



Happy Mid-Autumn Festival from CASL!



Chinese American Service League
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Dear Friends,

Mrs. Lee was an elderly Cantonese-speaking woman about to be evicted from her home. Without reliable friends or family, she was struggling with the complications of aging as well as cultural and language barriers, and she was unable to effectively navigate her affairs...

CASL's Pro Bono Legal Clinic stepped in to handle Mrs. Lee's eviction case and recruited one of their award-winning volunteer attorneys—one who had origins in Chicago's Chinatown and who was close to the Chinese immigrant community. Assisted by an interpreter, the volunteer attorney visited Mrs. Lee multiple times to guide her through the legal process and make her more comfortable accepting help.

Expanding her available hours—and even holding Mrs. Lee's hand during court appearances—the volunteer attorney, in coordination with CASL's Pro Bono Legal Clinic, was able to negotiate in their client's best interest and reach a settlement that would dismiss the eviction case and allow Mrs. Lee to make small, interest-free payments to pay her overdue rent.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like YOU, people like Mrs. Lee are able to remain in their homes and receive the assistance they need to effectively manage their affairs and live independently in their community.

"I feel grateful and privileged to be surrounded by brilliant, passionate attorneys and law students who equip those in need with the knowledge and the tools to access the legal system and fight for their rights."

—Leia Lee, Managing Attorney of CASL's Pro Bono Legal Clinic

During this Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival of family, community, and thanksgiving, we at CASL extend our sincerest gratitude to you and those who make it possible for *all* of our community members to achieve healthy, happy lifestyles and live independently with dignity. I ask that you consider a holiday gift to help others, like Mrs. Lee, receive the services they need from CASL and thrive in our Chicago community.

Paul Luu, Chief Executive Officer

For over 40 years, the Chinese American Service League's comprehensive programs have connected families and individuals in the greater Chicago Chinese community with the vital support they need: providing an educational and cultural foundation for our children, ensuring our seniors live full and independent lives with dignity, enhancing education and training for tomorrow's workforce, putting immigrants on the pathway to citizenship, and securing our community's housing and financial well-being.

YES! I'd love to help strengthen our families and community!

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