



Chinese American Association of Lexington
莱克星顿华人协会

CAAL Introduction



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Mission



Chinese American Association of Lexington
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- To serve Lexington and Chinese American community in town affairs and community activities, especially public-school education, civic engagement, and cultural sharing.

- To provide opportunities for Chinese Americans to engage with the Lexington community through volunteerism, networking, and social events



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Get Involved, Give Back to Our Community!



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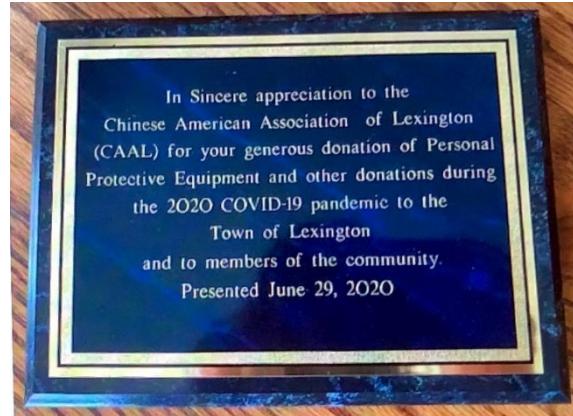
Make a difference to Civic Life



Provide Community Service Platforms



**CAAL is recognized by the town
for its over \$280K COVID-19
humanitarian relief campaign**



Share Chinese Culture



Provide Social Networking



Support School and Education



Advance Social Justice and Equity



History



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- CAAL has been serving Chinese American community in Lexington since the 1983. With the influx of Chinese families to town in recent years, CAAL has worked to increase our social and political profile in the community.
- CAAL has been increasingly involved in many aspects of town affairs, including elected Town Meeting, town-wide officials, elected Board representation and participated in various town committees.
- In 2011, the CAAL Community Task Force (CTF) was founded to advance civic involvement.
- In 2013, CAAL became a recognized tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3).
- In early 2017, the CAAL Political Action Committee (PAC) was created as a separate entity to focus on civic affairs and local elections.

Committees



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Executive Committee

- Elected and appointed members work to set the overall direction of CAAL; They establish the annual budget, supervise spending, and lead monthly meetings.

Committees

- **Civil Engagement Committee** (formerly known as Community Task Force)
Coordinates civic-related activities with the focus on increasing Chinese American participation at town-wide elections
- **Education Committee (EdCAAL)**
Organizes events on school-related topics and promote volunteering in schools and parent-teacher organizations
- **Community Services Committee**
Organizes volunteers for CAAL organized or supported events; Oversee youth programs and administers our Presidential Volunteer Service Award
- **Culture Committee**
Plans events to promote Chinese culture, advocate diversity, and foster cultural exchange
- **Communication and Outreach committee**
Promote Lexington and CAAL events in bilingual and bridge between Lexington and Chinese American Community

