

The Mission Statement

The mission of the Asian Women's Christian Association ("AWCA") is centered on the love of Christ and their families with the resources to become healthy, contributing members of society. We accomplish this through our education, social services, and homecare program.

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Jasmine Je, President

AWCA YouTube Channel Celebrating the First Anniversary of AWCA Life...

AWCA entered the year 2020 with high spirits of celebrating our 40th Anniversary. However, the unexpected COVID-19 global pandemic quickly shifted our joyful enthusiasm into a whirlwind of fear and uncertainty about the state of our world. At the end of last year, one TV program anchor shared a scene of a cheering crowd of 100,000 people at a renowned stadium, commenting "We lost the same number of people pictured here as we did in 2020 due to COVID-19 in the U.S." COVID-19 continues on with numbers increasing daily, but we are running in high hopes that we can overcome this pandemic together despite the emerging Delta variant virus.

To respond to this emergency situation, AWCA has been offering "COVID-19 Assistance Services" as a relief and response effort for our seniors, youths, and community members in need. AWCA has launched numerous programs to support people in need who are experiencing difficult circumstances, including constant isolation at home or limited contact with others in society. AWCA was one of the first nonprofit organizations in New Jersey to create the Angel Basket service, with volunteers, staff, and board members preparing and distributing health and safety items of food, masks, and sanitizers as well as weekly free lunches for pick-up and delivery to our community members. Focusing on social services, AWCA staff has provided elders with language assistance and application support for various social benefit programs related to the pandemic. Our organization has also been working on the front lines of arranging COVID-19 vaccinations for our local community members over 60 years of age. In addition, AWCA has continued to serve its youth in need by offering the SAT/ACT Scholarship Class and volunteering leadership programs including CPR/AED training.

To celebrate and commemorate its 40th anniversary, AWCA launched its YouTube Channel, AWCA LIFE, during the height of COVID-19 to serve the community within and beyond Bergen County. As the pandemic has forced many to remain indoors, with AWCA LIFE, we have launched programs that are easily accessible for remote members. We continuously update our channel with programs on local and world news, AWCA class activities, and social service information. We hope to use our YouTube as a platform to virtually share our offered programs at AWCA and to keep our audience updated on COVID-19 news and related social benefit programs.

AWCA was established 41 years ago by two housewives of Christian faith and grew into an organization, born out of a sincere desire shared by a group of Korean immigrant women to contribute to the improvement of their newfound community as leaders in society. AWCA has since helped train and develop many current women leaders of nonprofit organizations and in our community. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to celebrate 40 years of women's leadership with love in action. However, from crisis comes opportunity, and AWCA was able to commemorate the humble hearts on which our mission was founded by launching more active programs and services during these difficult times.

This year, AWCA celebrates its 41st year of service to the community and its first anniversary of AWCA LIFE, our newest medium to serve not only local members in need but also individuals across the board. We look forward to seeing this program prospering for another 40 years to come with your continued interest and support.

AWCA NEWS

(Aug 2020 - Aug 2021)



2021 SAT & ACT Scholarship Class



Seminar for Preparation of College Admission



Grace Charity Foundation - Donation to ACT/SAT Scholarship Class



2021 Youth Leadership Class Volunteers



2020 Census Closing Event -Volunteers



Preparing Bergen County Lunch Boxes



Delivering Free Lunches with cooperation of the Holy Name Hospital



Love Food Baskets - Delivering Angel Baskets



Donating Masks, Hand Sanitizers to the Englewood Hospital



Love Food Baskets - Preparing Angel Baskets



Dementia Prevention - Brain Olympic (Bible Memorization Contest) Winners



Love Food Baskets - Delivering Angel Baskets



Donating Masks to Teaneck Veterans Association



Helping Single - Parent Homes - with KAAPP and CDPC's Youth Group



Love Food Baskets - AWCA Board Members Delivering Angel Baskets



Delivering Love Food Baskets to Single - Parent Homes - with KAAPP



Lunar New Year Exhibition in the Riverside Mall



Distributing Bergen County Farmers Market Coupon



Father's Day - Delivering Lunches to Teaneck Police Dept.



Angel Baskets - CDCP's Youth Group



Delivering Free Lunches of Love



Packaging Angel Baskets - Youth Volunteers



Flu Shot Outreach with Englewood Health Dept.



