati region. Our Mission is to Educate, Empower, Inspire and Create Healthy Asian families and Communities. Our Vision is to Achieve a Thriving Community through Education, Collaboration, Mutual Respect and Support.

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