Building a Bright Future for Generations to Come

Annual Report 2014–2015
Dear Friends and Supporters,

I’m often asked what has kept me engaged as a board member of the Asian Pacific Fund for the past 22 years. Besides the great needs in our local Asian community and the opportunity to have an impact, there is something far more profound that binds me to its mission year after year. It is a distinct and compelling quality about the Asian community that inspires me to this day. That quality is called soul and it is embodied in our donors, our board members, our community organizations and the people we help.

As for the soul of the Asian Pacific Fund, it is beautifully expressed through our signature program, Growing Up Asian in America, which turns 20 this year. Our annual art, video and essay contest captures the emotions and experiences of our youth as they deepen their sense of Asian roots while forging their own identities and visions of success. The literary and artistic fruits of this contest bring to life why we are so invested in our community.

In just the last three years, we have more than doubled the grant dollars we distribute. But it is how we impact our community that makes the Asian Pacific Fund unique. We give grants to help organizations operate and fundraise more effectively, making them stronger so they can not only survive but help more people in need. An example is the Community Youth Center (CYC) which used our grant and guidance to win a $400,000 grant from a consortium of foundations. The CYC was the only Asian organization from the Bay Area to be chosen among 90 applicants from across the state for these large grants. According to their Executive Director, Sarah Wan, “We owe it all to the Asian Pacific Fund for getting us on track and moving forward.” This represents the ripple effect possible through the strategic investment of our collective resources.

Thank you for helping us to create the ripples of support that are reaching our most vulnerable with lasting impact and heartfelt soul.

On behalf of all of us at the Fund, we look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen our Asian Pacific Islander community while improving lives.

Sincerely yours,

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Asian Pacific Fund Board Chair & Founding Board Member

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The image contains text and images, including a message from the chair and a list of board members and advisory council members. The text is in English and appears to be a letter or a message discussing the mission and impact of the Asian Pacific Fund.
The widespread perception that all Asian Americans are well-educated and successful masks the struggles that many in our community face. This lack of reality makes it difficult to support and services for some of our most vulnerable. The Asian Pacific Fund has an opportunity to identify program needs that will target our priorities. The Fund supports organizations that address community needs and helps donors maximize the impact of their contributions to the lives of others.

In 2015, the Asian Pacific Fund distributed nearly $200,000 in scholarships to support the most vulnerable members of our community.
INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Our network of 74 nonprofit organizations works tirelessly to serve more than 5,000 at-risk Asian young people per year to strengthen its impact on the youth and the community it serves.

The Asian Pacific Fund understands how important this is to an organization that is providing educational programs, summer camp and workshops to workplace-development centers.

This lack of visibility often results in diminished support and services for some of our most vulnerable.

The Asian Pacific Fund aims to improve the lives of our community and have the evaluative expertise to identify program needs.

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San Francisco’s Tenderloin district is not known as family friendly, but for this year’s winners, this notion is not a given.

In recognition of his leadership that he exemplified. This year’s recipient, S. David Wu, joined George Mason University as the first Asian American to lead a major university.

The couple are passionate supporters of numerous charitable causes, including Lyme disease, children with special needs, the elderly, wildlife conservation, and the arts. Amy is a memoir and two children’s books, one of which became a PBS cartoon series. Her opera, The Bonesetter’s Daughter, premiered at the San Francisco Opera in 2008. Her latest novel, The Joy Luck Club, was published in 1989. It became a national best seller and was adapted into a film.

Many thank to the scholars, Board Members, and staff members who have made this program possible.

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One of the authors of this book, Amy Tan, was born in Oakland in 1952. Her first novel, The Joy Luck Club, was published in 1989. It became a national best seller and was adapted into a film. She is the author of five additional novels, including The Bonesetter’s Daughter, which premiered at the San Francisco Opera in 2008. Her latest novel, The Joy Luck Club, was published in 1989. She is currently at work on a book of essays. She is the author of five additional novels, including The Bonesetter’s Daughter, which premiered at the San Francisco Opera in 2008.

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CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP AND CREATIVITY

The 20th anniversary of Growing Up Asian in America, we asked Bay area students to draw the story of their family’s journey to the United States. More than 700 Bay Area students submitted art, essay and video entries for this year’s program.

The story is told through a comic book, published in collaboration with the San Francisco Playhouse.

PODCASTS

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Then supporting our work is our province.

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the Asian Pacific Fund is more than our family — they are our extended family. To this day, our family is connected to our community. Our ongoing commitment to support those in need is our way of paying back to our community. We are honored to be involved in this cause and proud to make a positive contribution to our community.

 donor spotlight: amy tan

Our charitable philosophy is based on addressing both urgent needs and newly emerging ones. That’s why we appreciate Asian Pacific Fund so much. They have the cultural issues of the community and have the expertise to identify program needs and resources that align with our priorities. Ames Tan supports informed our very real impact on the daily lives of many, young and old.

 Board spotlight: satish keshi

I am proud to be on the provost's review committee for the Asian Pacific Fund scholarship program and to do my part in supporting students who have overcome the challenges of their upbringing in a single-parent family.
Asian Pacific Fund Board Chair & Founding Board Member
Emerald Yeh

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Our mission year after year.

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The Asian Pacific Fund is a non-profit foundation dedicated to strengthening the Bay Area’s Asian and Pacific Islander communities. We help donors achieve their philanthropic goals, support organizations that serve our most vulnerable and raise awareness about pressing community needs.

The condensed financial information above has been derived from audited financial statements for years ended June 30, 2014 and 2015 as reported by Burr & Company LLP, independent auditors.

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Flavor, Mikes & Pies. For every cup of Asian food, please come to...