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**Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care (CACCC) Receives Archstone Foundation's 2023 Award for Excellence in Program Innovation**

*In recognition of CACCC's Heart to Heart® Café, a communication activity where people gather to discuss their respective end-of-life wishes in a safe space*

**Cupertino CA – January 8, 2024** – The Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care (CACCC) received Archstone Foundation's 2023 Award for Excellence in Program Innovation during the **American Public Health Association (APHA)** annual meeting held in Atlanta GA on November 13. The award is in recognition of CACCC's **Heart to Heart® Café (HTH Café)**, using **Heart to Heart® Cards**, a communication activity designed to encourage people to discuss death and dying and their respective end-of-life wishes in a nonjudgemental and safe space. The award additionally recognizes best practice models in aging and public health.

"We are very proud and honored to be the recipient of Archstone Foundation's distinguished 2023 Award for Excellence in Program Innovation at this year's APHA annual meeting," said CACCC founder and executive director, Sandy Chen Stokes. "This recognition reaffirms our mission and commitment to build a community where Chinese Americans are able to face the end of life with dignity and respect, as well as provide advance care planning tools to the healthcare professionals who serve them, nationally and globally."

Archstone Foundation Program Officer Jasmine Lacsamana, MPH presents CACCC's Board Chair Dr. Gary Lee with Archstone Foundation's 2023 Award for Excellence in Program Innovation during APHA annual meeting in Atlanta GA.



Jasmine Lacsamana, MPH  
and Dr. Gary Lee



Heart to Heart® Café Poster

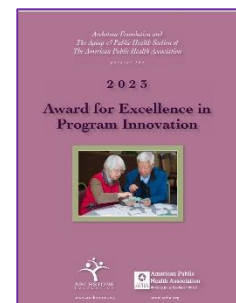


Heart to Heart® Cards



Heart to Heart® Café using Heart  
to Heart Cards

The Archstone Foundation Award for Excellence in Program Innovation is an annual award, established in 1997 through an endowment, to recognize best practice models in the field of aging and public health. By providing national recognition to these programs, Archstone Foundation hopes that it will enable these model programs to be replicated, and to continue to be evaluated in an effort to enhance innovative services for older adults throughout the U.S. To read more about HTH Café, click to download [APHA and Archstone Foundation's 2023 Award Brochure](#).



**About Archstone Foundation**

Archstone Foundation is a nonprofit, non-partisan, private foundation dedicated to improving the health and well-being of older Californians and their caregivers. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded nearly 1,200 grants with a total value of more than \$120 million. The Foundation's strategic direction shifts from specific priority areas to three broader, coordinated strategies, our Three Ts: Teams, Training, and Technology. Archstone Foundation's grantmaking will emphasize the interrelated systems and models required to provide a more comprehensive, coordinated system of care for California's aging population, and advance a more just and equitable care system. For more, visit [www.archstone.org](http://www.archstone.org).

**About APHA**

The American Public Health Association works to advance the health of all people and all communities. As the nation's leading public health organization, APHA strengthens the impact of public health professionals and provides a science-based voice in policy debates too often driven by emotion, ideology or financial interests. APHA is at the forefront of efforts to advance prevention, reduce health disparities and promote wellness. For more, visit [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org).

**About CACCC**

Providing compassionate care, community service, education and outreach to the Chinese community and to the healthcare professionals who serve them, since 2005, the Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care (CACCC) is comprised of 300, local, state, and national organizations and over 3000 individuals. CACCC is the first coalition devoted to addressing end-of-life care concerns of the Chinese community. Recognized internationally, CACCC provides education and support in advance care planning, hospice and palliative care, offers training in respite, grief and loss, Heart to Heart® Café, and mindful self-care and more. For information, visit [caccc-usa.org](http://caccc-usa.org) or email [info@caccc-usa.org](mailto:info@caccc-usa.org) or call (866) 661-5687.

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