Preparing Angel Food Baskets - AWCA Staff

HOME CARE NEWS

The Second Half of 2020

1. September - Self-Study Homework material for the 3rd In-Service Training was delivered to all Home Health Aids. Homework topics included necessary medical knowledge essential for patient care, such as "Infection Control", "Standard Precaution", "How to Handle Needle Sticks", and "Blood Borne Pathogens." All information was translated into Korean and Chinese.

2. October - 57th CHHA Training Class Canceled.

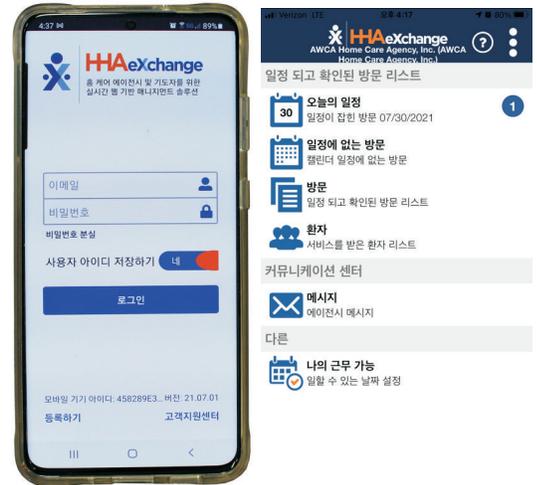
The CHHA Training Class scheduled for October was canceled because of difficulties with in-person classes due to COVID-19.

3. November - The 4th In Service Training Class was replaced with Self-Study Homework due to COVID-19. Homework subjects included "Pain Management," "Fall Precaution," "Safety Precaution," "Back Safety," and "Hospice." Materials including quizzes for each topic were translated into Korean and Chinese and delivered to all Home Health Aids.

The First Half of 2021

1. EVV (Electronic Visit Verification) System Implementation

Under the 21st Century Cures Act, EVV was enforced in January 2021. The EVV is a web-based system accessible through the "HHAeXchange" app for MCO and NJ State that verifies when provider visits occur and documents the precise time services begin and end.



2. The CHHA Training Class, which had been canceled due to COVID-19, was held for 76 hours over the course of 2 weeks from May 17th to May 28th. In accordance with the government guidelines, social distancing and sanitary guidelines were followed. Through this in-person training, 6 people were able to receive new licenses and work as Home Health Aids.



I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Home Health Aid employees who are doing their best to take care of patients through AWCA Home Care despite the difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic that has continued since last year.

Introducing New Staff



Eunjoo Choi
Media Production Director



Ye Eun Sylvia Jang
Communications Coordinator

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We provide care with a family mind

- ▶ We provide care to elderly patients who are chronically ill.
- ▶ We provide care to patients who are discharged from hospital after surgeries.
- ▶ We provide care to disabled persons who need assistance with carrying out daily routine.

We provide free social welfare consultation service.
Medicaid patients receive free PCA service.



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In Loving Memory of Kihwa Kwak

Many of our loved ones have left us due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. AWCA also experienced the significant loss of Ms. Kihwa Kwak, our beloved friend, supporter, volunteer, and generous donor and founder of the Kihwa Scholarship.

Born March 10, 1934, the late Ms. Kwak worked as a registered nurse with 40 years of service. With all of the money she saved in her lifetime, she established the Kihwa Scholarship through AWCA 18 years ago to encourage and support notable students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds. Her mission was to subsidize the tuition of college and graduate students who experience financial difficulties in their studies. Every year, AWCA'S Kihwa Scholarship Committee selects two final recipients for the



2020 Kihwa Kwak Scholarship Awards Ceremony



2021 Kihwa Kwak Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Kihwa Scholarship Award. The two students are awarded \$3,000 each, \$6,000 every year in total. For the 2021 AWCA Kihwa Scholarship Awards, the committee selected 3 out of 17 applicants to receive \$3,000 each, in total \$9,000 this year.

After the late Ms. Kwak retired, she actively served at AWCA. In addition to numerous volunteer services, she focused on nurturing and training home health aides at AWCA Home Care. This past Mother's Day Sunday, May 10th, 2020, Ms. Kwak passed away due to coronavirus.