Impact and Accomplishments



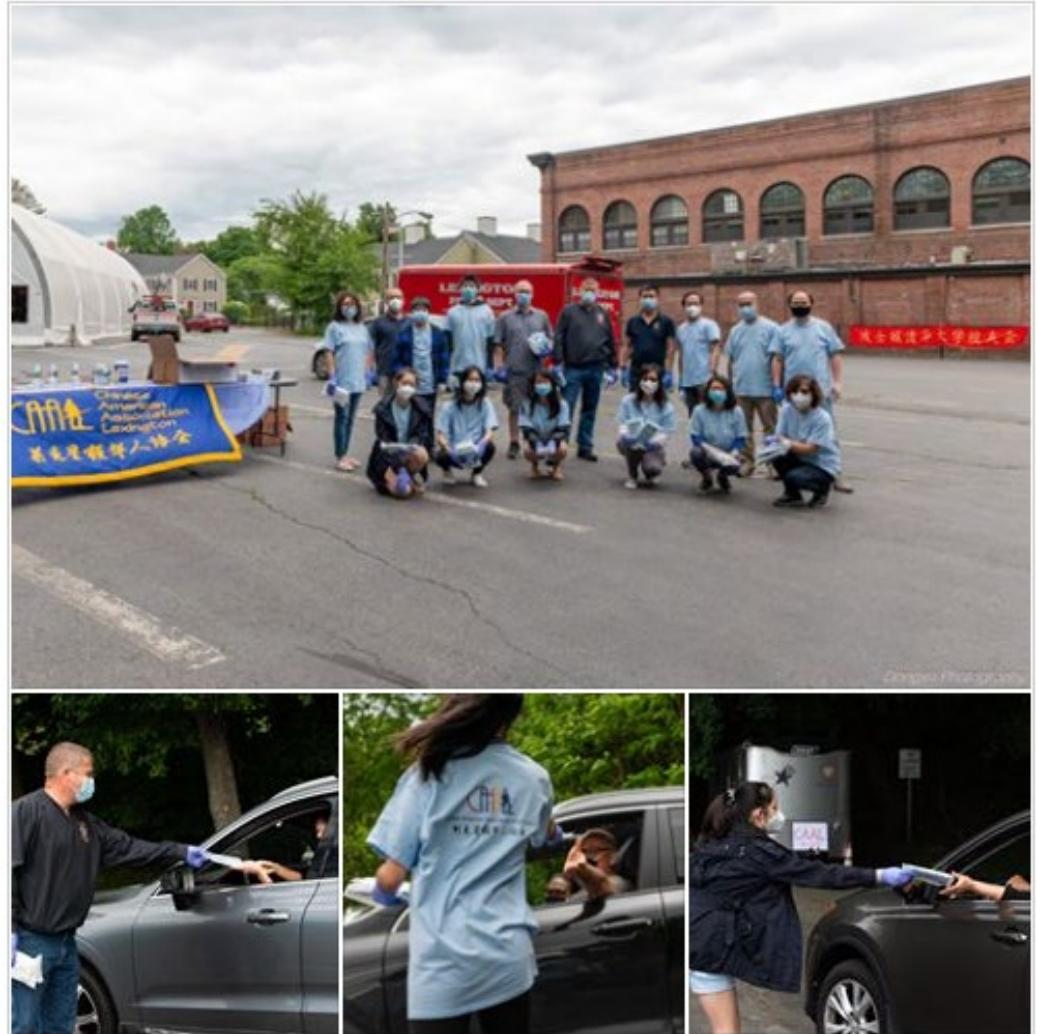
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- With the rapid influx of Chinese families, CAAL has doubled its efforts to work with the town, the school system, and community organizations.
- Most recently, CAAL has undertaken an epic \$280,000 Covid relief campaign for the Lexington community and beyond. CAAL was also known for its massive "CAAL for Cary fundraising of \$75,000".

CAAL for Cary Fundraising



COVID relief campaign raising \$280K



Recognize 1,150 donors, volunteers and 55 organizations for Our COVID Relief Campaign



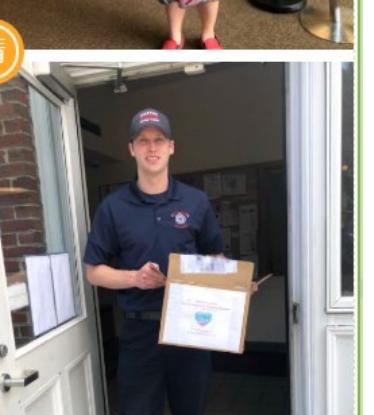
The cover of Lexington's Colonial Times Magazine features a large, bold title "Colonial Times" in blue serif font, with "Lexington's" above it and a red star above the "T". To the right is a red "Magazine" logo with a "25" in a circle. Below the title is a black and white photograph of a group of approximately 12 people of diverse ages and ethnicities, all wearing face masks and raising their right hands in a gesture of thanks. They are standing in front of the iconic Minuteman statue in Lexington Common. The sky is clear and blue. At the bottom of the page is a blue banner with gold lettering that reads "CAAL SAYS, 'THANK YOU, LEXINGTON!'".



We Are in This Together!



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CAAL COVID-19 Relief Campaign Summary



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PPE Donations

316,352

Includes
N95 respirators
surgical masks
protective
goggles
protective suits
face shields
DIY masks



Fundraising

\$278,025



Support Communities

- 61 hospitals
- 42 nursing homes
- 26 town departments
- 7 local orgs
- 11 businesses
- Mask Pick-up Station
(from Lexington to other communities in MA and beyond)



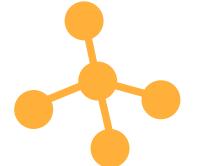
Food of Love

174 hot meals

To frontline,
essential workers:



LPD
LFD
DPW
LPS
Post Office



Support China

Supported over 40 hospitals in Wuhan and other cities in February 2020



CAAL COVID-19 Relief Program



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Supported 19 Local Organizations and Projects with over \$ 33,691

