

About UCA

The United Chinese Americans (UCA) is a community-based civic movement and federation, dedicated to the enrichment and empowerment of the Chinese American community in the United States. We are a non-partisan, non-government coalition with a growing number of chapters, partners, and affiliates throughout the United States.

Founded in September 2016 at the inaugural Chinese American Convention, UCA was formally incorporated and received IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status in 2017. UCA has since grown into a national federation with 12 chapters and over 30 community partners. Currently, UCA has chapters in the following cities or states: Atlanta, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New York City, San Francisco, Washington State, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Mission Statement

UCA is dedicated to enriching and empowering Chinese American communities through civic participation, political engagement, youth education and development, preservation of heritage and culture, promoting the understanding between the peoples of the United States and China, for the well-being of our community, our country, and our world.

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CORE VALUES
**SERVICE
COMPASSION
HUMANITY**

UCA MOTTO
**SERVE
LEAD
INSPIRE**

★ Defending Human Rights

UCA has been a national leader in defending the civil rights of Chinese Americans. Working with congressional leaders, media, and broad public support, UCA successfully campaigned for the rights of Sherry Chen and Xiaoxing Xi, two outstanding Chinese American scientists falsely charged with espionage-related crimes. As an increasing number of Chinese Americans are becoming unfortunate collateral damage, resulting from the deterioration of relations between the United States and China, UCA is fostering a national dialogue between the Chinese American community and law enforcement agencies to address racial profiling and intellectual property protection as well as other urgent concerns.

UCA also initiated the "Speak Up Campaign," where 19 presidents of top U.S. universities publicly voiced their support for Chinese American faculty members and international students as well as for continued benefits of international collaboration in the sciences. To address the increasing racism and hate crime against Asian Americans due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UCA has built and strengthened relationships and conducted regular discussions with the Jewish American and African American communities to foster equal justice and civil rights for all.

★ Chinese American Convention

The Chinese American Convention, organized and convened biennially by UCA, is a national platform for Chinese American civic leaders, elected officials, scientists, entrepreneurs, youth leaders, and other stakeholders who share, discuss, and shape a common agenda for the future of the Chinese American community and this country. The conventions in 2016 and 2018 were successful, attracting some of the most influential speakers, and well attended with each drawing more than 400 active participants from over 35 states.

★ Youth Mental Health

Due to a unique set of family, culture, and society factors, mental health issues among Asian Americans youth are on the rise but have received little attention. Working with local community organizations and a team of experts and counselors, UCA addresses this urgent need by creating culturally-informed programs to raise awareness and provide knowledge of mental health concerns. UCA has successfully organized 12 national and local youth mental health conferences, as well as multiple webinars specifically designed to address mental health needs resulting from the pandemic.

★ UCA Next Generation Programs

To help build a pipeline to nurture future Asian American leaders, UCA created a series of leadership programs, including: Summer Civic Leadership Internship, to provide college and high school students with internship opportunities at all levels of the government; UCA Youth Leadership Camp in Washington DC, to train future leaders; and UCA Summer University, to provide summer online courses for students. UCA is also planning the inaugural Chinese American Youth Convention in 2021 to further engage and involve the younger generation.

★ Culture and Heritage Programs

To preserve and renew Chinese cultural traditions, ethnic identities and values, while supporting the universal practice of giving, UCA has spearheaded the celebration and commemoration of culturally significant holidays and customs, transforming them into charitable events, which include the traditional Lunar New Year Jiaozi (dumpling) Festival, Hong Bao (red packets) Drives, and other community initiatives.

★ Food of Love Charity Program

To celebrate the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May 2020, UCA launched a nationwide "Food of Love" charity event to serve fellow Americans affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Working with the U.S.-China Restaurant Alliance, the Salvation Army, and other partner organizations, the program delivered thousands of hot meals to frontline and health care workers as well as people in need across all 50 states and in more than 128 cities. As part of its relief efforts, UCA also coordinated multiple personal protective equipment (PPE) donation drives to support vulnerable communities and medical facilities.

★ Civic Leadership Forums

To encourage more civic engagement in local communities across the nation, UCA, sponsored by CLUSA Foundation, successfully organized eight Civic Leadership Forums in Milwaukee, the Twin Cities, Chicago, Salt Lake City, Houston, Pittsburgh, and Indianapolis.