

## January e-newsletter

January 25, 2010

### Message from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Together with our warmest wishes for a Happy New Year, KACF expresses our deepest sympathy and solidarity with the people of Haiti who are suffering from the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. In response, KACF will match every dollar, up to \$5000, donated to KACF'S "Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund" until Friday, February 5th to award an emergency relief grant to **Partners In Health**, a global non-profit organization that has been working on the ground in Haiti for decades combating disease and poverty. Partners in Health was co-founded by our 2009 Gala keynote speaker and President of Dartmouth College, Dr. Jim Yong Kim. Through the match, your gift will be doubled, and our aim is to raise \$10,000 in two weeks for Partners In Health. We thank you for your generosity to the Korean American community and we hope you will join KACF in lending a helping hand to our neighbors in Haiti. To donate to KACF's "Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund", please [click here](#).

At KACF, we are excited to face the New Year with renewed energy and commitment to making a difference in the lives of our neighbors, near and far. We are currently taking applications for our 2010 Grant Cycle and invite interested applicants to learn more about our grant guidelines and download an application by [clicking here](#). We also want to thank all of our supporters who stepped up to partner with KACF's "Dollar a Day for our Neighbors" Campaign to help support the vital services provided by KACF's grantee partner organizations in the community. To learn more about this Campaign or to donate at any level to KACF, please [click here](#). Finally, I am delighted to share with you the news that the KACF Steering Committee, comprised of dedicated young professionals, will be honored at the *Asian Americans for Hope Gala* dinner on March 4, presented by the American Cancer Society's Asian Initiatives. Congratulations to our dynamic Steering Committee members for this well-deserved recognition!

Looking forward to continuing our work together to improve lives and build community in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Kyung B. Yoon

Executive Director



**Partners  
In Health**

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## More in this e-newsletter!



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## KACF now taking grant applications for 2010!

KACF is pleased to announce it is taking applications for the 2010 grant cycle. The Foundation is interested in funding organization that are working in the areas of:

Economic Security

Health

Safety

Senior Empowerment

Youth Empowerment

For 2010 grant cycle, KACF has revised the three of the five priority areas to broaden our scope to include emerging needs in the community. For example, in scanning the community and speaking with both grantee and non-grantee organizations, KACF saw a gap in education around the issue of mental health in the Korean American community and its effect as seen by rise in suicides. Thus, organizations that are providing counseling and support services and/or community education campaign around mental health are encouraged to apply under the area of "Health."

For more information and to apply, please visit our website [www.kacfny.org](http://www.kacfny.org) or follow the link: <http://www.kacfny.org/?grants/grant-guidelines>. Please contact Brennan Gang, Program Officer, at [brennan@kacfny.org](mailto:brennan@kacfny.org) or 212-300-2144 with any questions.

The application submission deadline is Monday, February 15, 2010 by 5pm.

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## KACF Steering Committee to be honored with Visionary of Hope Award

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***ACS selected KACF's Steering Committee to receive the Visionary of Hope Award due to its commitment to service, philanthropy, generosity of spirit, and dedication to the community as well as its being a model for a new generation of Asian Americans engaged in community activism.***

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KACF is proud to announce that its Steering Committee (SC) will receive the American Cancer Society (ACS) Asian Initiatives' Visionary of Hope Award at the 2nd annual Asian Americans for Hope Soiree on Thursday, March 4, 2010.

The Asian Americans for Hope is one of the most anticipated events hosted by the ACS Asian Initiatives, drawing more than 300 professionals to honor and celebrate visionaries in the community and to encourage the next generation of leaders. In this, ACS selected KACF's Steering Committee to receive the Visionary of Hope Award due to its commitment to service, philanthropy, generosity of spirit, and dedication to the community as well as its being a model for a new generation of Asian Americans engaged in community activism.

The Steering Committee is a leadership group comprised of young Korean American professionals. The SC works closely with KACF staff and Board of Directors on fundraising, PR/Marketing, outreach and other initiatives as well as in providing guidance and oversight to a large cadre of enthusiastic volunteers. "We are delighted to see our Steering Committee members receive well-deserved recognition for their incredible energy, dedication and generosity", says Kyung B. Yoon, KACF Executive Director and Co-Founder. "Their spirit of service is an inspiration to everyone in the community."

Congratulations to all the current and past members of the Steering Committee for this honor!

**American Cancer Society Asian Initiatives**

**Asian American for Hope Soiree**

**Honorees:**

**The Honorable Judge Doris Ling-Cohan**

**Korean American Community Foundation Steering Committee**

**Dr. Clifford Chao, New York Presbyterian Hospital**

*Tribeca Rooftop*

*Thursday, March 4, 2010 @ 6pm*

*To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Linda Park at [Linda.park@cancer.org](mailto:Linda.park@cancer.org) or (718) 886-8890 x17*

*Facebook: Asian Americans for Hope Soiree*

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## SC & Friends Dollar a Day Campaign Kick-Off Event a Success!

On Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, the KACF Steering Committee held its SC & Friends Dollar a Day Campaign Kick Off at 8st Kitchen in the West Village ([www.8stkitchen.com](http://www.8stkitchen.com)). The event was a huge success, attracting over 80 attendees. The SC surpassed its target of 30 Dollar a Day pledges, collecting 32 Dollar a Day supporters and raising over \$11,000 for KACF.

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***“The SC should feel proud of what we accomplished tonight. They led by example, pledging their own support for the Dollar a Day Campaign, and getting others to join.”***

***-SC Chair Philip Lee***

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SC Fundraising Co-Chairs Insoo Kim and Eun Cho exceeded the event and spoke about the power that a small group of people can accomplish when they come together behind a cause. People pledged their support in both small and large ways and really showed the passion young professionals in New York have for their community.

SC Chair Philip Lee said, “The SC should feel proud of what we accomplished tonight. They led by example, pledging their own support for the Dollar a Day Campaign, and getting others to join. I think everyone here, whether they were new to KACF or attended events in the past, saw our enthusiasm for our mission and walked away from the night having learned more about KACF’s work in the community.”

That work includes providing essential services to disadvantaged groups within the Korean American and Asian American communities in New York and New Jersey. Furthermore, KACF has substantially increased its grantmaking efforts in 2009 and 2010 during the difficult economic environment in the United States.



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## Community Grants Committee—Please join us!

We are pleased to invite you to join the 2010 Community Grants Committee (CGC), KACF's participatory grantmaking committee. Members of the CGC are all volunteers who work in small teams, along with the KACF staff and board members, to review grant applications, gather information during site visits, and make recommendations for funding that will be considered by the KACF Board of Directors.

Since its founding in 2002, KACF has relied on the support and input of its volunteers, and we hope you will join us in this important work. By becoming a member of this year's CGC, you will have an opportunity to learn more about issues affecting the Korean American community and contribute from your own life experiences.

To ensure that you have the optimal experience and are fully prepared for the work of the Committee, you must commit to attending three meetings, and participating in at least one site visit to which you will be assigned as a part of a team.

If you are interested in joining the CGC, please contact Brennan Gang, Program Officer, at [brennan@kacfny.org](mailto:brennan@kacfny.org) to receive an application form.

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The deadline to submit the application is Friday, February 12th. CGC members will be selected to reflect diversity in professional and life experiences. There are limited openings on the Committee and priority will be given to those individuals who have served or are currently serving on any of the KACF committees.

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## In Kind Donations—We Got IT!

After many years of maximizing the usage of the main and only office desktop computer, the staff has been fortunate to receive additional in-kind donations from Advisory Board member, Woo Song of Intrasphere Technologies, and Steering Committee member, Dan Lee's company at Strategic Value Partners.

Since the delivery of two desktops (by Dan) and 3 laptops (by Woo) computers, we were able to do some long-due system upgrades, which is now helping KACF Staff to better carry out KACF's work. If you wish to learn ways to donate your computer, please contact KACF at (212) 300-2145.

Thank you again to Dan and Woo!

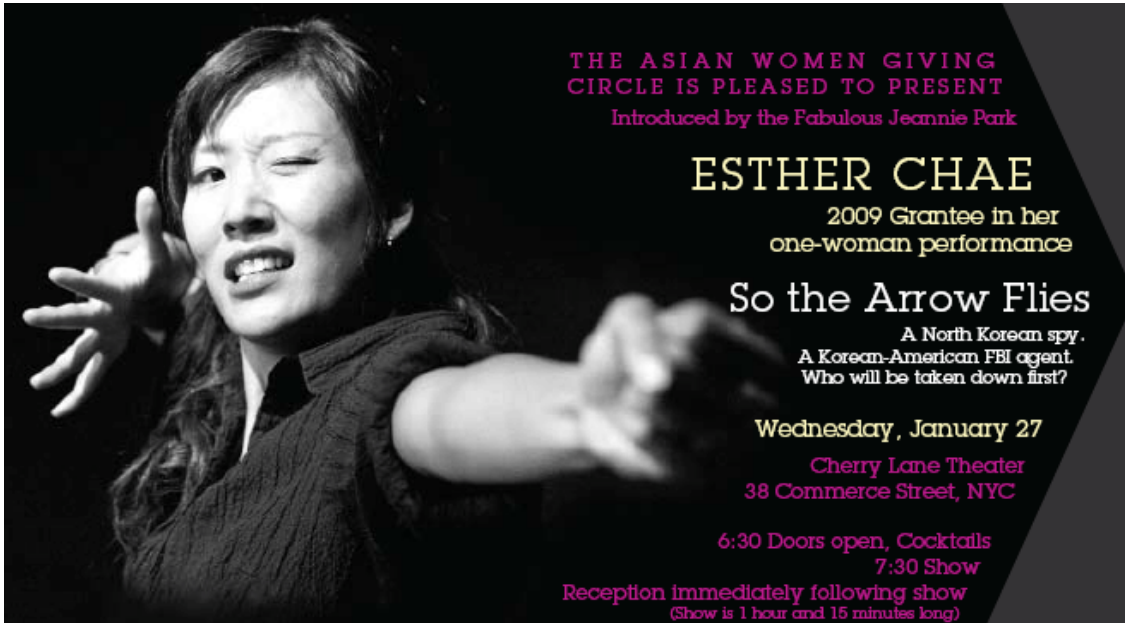
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## Upcoming Grantee Partner & Community Events...

