## **Save the Asian Evergreen Apartments**

Unless new funding is secured, the Evergreen Apartments will be shut down by the end of February. Evergreen Apartment has been the pride of the Cleveland Asian Community, it is time we work together to save this building from closing.

Asian Evergreen Apartments was completed in 1998. It was sponsored by the Cleveland Chinese Senior Citizens Association and funded by HUD. There were 43 apartments for 45 (+) elderly Asian residents. Since 1998, HUD subsidized every month to pay for the tenant's portion of the rent. Unfortunately, due to Congressional Budget problem, we have not received this funding since September of 2005. HUD now owes us over \$120,000 in tenants rent subsidies. Since September, 2005, we first used Asian Evergreen Housing Corporation's Replacement Reserves to fund the operation. When we depleted the reserves, Retiree Housing Management, the building manager, voluntarily advanced \$25,000 and deferred their management fees to keep the building operating. As sponsor of Asian Evergreen Apartments, the Cleveland Chinese Senior Citizens Association funded \$25,000 in January 2006 which is expected to keep the building open until end of February.

We have sought help from the political leaders. They told us that the budget has been approved and we should receive funding soon. But there is no funding. We tried to borrow money from the bank. Bank will not loan us money because we have no collateral. We are now pleading with the Asian Community to solicit donation to keep this building open. We know it takes approximately \$25,000 a month to operate the building. We can not get a definitive answer from HUD on when HUD funding will resume. According to the Building Manager's estimate we will need \$100,000, so that we can last until the end of June.

According to people familiar with Federal funding, once a delay happened, this funding will be needed again the following year. This is because when the funding is resumed; HUD will catch up with all the past dues and it will run out again before the end of 2006 fiscal year. Therefore, when HUD funding is resumed we will use the return funds to set up an Evergreen Reserve Fund to resolve any future funding requirements. It took over five years with strong community support to build the Asian Evergreen Apartments. This was the first and only Asian elderly housing in Ohio. It is time for us to work together again to keep the building operating. All donations are tax deductible. Please direct your donations to:

Cleveland Chinese Senior Citizens Association 3843 Payne Avenue, Box B Cleveland Ohio, 44114

We thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions, please call Jason Lin at 216-323-9887.

Sincerely;



Henry Luu, President, Cleveland Chinese Senior Citizen's Associa tion 1/24/2006



Jim Lim, President, Asian Evergreen Housing Corporation

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(上接 P1) 葉思勤來美之後在辛辛 納提大學讀書,于 1997 年畢業幷獲 得統計學碩士學位。1998年隨即轉 入 Case 攻讀博士學位, 自去年在 Case 畢業以後,開始四處奔波,尋找 工作機會, 此次費城之行也是爲此 目的。由于一直是學生,他沒有什麼 存款,沒有購買人壽保險及突發事 故保險, 所以目前基本上沒有外來 的損失賠償,事故頓時讓他的家人 陷入困境。。葉思卿妻子現在廣州, 有個姐姐定居澳大利亞, 父母都是 退休職工住在廣州, 他弟弟在深圳 工作。單單後事費用(遺體的保存、 防腐處理費、Funeral Home 的租用 和服務、思勤家人來美),就已經大 大超出了思勤家人的經濟承受能

事發後 Case 中國學生學者聯 誼會迅即組織起來,處理葉的後事。 學生會副主席王鐘協調學生會成 員,成立聯絡、文字報告、交通後 勤、財務、學校溝通等五個小組,盡 最大可能全方位處理所涉及事務。

克城華人團體也紛紛伸出援助之手。克裏夫蘭當代中國文化協會(當代中文學校,CCCCA)理事長湯年發博士、當代中文學校校長王黎明博士知道此事後,馬上和紐約總領事館取得聯系,幫助葉的家人辦理簽證,前來美國,但是他們在廣州一簽被拒。葉的姐姐和姐夫將一26日前來克裏夫蘭,湯先生已替他們安排好了他們在克裏夫蘭的食宿。CCCCA同時成立基金會,把消息發布給大克城地區所有主要慷慨解囊,幫助葉的家人度過難關。克

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湯年發表示,去年焦懷遠醫生 意外去世,當代中國文化協會成立 基金會,克城華人踴躍捐款,給其家 人一定的幫助,他希望這次大家也 能再次伸出援助之手,盡最大的可 能幫助葉的家人。

下面是具體的捐款事宜, 主管這次捐款的是在 Progressive 工作的江竟霖博士 (CCCCA 前任財務理事) 和在 Good Year 工作的夏訓茂博士(CCCCA 現任財務理事)。

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我們華報全體同仁代表克城 所有華人,向葉思勤的家人致以真 切地慰問,同時也再次提醒大家,注 意交通安全,安全駕駛。

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