AWCA will continue to honor her legacy and remember the will of the late Ms. Kihwa Kwak through the scholarship award.

Sharing my experience



Social Service Intern: **Young Lee**

To provide lunch to community seniors and financially disadvantaged people exhausted by the COVID pandemic, AWCA launched a 14-week Free Lunch Program. All AWCA staff and 12 volunteers have dedicated this time together to pack, distribute and deliver food.

My role was to work with the delivery volunteers to help ensure that the prepared lunches were well provided and delivered. During my internship with this program, the words I heard the most from recipients were "thank you" and "thank you for helping me during this difficult time". Despite the small task of allocating and distributing food, I felt joy when I received heartfelt thanks from those who received the prepared lunch boxes.

Moreover, I was touched by the appearance and attitude of all the people who worked hard to supply the lunch boxes and the people who received it. It was a great pleasure for me to see the shining faces of the volunteers and staff, as well as the grateful and happy faces of the recipients. During the program, the staff had to endure hot weather, work extra hard to cover for other members, and sometimes fill in for positions not tended to. Sometimes, we had to deal with unexpected mistakes, but we were serious about our job and encouraged each other by working as a harmonious team. The individual tasks that we were responsible for felt like a chain of dominoes, therefore, the absence of one of the dominoes may not produce the desired effect. I was happy to work as one domino at AWCA, because I could feel the joy and gratitude of being able to perform one of the functions necessary to create a healthy community.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AWCA 2021 Dinner & Dance

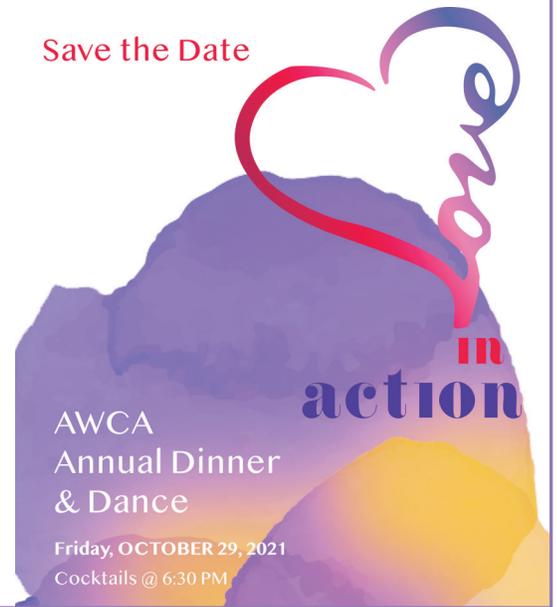
41st AWCA Annual Dinner **Love in Action**

Date : Friday, October 29, 2021

Location : Pearl River Hilton
500 Veterans Memorial Drive, Pearl River, NY

Key Note Speaker : Ed Kwan, MD / "Let it Flow" Arthur

Save the Date



Asian Senior Center Fall Semester Open - Online & In-person Class)

Korean : Monday, Sep. 13 at 9:30am
Japanese : Thursday, Sep.16 at 9:30am
Chinese : Friday, Sep. 17 at 9:30am

Home Care Agency

Open : Mon. - Fri. 9am - 5pm
Inquiries : (201) 862-9111 (Korean)
(201) 862-0006 (Chinese)
Location: AWCA 2nd Floor

Social Welfare Service

Open : Mon. - Fri. 9am - 5pm
Inquiries : (201) 862-1665
Location : AWCA 1st Floor

The AWCA Social Welfare Broadcast: 'Finding Happiness with AWCA'

Every Saturday at 8:30am
K - Radio AM1660

YouTube Channel-AWCA LIFE

(General Social Welfare News, Social Welfare Service, Leadership Development, Prevention of Dementia, Home Care Service)

How to watch AWCA Life:

1. Go to the AWCA homepage and click the first screen, AWCA Life Banner.
2. Open YouTube and type AWCA LIFE in the search bar to enter.
3. Call AWCA and we will send you a direct link to the channel.

AWCA Board Members

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Yoon Hee Kim

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**Hwain C. Lee(Founder), Ok Whan Kim(Co-Founder),
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Na-Young Baek, Jennifer Chiu
Mi Kyung (Jasmine) Je**

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