A Note From the Director

Dear Friends of ASIA,

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support for Asian Services In Action, Inc., and the Asian/Pacific Islander communities of Ohio through this year of transitions. For starters, this is the first time that our Executive Director for over a decade, May Chen, has to taken a leave of absence. May continues to be involved in the lives of APIs across Northeast Ohio, providing mentorship to the current Acting Executive Director.

The 2007-2008 year has also brought ASIA, Inc. to the forefront of Asian/Pacific Islander health in the United States. As the lead agency for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s Health Through Action Initiative in Ohio [HTA-Ohio], ASIA works with organizations statewide to address the high prevalence of hepatitis B in these communities. HTA-Ohio committee members represent the five major metropolitan areas of the state—Cleveland, Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton.

ASIA, Inc. has also begun a partnership with Cleveland Catholic Charities Office of Migration and Refugee Services to provide services to refugees who have exhausted their 180-day period of transition services. We want to ensure that these individuals and their families are able to become self-sufficient and productive members of their communities.

Sincerely,

Michael Byun
Acting Executive Director
Self-Sufficiency Programs and Services

Newcomer’s Family Support Center

- 8,640 hours of ESOL education and support provided to 109 adults
- 5,800 hours of ESOL education and support provided to 83 youth
- HEAP benefits applied by 70 families
- Water affordability benefits accessed by 33 families
- Medicare/Medicaid accessed by 40 individuals
- 375 hours of basic computer training completed by 25 individuals

This year, the Newcomer’s Family Support Center partnered with Catholic Charities and St. Luke Catholic Church to provide services to incoming refugees from South and Southeast Asia. NFSC is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Job and Immigrants Living Literate in America

- 160 hours of ESL Classes provided to 30 students
- 250 hours of Citizenship Classes provided to 25 students

Immigrants Living Literate in America is funded by the John S and John L Knight Foundation. During July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008, the program successfully hosted three workshops recognizing the assets of Asian Americans in three sectors: Education, Business, and Non-profit Sectors. The program also hosted its first cultural event, “An Afternoon in ASIA,” bring-

Community Outreach Partnership Center

- 30 individuals received homeownership, microenterprise, and community safety education

The Community Outreach Partnership Center is a partnership between ASIA, Inc., and the University Park Alliance, to serve Asian Americans living in the UPA area.

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Children, Youth, and Family Services

Community Adult Mentoring Program

- 37 students received over 320 hours of ATOD prevention education, drug-free activities, and tutoring/mentoring services during the school year 2007-2008
- 33 students received over 170 hours of ATOD prevention education, drug-free activities, and tutoring/mentoring services during the summer of 2007
- 5 parents completed the parenting program

CAM is supported by the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County. This year, the youth participated in the 4-H Youth In Governance Program, which promotes education and service around the political realm. They were also involved in the Year of the Rat art program through St. Clair Superior Development Corporation and created and implemented an African-inspired puppet show which was performed for staff, parents, and Ward 13 Councilman Joe Cimperman.

International Community Empowerment Project

- Hours of services provided: 210
- Number of individuals served: 47

From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, ICEP provided alternative activities in a drug-free environment for Akron youth. This year, the youth participated in the Art Miles Mural Project. The purpose of the Murals Project is to promote environmental education and geography, develop consensus, team-building, and multiculturalism, and inspire youth to take actions to reduce the use of greenhouse gases. ICEP students were provided an opportunity to decorate a piece of canvas in the shape of the state of Ohio, to be displayed as a US EPA Project. The canvas will be exhibited in 2010. ICEP is funded by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Akron Community Foundation.

The Lantern Project

During the summer of 2007, ASIA, Inc., piloted a service learning/mentoring program for youth in midtown, Cleveland, who are in grades 8—12. They identified needs and assets of the neighborhoods in which they lived and also created and implemented a perceptions of safety survey of neighborhood residents and employees who work in local businesses.

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Senior and Adult Services

Lucky Seniors

- 208 hours of Nutrition and Wellness education provided to 85 seniors in Summit County

During October 1, 2007 to October 1, 2008, the Lucky Seniors celebrated the BEIJING 2008 Olympics at Laurel lakes with a picnic, performance, and a ceremonial lighting and passing of the torch. Several Lucky Seniors demonstrated their Tai Chi forms, line dancing, and calligraphy to the Laurel Lakes residents. A 105-year-young woman, resident of Laurel Lakes, lit a torch and it was passed on to all the seniors, to represent the Summer Olympics in Beijing. Lucky Seniors is funded by the Summit County Area Agency on Aging.

