

# Annual Report

*Fiscal Year 2007-08*

**Celebrating 35 years of service to  
Santa Clara County**



Asian Americans for  
Community Involvement

## Dear Community:

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How do you measure the effectiveness of a nonprofit organization?

Is it by quantity? AACI is the **largest community-based provider of services** to the Asian community in Santa Clara County, and also serves thousands of other local non-Asian residents in need.

Is it by quality? AACI was **honored with a dozen awards and recognitions** during our 35th anniversary year from government agencies, other nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions including the San Jose State University College of Social Work's Agency of the Year Award.

Or is it by the stories of the **individuals whose lives have changed** because of an AACI program ... the care and expertise of an AACI staff member ... the generous support of a donor who believes in our mission?

By any standard, we are proud to say the Asian Americans for Community Involvement had a successful year in 2007-08, and that we are prepared to expand our reach into the community in the future.

AACI is an active, cooperative partner with government agencies and other nonprofit organizations to provide a safety net of social services to Santa Clara County residents in desperate need. No one agency can do it alone; each has an important role in meeting the needs of the community. All of us are concerned about the impact of the economic downturn on our clients, and the potential that our limited resources will be overwhelmed. We must continue to seek ways to be "business savvy" – efficient, well-managed, and frugal – so that we can deliver compassionate services to the community.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our efforts. Together, we can serve and advocate for those in our community who are most at risk in these troubled times.

Linda Min  
Board Chair



Michele Lew  
President & CEO



# AACI

## Asian Americans for Community Involvement

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*Empowering individuals*

*Supporting families*

*Building community*



### Our Mission

Focusing on the diverse Asian community in Santa Clara County since 1973, AACI's mission is to improve the health, mental health, and well-being of individuals and their families by providing an array of human services. AACI empowers the Asian community by working collaboratively for equality and social justice.

***More than 30% of the population  
in Santa Clara County is Asian —  
and the number is growing***



# AACI programs serve

## **Alcohol and Other Drugs Program**

**... intervention, treatment, ongoing support**

AACI provides outpatient treatment to youth in high schools and other individuals who struggle with addiction.

- Five Drinking Driver Programs helped 785 clients recognize their chemical dependency

## **Asian Women's Home**

**... a safe shelter for victims of domestic violence**

AACI's free and confidential services include a 24-hour hotline, a 12-bed emergency shelter, support and advocacy for women, children, and men who are in untenable relationships.

- 2,000+ calls
- 3,726 nights of emergency shelter

## **Center for Survivors of Torture**

**... compassionate transitions for immigrants from 56 countries**

AACI helps immigrants from countries around the world who have experienced political, psychological, and/or physical torture overcome their history and make a new life in the United States.

- 135 active cases assisted by 2500 hours of direct service
- 99% of clients receiving mental or physical evaluation by our staff are granted asylum

## **HIV/AIDS Education & Testing Program**

**... testing, education, counseling, referrals**

AACI's goal is to reduce the incidence of HIV infection and to support those diagnosed with HIV/AIDS with an array of services.

- Free and confidential rapid HIV tests (no blood drawn and results in 20 minutes) screened 150 individuals

## **Mental Health Program**

**... culturally-sensitive counseling in the client's language**

AACI counselors work with children, adults, seniors and families to assess their individual situations, decrease psychiatric symptoms, and improve their day-to-day functioning. Staff speaks 18 languages.

- 470 active cases at any one time
- 18,047 client visits annually – a 10% increase from 2006-07



*42% of  
individuals  
served by  
AACI are  
non-Asian*

# 8,000+ clients each year

## Primary Health Care Center

### ... fully-licensed community health clinic

AACI's medical team provides physical check-ups, chronic disease management, primary care, screenings, immunization, health education and counseling to all age groups. Patients can converse with their doctors in English, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Burmese.

- 15% growth in patient visits since 2006-07– 8,739 total this year
- 78% of patients are non-English or limited-English speaking

## Senior Wellness Program

### ... activities to keep elders independent and healthy

AACI focuses on low-income asian seniors who are often isolated because of language and cultural barriers. Services include hot meals, social and recreation activities, classes, information and referrals.

- Line dancing and tai chi classes launched to increase physical activity
- 7,128 nutritional meals served

## South Bay First Thursdays

### ... engaging young Asian professionals in the community

AACI's sponsorship of this group is another way the organization looks to the future of Asians in Santa Clara County. Monthly social gatherings combine fun with information on community issues and service opportunities.

## Youth Services Program

### ... empowering at-risk youth to make healthy choices

AACI's after-school programs for youth in east San Jose include homework assistance, recreation, skills development, and group work. Project PLUS works with students at school who are identified as needing help to stay out of gangs and trouble.



*28% of our clients are under 18*

*23% of our clients are 65+*



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	2007-08	2006-07
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$9,355,152	\$8,499,294
<b>Revenues</b>	\$10,394,837	\$9,176,332
<b>Expenses</b>	\$9,515,158	\$8,426,408
<b>Cash Balance</b>	\$3,495,274	\$2,699,106

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