



2020-2021 Annual Report

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Founding Board member & Chair of ACCT Foundation

As Canada and the rest of the world continue to respond and adjust to the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, ACCT Foundation has not only responded to the surge of Anti-Asian hate and adjusted our operation and program deliveries to online formats, we have also expanded our support and leadership to address social inequities impacting Chinese Canadian communities during a time of flux.

ACCT Foundation and our affiliate-ACT2EndRacism National Network were sought out during this time of reckoning to provide inputs and insights to public entities as institutions grapple with systemic racism. Asian Heritage Month 2021 created platforms for ACCT to help amplify Chinese Canadians' experiences and concerns within a context of escalating racial discrimination. The Foundation expanded collaborations and partnerships with like-minded groups from across Canada to raise awareness on Anti-Asian hate, the impact of racism on mental health, the ongoing challenges of inequitable access to support and services as well as entrenched avoidance to report racist incidents and treatments. ACCT engaged young talents and partnered with South and East Asian Canadian communities and subject expert entities such as the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers and Asian Canadian Educators' Network to develop much needed anti-hate related resources and tools for Asian Canadian communities.

ACCT pivoted to an online version of the Aspire to Lead Chinese Canadian Leaders' Summit in 2021 with inspirational and exemplary leaders of Chinese descent challenging issues of racism and white-supremacy, examining pathways to civic leadership, and envisioning a Canada with fully engaged Chinese Canadians. Over 300 participants partake in Summit related programs, including a fireside chat with the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada. Success of the 2021 Leaders' Summit includes the contributions of over 50 volunteers from across Canada and ACCT is deeply indebted to their gifts of talent, time and donations of services. We look forward to the ACCT Move Forward action plan with inputs from the Summit, which will serve as a road map for future leadership initiatives and civic engagements.

The Board of Directors and key staff and volunteers of ACCT Foundation embarked on a Strategic planning process, which led to the renewal of our Mission and Mandate statements:

Mission Statement: Empowering Chinese-Canadians to participate, engage and have pride in all spheres of contemporary Canadian society.

Ensuring Chinese-Canadian representation in building an equitable and inclusive Canada.

Mandate:

The ACCT Foundation formed in 2017 with the aim to contribute towards Canada's vision for an inclusive society by

- 1) advancing Chinese Canadian civic engagement and leadership development;
- 2) creating community resources and building capacity; and
- 3) furthering education on racial equality of minorities including Chinese Canadians.

I look forward to realizing our mission and mandate with the dedicated members of the ACCT Foundation Board, staff, volunteers, community partners and stakeholders. ACCT Foundation wishes to express our gratitude for the support of our funding partners (Government of Canada - Canadian Heritage and Immigration Refugees Citizenship Canada; Canadian Red Cross; Government of Alberta-Anti-Racism Community Grant and Community Initiative Program; The Calgary Foundation and Calgary Arts Development) as well as our sponsors and donors. Let's look forward to a year of hope and partnerships as we build back a better country and communities.

Chair of ACCT Foundation
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