Community Health Promotion

Asian American Youth Against Tobacco

- 1,803 youth and 540 adults served through tobacco education, outreach, and awareness

AAYAT is a youth-led anti-tobacco coalition serving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in five major metropolitan areas of Ohio (Dayton, Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland, and Akron). The program is funded by the State Tobacco Settlement Agreement.
Community Health Promotion (Cont’d)

Health Through Action—Ohio

• Conducted presentations to and met with various AAPI organizations statewide to promote partnerships for the purpose of strengthening AAPI health-related activities
• Distributed language-specific Hepatitis B materials throughout Ohio, including 300 brochures at the Asian Festival Health and Wellness Pavilion (May 24-25)
• Screened AAPIs for Hepatitis B, including 287 individuals at the Asian Festival Health and Wellness Pavilion and 34 at the Cincinnati Asian Health Symposium (April 26-27)
• Translated Hepatitis B notification letters into four different Southeast Asian languages
• Received free or low-cost access to prescription medication for individuals with chronic Hepatitis B through Gilead Pharmaceuticals and piloted a vaccine voucher system with the Columbus Health Department
• Presented a process for implementing a statewide health needs assessment for AAPIs for Partner Organizations
• Assisted Governor’s office in creating the first Asian Advisory Council
• Held Statewide Community Conversation on Asian American Health (June 27-28), for 72 participants, which included key stakeholders and potential partners
• Presented a workshop entitled, “Building a grassroots movement around AAPI health” at the April 26th Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association Conference in Cleveland, Ohio
• Organized a World Hepatitis B Day event (May 19) in Cincinnati, Ohio
• Wrote an article on Asian American health in a brochure that was distributed to over 3,000 individuals in Columbus, Ohio, and distributed press releases with information on key AAPI health data at World Hepatitis Day and Statewide Community Conversation on Asian American Health
• Made legislative visits with Ohio’s Senators Brown and Voinovich and Representative Ryan (May 19-21)

During the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year, the HTA Committee held a statewide action planning meeting in Columbus. The event drew 72 participants from all areas of Ohio, with strong representation from the older adult and limited English speaking populations. A vaccine voucher system was piloted in Columbus, allowing APIs to access vaccine services in their respective public health departments. The World Hepatitis B Day event was organized in Cincinnati, which received a proclamation from the Mayor’s office and endorsements from the Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati, the American Liver Foundation, and the Ohio Gastroenterology and Liver Institute.
Consultation and Cultural Outreach

Language Quills
Interpretation/Translation Services

- 198 individuals were served through interpretive services
- 30 individuals were served through translation services

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, Language Quills worked with the Community Outreach Partnership Center to provide hospital staff communication cards. They also worked with Flexsys America to translate several professional chemical-related patent articles. Language Quills is a fee-for-service program providing translation and interpretation services in Arabic, French, Chinese, Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, Burmese, Mon, Karen, Gujarati, Punjabi, Indonesian, Thai, Mongolian, Ukrainian, Albanian, Korean, Cambodian, and Vietnamese. Additional languages are available upon request.

An Afternoon in ASIA*

The first annual “An Afternoon in ASIA” event was held at the Akron-Summit County Public Library (Main Branch) on March 15, 2007. Activities included cultural performances from the Burmese, Chinese, Karen, Korean, Filipino, and Vietnamese communities, calligraphy, face painting, lion dances, cultural presentations and education, and arts and crafts. The event drew over 300 participants.

Evening of Music*

Last year, we held our first annual Evening in ASIA fundraising event, which took place at Corporate College East. 150 individuals were present at the event. Angelin Chang, 2007 Grammy Award Winner for Best Instrumental Soloist Performance with Orchestra, performed at the event.

Akron Racers Games*

With a special team of softball players from China, the City of Akron asked ASIA to promote this special event of Team China versus Akron Races. ASIA was able to actively participate by selling tickets to its communities, promote several types of Chinese cuisine, and support Team China. 200 individuals were present at the event.

Cultural Competency Workshops*

During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, ASIA, Inc. held a four-part cultural competency workshops, with 25 attendees.

*Information for these events were not included in the 2006-2007 annual report.
Our Partners and Supporters

Grants—corporations, foundations, contracts

- Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County
- Akron Community Foundation
- Cuyahoga County Commissioners
- Public Interest Projects—The Knight Foundation
- Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
- Summit County Area Agency on Aging
- The Welty Foundation
- Asian Pacific Islander American Health Forum—W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Partners and In-kind Support

- 4-H and The Cleveland Metroparks—Youth Outdoors
- 4-H and New York Life—Youth In Governance
- Akron Health Department
- Akron Public Schools
- Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association—NEOUCOM
- Catholic Charities—Office of Migration and Refugee Services
- The Cleveland Housing Network
- The Cleveland Museum of Art—Parade the Circle
- The Cleveland Public Library
- Ming Chang
- Northeast Ohio ABLE
- The Ohio State University Extension—Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
- Park-To-Shop
- Professional Flair—Dancing Wheels
- St. Clair-Superior Development Corporation—Year of the Rat Public Art Program
- St. Luke Catholic Church
- Summit County Public Library
- The University of Akron
## Audited Financial Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2008

### Operational Revenue

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**Total grants, support, and other receipts** $857,221

### Operational Expenses

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**Total expenses** $855,210

### Net Assets

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**End-of-the-year net assets** $174,722

### Sources of Funds

- Program Services $728,044
- Support Services $76,325
- Fundraising $50,841

**Total** $855,210

### Uses of Funds

- Grants
- Program Service Fees
- Investment Return
- Donations and Contributions
- Other

**Total** $857,221

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Students in Washington, DC, with 4-H for Citizenship Washington Focus (2008).

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