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## Newsletter

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### WE CARE?



On the early morning of February 20, 2013, a horrific fatal accident happened. Ms. Wong Shuk Yee on her way to work, crossing the street to the main bus terminal at Sandstone in northwest Calgary was run over, not once but twice!

CCCSA immediately mobilized the next day to help the police by being at the scene handing out information pamphlets and standing by to help translate where needed.

In addition, CCCSA through the radio program work with the police to plead with the audience for help in the hope that someone witnessing the accident would come forward with the information. CCCSA was supportive and in constant contact with the family helping wherever we can.

It is difficult to understand why people waiting at the bus terminal did not see the accident or wanted to come forward and help. Thankfully a neighbor (Ms. Tonja Beach) living across the street heard the “Thump, Thump, Thump” and knew that something bad had happened. She quickly rushed out to comfort Ms. Wong in her dying moments and called 911.

The questions that we have to ask ourselves are: What is going on in this city? Why is there no compassion? Is it because people are fearful of getting involved? How would you feel if you or your love one was in involved this tragedy? So many questions, so few answers.

After the accident, everybody was so up in arms that there were many “WE CARE” rallies, but still NOBODY CARE to step forward with any information.

Two years ago, a toddler was struck by two vehicles in China with video footage capturing many people walking past.

It ignited outrage around the world as it should have — many smugly insist that would never happen here in Calgary. But before we cast the first stone, we need to look at ourselves. Sadly, it happened here in Calgary!

Ms. Wong was a great Calgarian. It’s a real tragedy that her life was cut short without closure.

### To our many funders, thank you!



Also a big thank you to our many sponsors and friends of CCCSA!

# CCCSA People News



Angela Yiu, director of board of CCCSA: In February, 2013 a senior driving a mid-sized vehicle from the intersection at Country Hills Blvd rammed into Angela Yiu's office landing two feet away from her! The trauma and the shock re-aggravated her neck, shoulder and back pain that she suffered a year ago. As a result of her accident, Angela has resigned from the board. We will miss her and wish her a speedy recovery so that she can continue her great work as a volunteer in our community.



Candy Poon, director of board of CCCSA: Along the same time, Candy while driving was involved with a car accident which left her injured and unable to work for a few months. This really hamper her quality of life and her volunteer work at CCCSA.

This goes to show that we never know what is in store for us, so we should cherish every moment and live life to the fullest.

## On positive notes:



Lily Kwok, Executive Director of CCCSA was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal last month.

The medal was created in 2012 to mark the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada, the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal was a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, this commemorative medal served to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians. During the year of celebrations, deserving Canadians were recognized and awarded this medal. We are delighted that Lily was one of them! Congratulations!



Winston Chow, treasurer on the board of CCCSA was named as the director of China Practice and Tax at BDO Canada, one of the leading accounting and advisory firms in Canada with over 90 years of experience. Congratulations to Winston! He will be very busy in his new role.

## Janice Wong - Community Legal Counselor



CCCSA is fortunate to have recruited Janice Wong as our community legal counselor. Janice's role includes:

- delivering legal education seminars & workshops to the public in Chinese
- discuss legal topics on the radio
- provide summary legal advice to low-income clients in partnership with Calgary Legal Guidance
- provide follow-up support & interpretation services to low-income clients
- provide interpretation and legal advocacy training to staff and volunteers in order to reach out to more people within the community

In partnership with Calgary Legal Guidance, Janice and a group of dedicated volunteer lawyers offer free and confidential legal advice to low-income Albertans and provide assistance on the following legal issues:

- Uncontested divorce
- Family Law
- Small Claims
- Traffic
- Landlord/Tenant
- Summary Offence

Anyone requiring help with legal issues must register with CCCSA before attending one of the above clinics.

Janice said, "I have a passion for looking out for other people's interests and advocating for the poor and oppressed. Since 2005, I provided interpretation services and support to low-income Calgarians and accompanied them to legal clinics. As a legal professional, I am excited to use my legal training to continue to help people in need."

## Recent Events



### The Third Culture Kid Movie

On March 10, 2013 CCCSA hosted this film at the Calgary Central Library.

Most Chinese, especially the new immigrants can relate to this movie. For examples:

- The father is a highly qualified engineer in China and after 81 resumes he couldn't find a job so he is working as a laborer cleaning washrooms.
- The kid is basically a good kid, but because of the family breakup and the hunger for money he is influenced by others that may not be following the path of the straight and narrow.
- The father finds no way out of his dilemma and seeks the final solution which is so sad. We need to ensure this won't happen in Calgary or anywhere.



### Law Day Event – Janice Wong, Community Legal Counselor

The 31st annual Law Day Event was held on April 13, 2013 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Calgary Courts Centre. Law Day is a celebration and commemoration of Canada's adoption of the Charter of Rights & Freedoms. It is an opportunity for the public to share and express the joy and pride that comes with being Canadian. The public also had an opportunity to gather more legal and community information and resources from law-related exhibits and law enforcement demonstrations.

CCCSA planned, organized, and coordinated their first Law Day Walking Tour. The purpose of the tour is to provide an opportunity for Chinese-speaking Albertans to learn about their legal system and the various courts and court services within the Calgary Courts Centre. The tour is conducted by CCCSA's community legal counselor, Janice Wong. The tour consists of exploring various levels of the court building and explaining the various services and programs provided on each floor levels. Many participants felt that the walking tour helped them feel more confident about their ability to participate in Canadian society. Most of the participants stated that the tour taught them about legal issues and family issues. A few said they acquired more knowledge about Canadian culture. Overall, the walking tour was a success and everyone learned about the legal system and the role the law plays in their province and country.

#### Testimonials:

"It prepares me to decide on a career in Law"

"I acquired some knowledge about Canadian and Alberta Laws"

"I have an understanding of what services are provided on each floor level"

**Mother's Day Celebration - Free Photo-Taking by Professional Photographer, Jackie Au**

As a celebration of Mother's Day, CCCSA is pleased to host a free photo shooting session for individuals or family.

Many of our clients don't have many opportunities to get their pictures taken professionally for whatever reasons. CCCSA wanted to give them this opportunity by partnering with professional photographer, Jackie Au to take pictures for low income individuals and families to celebrate Mother's Day. The response has been overwhelming!



**Continue helping low income families to file their Tax Returns – David Tam, Community Development Coordinator**

Partnership with Canada Revenue Agency, CCCSA has been helping low income families to file their tax return for the past 13 years. Again with the help of 68 volunteers, we filed 525 tax returns this year. Beside our regular clinics that we held in our office during weekends, we also send an outreach team to the Garrison Green Care Centre to help clients who live in the care facility.

This program not only helps low income clients complete their income tax returns, but also help volunteer to understand the Canadian tax system.

There were lots of excitements during every weekend in the past two month. Volunteers were so excited that they can help others to do their tax. Clients were happy that we can help not only their tax, but also follow up with their low income services application.

Thanks to all the volunteers, supervisors and trainers who contributed time and efforts to make this program successful.

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