CAAL 2020 Community Building Award

Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry
\$5,000

Sponsor a Basket Youth Program

Lexington Interfaith Food Pantry
\$3,000

LexGetScreen Matching Campaign

Lexington Education Foundation (LEF)
Lexington Public Schools
Matching \$5,000; Total raised \$10,691

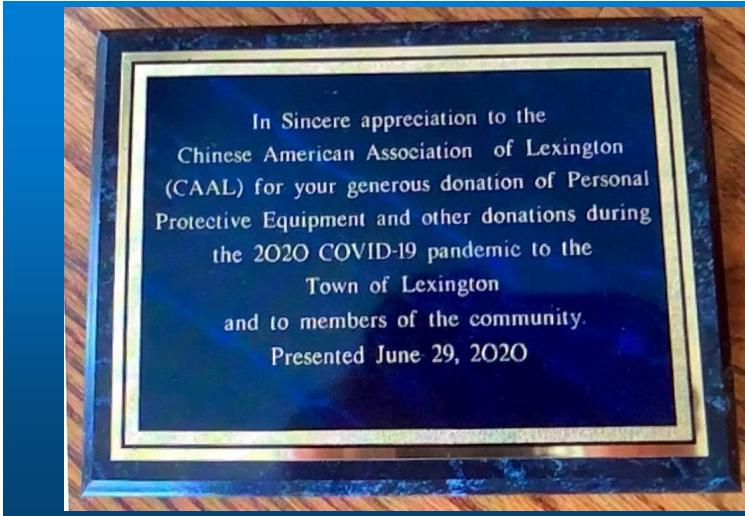
CAAL Relief Program Recipients (\$1,000 each)

Munroe Center for the Arts
Munroe Center Donation Match
Neighbor Brigade
Lexington Symphony
Lexington Arts And Crafts Society, Inc. (LexArt)
Lexington Historical Society
Lexington Community Farm Coalition (LexFarm)
METCO College Scholarship Fund of Lexington
New Legacy Cultural Center
Lexington Farmer's Market
LHS PTO for COVID Based Equipment Campaign
Cary Library Digital Content
Community Endowment of Lexington (CEL)
Art Walk
Community DIY Mask Project (\$500)
Helpful Hands (Youth DIY Mask Project) (\$500)

Town Recognition



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We are forever grateful to the generosity and support from the community!

You are our heroes!

Together we shall overcome!



CAAL Traditions of Decades



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- Among the many events, CAAL organized, the Lunar New Year celebration has been our tradition for decades. Known as the best party in town, it draws hundreds of in-person participants and thousands of online audiences.

- CAAL's other tradition includes the Candidate Forum where we invite town-wide candidates to meet with the community. CAAL continues to encourage Chinese Americans to participate in town government and civic activities. More and more Chinese Americans are stepping up to run Town Meeting and participating in various town committees. As of 2022, there are 16 Chinese American Town Meeting members, and 30 Chinese Americans joined various town committees.

Lunar New Year Celebration in Cary Hall



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Lunar New Year Celebration in LHS Auditorium



Patriots Day Parade



2022 Patriots' Day Parade Youth Team



2022 Patriots' Day Parade Youth Team



Candidate forum



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Recent Community Impact



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- In 2022, CAAL has worked with the town and various local and regional organizations on a series of Stop Asian Hate and celebration May AAPI Heritage Month to promote AAPI history, art, food, and a cultural festival.
- The 5K Run/walk on Memorial Day, May 30th, attracted over 500 runners to run for unity, solidarity, and belonging.
- The Asian Music Festival in June, which CAAL organized with New Moon International, was attended by close to a thousand residents.