### 1) Asian Women Giving Circle presents Esther Chae: So the Arrow Flies

To purchase tickets for this event, click here: <https://secure.groundspring.org/dn/index.php?aid=6833>

If you have questions, please call 646-300-6173 or email [angie@asianwomensgivingcircle.org](mailto:angie@asianwomensgivingcircle.org)



THE ASIAN WOMEN GIVING  
CIRCLE IS PLEASED TO PRESENT  
Introduced by the Fabulous Jeannie Park

**ESTHER CHAE**  
2009 Grantee in her  
one-woman performance

**So the Arrow Flies**  
A North Korean spy.  
A Korean-American FBI agent.  
Who will be taken down first?

Wednesday, January 27  
Cherry Lane Theater  
38 Commerce Street, NYC

6:30 Doors open, Cocktails  
7:30 Show  
Reception immediately following show  
(Show is 1 hour and 15 minutes long)

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### 2) The Korea Society—2010 Spring Semester Korean language classes

The Korea Society is pleased to announce that registration is now open for 2010 Spring Semester Korean language classes. The Korea Society offers a great opportunity to improve your Korean in a small-class setting at an affordable tuition. Five levels of classes, ranging from introductory to advanced, will be offered from January 25, 2010 through April 16, 2010. Each class size will be limited to no more than 10 students, allowing for a significant level of personal attention from university-affiliated instructors with extensive teaching experience to help you improve your Korean proficiency.

All classes meet for a total of 21 classroom hours. Tuition discounts are available to all members of The Korea Society (\$375 tuition + \$30 textbook purchase). Non-members get a one-year membership included in the cost of tuition (\$25 membership fee + \$375 tuition + \$30 textbook purchase). Class spaces will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please visit our website at [http://www.koreasociety.org/korean\\_studies/language\\_classes/](http://www.koreasociety.org/korean_studies/language_classes/) and contact Ms. Sojeong Kim at [sojeong.ny@koreasociety.org](mailto:sojeong.ny@koreasociety.org), or 212 759-7525 ext.326.

Please don't miss this opportunity to upgrade your Korean skills. We look forward to meeting you in person!

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3) Traditional Korean Bookmaking in Korean—Free program from the Queens Museum of Art!

The Queens Museum of Art's New New Yorkers Program  
presents

## Traditional Korean Bookmaking in Korean

**First four weeks: Saturday, February 13, 20, 27 and March 6 at Woodside Library**  
**Last four weeks: Saturday, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 at Queens Museum of Art**  
**2:00 PM ~ 4:00 PM**

Come and explore the beautiful tradition of Korean bookmaking with artist Seongmin Ahn!

During this 8-week workshop, students will learn the techniques of traditional Korean bookmaking and investigate the idea of a book as an object to build a unique visual journal. Students will create drawings on Korean rice paper during the first half of the course. During the second half, they will bind them in an art journal using traditional Korean techniques.

Seongmin Ahn is a New York based artist. Ms. Ahn is a graduate from both Seoul National University and the Maryland Institute College of Art. Using Asian traditional painting as a starting point for her work, Ms. Ahn fuses a deep understanding of tradition with contemporary concerns. The result is a sublime, meditative sense of space and time. Ms. Ahn has exhibited widely in Korea, Maryland, Virginia New Jersey, and New York City.

Space is limited. If interested, please contact

José E. Rodríguez (718) 592-9700 x135 [jose\\_r@queensmuseum.org](mailto:jose_r@queensmuseum.org)

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*Notice: KACF is pleased to include community event announcements in the monthly e-newsletter. If your event meets the criteria below, please submit a 5-sentence blurb to [brennan@kacfny.org](mailto:brennan@kacfny.org) with the "NEWSLETTER - COMMUNITY" in the subject line. If we include your announcement in our e-newsletter, we will contact you via email. KACF does not guarantee publication.*

*Criteria to be included in monthly e-newsletter:*

*\*Public events that promote cultural awareness and discussion on Korean American issues;*

*\*Community campaigns that will positively impact Korean and Asian Americans; and*

*\*KACF will not include announcements for strictly fundraising events except in the cases of grantee partners.*

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