our mission
Project: VISION is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide youth (ages 12-21) of Chicago’s Chinatown and Bridgeport communities with tools for educational, civic, and personal development.

how far we have come...
Project: VISION has come a long way since piloting its first tutoring program in 2004 with the help of a few volunteers and borrowed space from the Chicago Public Library Chinatown Branch and Valentine Boys and Girls Club in Bridgeport. To date, our programs have reached over 250 youth. This year, 60 youth participate in our after school programs as we remain primarily volunteer-run and continue to provide all programs free to youth. This year saw exciting progress for Project: VISION that we are very proud of—including added hours of service, addition of development staff, growth of our student base, receiving our first grant funding, and expansion of our programs. As we continue on this path, Project: VISION will surely reach and meet the needs of even more of our community’s youth.

who are our youth?
Project: VISION serves youth in Chicago’s Chinatown and Bridgeport neighborhoods. Some quick facts about our youth:

- 95% are ethnic Chinese, reflecting the demographics of the surrounding area.
- 10% of our students are immigrant youth, having been in the United States for less than 5 years.
- 96% of our youth are enrolled in Chicago Public Schools.
- 75% are from lower income families (based on students’ qualification for free or reduced cost meals).
- 80% of our youth would be the first in their families to attend college.
our programs...

Project: VISION values a holistic approach to youth development, with the ultimate goal of helping youth find confidence and success on the road to achieving their aspirations. We strive to provide positive role models and positive activities through our programs.

Learn...

The Educational Development Program fosters success at school as well as an appreciation for lifelong learning. We offer homework tutoring, English as a second language help, college entrance exam preparation classes, and college application workshops.

Serve...

Project: VISION believes community service is an integral part of positive youth development. Project: Youth Initiative is our civic development program, which aims to foster a sense of social responsibility in youth by building awareness of issues and promoting a spirit of volunteerism through group service learning projects.

Lead...

Personal Development means building youths’ strengths, interests, and sense of self identity so that they can become leaders of the future. Youth find social support and mentors in our staff. Group recreational activities provide an outlet for social and creative expression.
Project: VISION strives to help youth understand the importance of volunteerism and realize that they can make an impact with community service. This year, our service projects have educated and inspired over 40 youth. Our hope is that these youth take with them a sense of social responsibility that motivates them to continue engaging in service for years to come, helping us build a healthy and strong community.

Project: Youth Health Initiative-
This spring, youth spent 8 weeks learning about health issues like heart health and diabetes with the help of volunteer medical students from Northwestern and the University of Illinois. Using what they learned, youth then educated the community with informational flyers emphasizing the importance of prevention, screening, and healthy lifestyles. In the final project, youth held a Community Health Fair on Global Youth Service Day at the Chinatown Square. We reached over 40 community residents with information on cancer screening, nutrition and exercise, and heart health. Youth also provided free blood pressure checks and diabetes screening. The project was made possible by the Good Neighbors Grant from the State Farm Foundation.

Project: Green Chinatown-
This summer, youth learned about the environment both in and outside of the classroom. Students discussed topics such as recycling, conservation, climate change, and restoration. To put their knowledge into action, youth participated in service projects all over the city including the GAIA Movement, the Chicago Park District, and the Orland Grasslands.
Photography Workshops
As part of the summer program this year, youth participated in a series of workshops to learn about the basics of photography, including various techniques and digital editing skills. The program allowed youth to work in teams photographing all over our community and creating pieces that convey a message of “green living”. Below are a few examples of our youths’ pieces.

education...
Education has always been at the foundation of Project: VISION’s programs.
- This year, the After School Homework Tutoring Program assisted over 30 youth in grades 6-12.
- Also, 12 high school juniors and sophomores participated in the ACT Prep Class, and 100% made an improvement in composite scores.
our volunteers...

Project: VISION’s beginnings were made possible by volunteers, and today, we remain volunteer-run from the Board of Directors to the Executive Director to our homework tutors and holiday gift wrappers. Thank you to all those who give their time and efforts to us so generously!

our growing staff...

During 2009-2010, we continued to build our staff, bringing onboard a Program Coordinator and Development Coordinator. Along with our Executive Director and tutors, Project: VISION has a dedicated group of individuals motivated to help the organization grow!
statement of financial position

September 1, 2009–August 31, 2010

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Statement of Activities

REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT

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Revenue

- Contributions (corporate & individuals) (32%)
- Fundraising events (42%)
- Contributed services (18%)
- Grants (7%)
- Other (1%)

Expenses

- Programs (77%)
- Management (15%)
- Fundraising (8%)
Contributors...