Stop Asian Hate



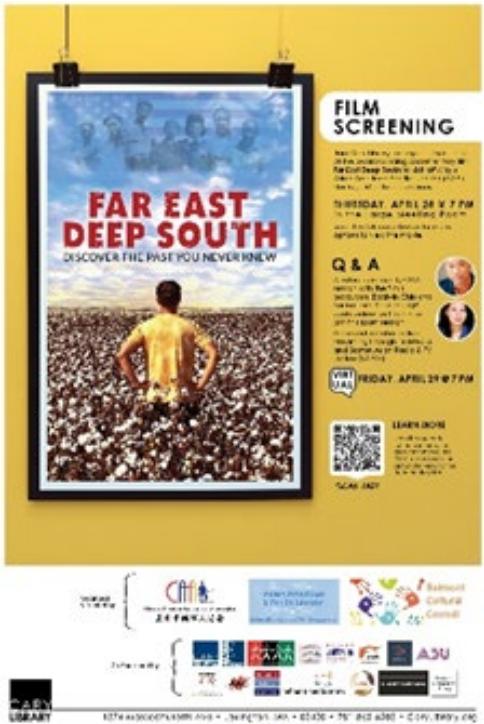
AAPI Concert



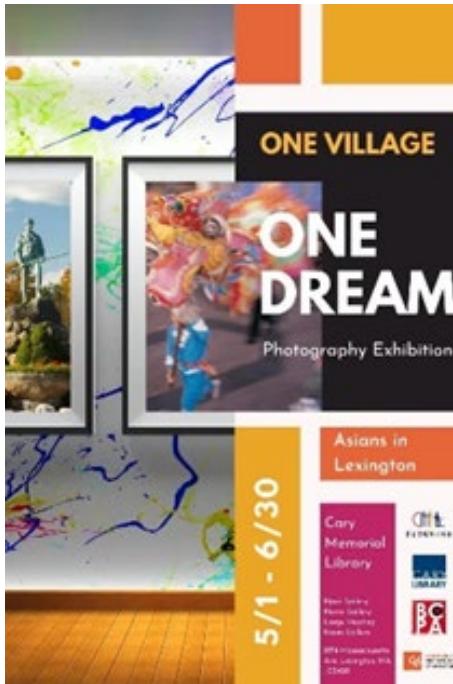
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AAPI Heritage Month Celebrations in 2022

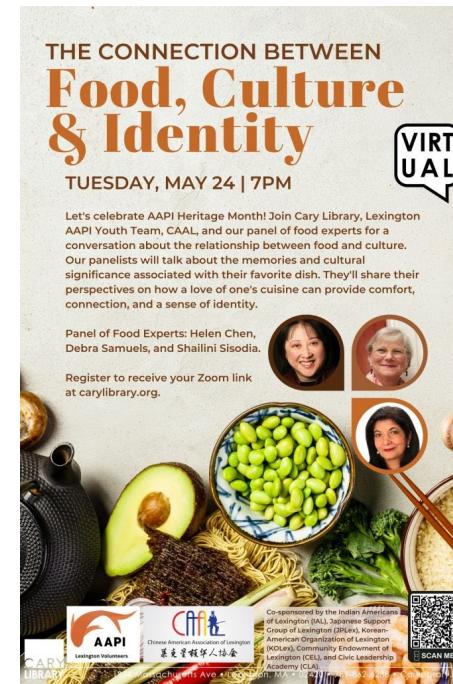
AAPI History Celebration



AAPI Photography Exhibits



AAPI Food Cultures



AAPI 5K Run 'N' Walk and Food Festival



Asian in Lexington – Photography Exhibit in 2022

Video link:

<https://fb.watch/fKNcqmjYBH/>



AAPi 5K Run/Walk and Festival in 2022

Video link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/0esbfhlh55p5i45e/aapi.5k.2022.MOV?dl=0>



Asian Music Festival

Video link

<https://fb.watch/fKMvO9sDPd/>

<https://fb.watch/fKMARYO2AD/>

<https://fb.watch/fKMCgj16Qa/>



Accomplishments and Awards



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- CAAL has been recognized as the most impactful town-level community organization in the country! CAAL received the “2022 UCA Outstanding Chinese American Organization Award’ at the United Chinese Americans Convention held in Washington DC.
- CAAL’s Youth Programs received the “Certificate of Achievements Award”.

CAAL Received Outstanding Chinese American Organization Award At UCA Bi-annual Convention in 2022



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- Email us at contact@caal-ma.org
- We will add you to community email list and WeChat group.

To know more about CAAL:

- Visit website: www.caal-ma.org
- Follow us on Facebook:@caal1983 and Twitter: @caalsince1983
- Scan the below QR Code via WeChat to follow CAAL news



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- CAAL English Newsletter



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- Lexington Monthly Happenings (莱镇活动早知道)



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- Discover Lexington – A Bridge to Western Culture (莱镇人文)



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- Read Lexington (书语莱镇)



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- 莱了-文艺专刊 Neighbors Gallery (百家长廊)



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