



SUMMER 2014 Edition

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Covered CA - Special and Open Enrollments!

Special Enrollment period (April 15th, 2014 - November 15th, 2014). If you had a qualifying life event since March 31st, you may qualify for health coverage through Covered CA. Click <u>here</u> for a detailed list of qualifying life events.

Open Enrollment period for Covered California Plans will occur from **November 15th, 2014 -February 15th, 2015.** Note: Medi-Cal enrollment is open year round.

For more information, please check the Covered California's **website**. For language assistance on applying, please contact our Social Service Unit at (510) 839-2022.

Journeys

Participants from Hong Lok Senior Center and Oakland Asian Cultural Center (OACC) collaborated to put together Journeys, a performance to celebrate and honor their immigration stories. Took place on Sunday, June 1st at the OACC, the performance included videos, singing, dancing, tai chi, poetry, a traditional Chinese erhu performance, and immigration stories. We are very proud of our Hong Lok participants for sharing their stories artistically and expressively.



Family Bridges celebrated its 46th Annual Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, June 7th, 2014 at the Oakland Marriott City Center. Emmy-award winning and retired broadcast journalist Dana King was our emcee for the evening. Over 500 Family Bridges supporters and friends came to support the event. This year, we honored the Hotel Oakland Village with the Frank G. Mar Award for Community Service, and Oakland City Council President Pat Kernighan (District 2) with the Kenneth Hoh Award for Advocacy. Here's to 46 years in the community, and continuing to 47 years strong!

Celebrating Parents at Hong Lok

On May 6th and June 10th, Hong Lok Senior Center held special luncheons for over 200 seniors guests in celebration of Mother's and Father's Day. Members from the senior center planned the celebration and choreographed the performances, while Lake Merritt Childcare Center's (LMCC) Dancing Group entertained the attendees.

Public Ethics Commission Reform

Please support the Oakland City Government Public Ethics Commission (PEC) Reform. This amendment was just approved by the Oakland City Council to appear on this November's ballot. It will give the PEC greater independence and more staff to adequately investigate complaints and handle other duties to insure Oakland's government runs more ethically, efficiently, and effectively. The reform will give greater authority to both educate City employees about ethical behavior and respond to lapses in ethical behavior with enforcement authority. The commission will be able to watch over work behavior to rid the City of interference in administrative affairs, nepotism, and other behaviors which tear at the structure of the City government.

California Climate Credit Partner

Family Bridges is now a partner with the California Climate Credit! Since April, many California households automatically received a credit on their electricity bills. This will happen twice a year. The credit comes from a state effort to fight climate change by cutting greenhouse gas emissions from California's power plants and large industrial pollution, and has nothing to do with individual electricity use each month.Please visit their <u>website</u> for more information and other useful energy and money-saving tips. Click <u>here</u> to find rebates and other benefits for saving energy and money.



2014 Volunteer Appreciation Night

Family Bridges Volunteer Appreciation Night took place on Friday, July 11th, 2014 at the Peony Seafood Restaurant. This night honored the efforts and hard work of our many volunteers. Thank you for devoting countless hours and service to our organization!

Save the Date for 2014 Benefit Concert!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November the because the 2014 Superstar Benefit Concert is coming to town! Legendary Hong Kong band - The Wynners - is reuniting to perform.



How to Get Involved?

No matter how you choose to be involved with Family Bridges, whether through monetary contributions or volunteerism, we are happy to have you be a part of our organization and family! For donating and volunteering opportunities, please <u>here</u>.

Shop Online and Support Us at the Same Time!

Family Bridges is now a registered charitable organization with AmazonSmile!

Shop on <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, log in to your regular account, select Family Bridges, Inc. as the charity you want to support, and enjoy the same wide selection Amazon.com has to offer. 0.5% of the price of eligible products will be donated back to our organization. To learn more about shopping to support Family Bridges, please click <u>here</u>.