Corporate, Foundation, and Government Contributors
Adams Street Partners
Asian Health Coalition
Best Buy
BP America
Chinatown Parking Lot Corporation
City of Chicago Department of Family Support Services
Linden LLC
Honeywell
McDonald’s Corporation
Pacific Global Bank
State Farm Insurance
URS Corporation
Wabash Properties

Individual Contributors
Ketan Amin
Maureen Barrett
James Blanda
Megan Bullin
Cloty Carlos
Jennifer Cassell
James Catlett
Amar Chadaga
Kirsten Chan
James Chang
Ethan Charoenpitak
Mimi Chen
Stephanie Cheung
Karen Chiu
Jimmy Chung
Erika Corona
Julie Crow
Terri Cusick
Alex Edwin
John Eisenberg
Martha Espinoza
Angelica Esposito
Joy Evans
Jessica Fong
Paul Foppe
Megan Foster
Edwin Galisanao
David Gamboa
Judy George
Krystle Goh
Angela Han
Soudy Hidalgo
Donny Hoang
Erica & Matthew Hong
Michael Hosler
Garrett Johnson
Kelly Maynard
Lynn Kamal
Suman Katyal
Kristine Munar Kim
Robin Kotajarvi
Ingchie Kwan
Vincent Kwan
Ines Lago
Gloria Lam
Barth Landor
Elizabeth LaRocca
Jennifer Lau
Nicholas Lau
Sau Wei Lau
Vivien & Adam Laud
Apinya Lertratanakul
Loren Lew
Amanda Lewis
Manling & Michael Limjoco
Liu Family
Elias Lopez, Jr.
Brian McCarthy
Anthony & Joanna Medina
Laura Medina
Rich Medina, Jr.
Colin & Monita Milton
Tyler Mork
Catherine & Ken Moy
Zenia Moy
Raymond Mui
Sheron Mui
Sophia Narvaez-Gete
Melissa Ocampo
David Ortiz
Narisa Pakdee
Hetali Patel
Sneha Patel
Jyotsna Penumatsa
Joe Riley
Tingqi Shi
David Pratt
Kevin Rabichow
Mamatha Reddy
Jonalda Reyes
Kamlesh Shah
Aimee Shyn
Jennifer Sierecki
Frank So
Joan So
Sheri So
John Sutton
Alice Tam
Karen Tam
Sherwin Tam
Holly Tan
Tina Tan
Boris Tse
Kelly Walter
Jessica Wang
Frances Wong
Charles Xie
May Young
Yuen Family
Hythem Zayed

In-Kind Donations
Aberdeen
Absolute Precision Skin Care
Akira
Best Buy
Carolina Herrera
Chicago Cubs
Chicago Chinese Cultural Institute
Chicago Lyric Opera
Chicago White Sox
Citibank
Connie’s Pizza
Costco
Court Theatre
Crash Candles
Crown Imports
Evolution Chicago
Fellowes
Finished Finely Photography
Giftland
Hing Kee Restaurant
Hot Mama
Jeffrey Chiu
Karen Chiu
Lao Beijing
Loa Shanghai
Lettuce Entertain You
Lin Peng Chiu
Lou Malnati’s Pizza
Lucky Kat Tat
Lynfred Winery
Mia Park
Moon Palace Restaurant
My Urban Toddler
Odd Dolls
Panera Bread
Ricobene’s
Southwest Airlines
Starbucks
Steve Albertson Massage
Stir Friday Night!
Threadless
Trader Joe’s
Vaute Couture
Vincent Kwan
Virtu
Watermark Tavern
Wilton
Wooden Spoon

...thank you!
looking forward...

As we look ahead to the 2010–2011 year, we see many exciting possibilities for the growth of our organization! We hope to build upon our successes from this past year and continue to work toward being able to assist any youth who needs our programs.

Increase access to programs.

- Increase hours of operation
- Increase number of days of operation
- Increase space to accommodate more youth

Increase range of programs.

- Expand Project: Youth Initiative to encourage service
- Build a comprehensive college preparation program

Develop fundraising strategy.

- Diversify funding
- Build donor base
- Increase visibility in the community
Project:VISION
A Nonprofit Youth Organization

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