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While KCB is going to celebrate its 25th anniversary, the Chinese group will celebrate their 23rd year with KCB. The Chinese community has been developing more strongly with valuable support from KCB. There are members who have been coming to this group continuously from the beginning such as Mrs. Lee Hang Hung, Mrs. Pang Fung Pang, Mrs. Leung Mei Oi, Mrs. Chau Choi Lin and others. Their families have grown up with KCB together. Their children achieve good qualifications and become professionals helping the community.

They are s happy with the way KCB has supported them through the years. In the early 1980's, the Chinese community had no Chinese speaking worker and only a tiny kitchen for them to use in what is now a storage room in the Neighbourhood Centre. It is an achievement that KCB has managed to fund a Chinese worker for the Chinese group for more than 10 years. The group became constituted 4 years ago under KCB encouragement.



The Chinese Group has been very busy and has enjoyed a variety of activities this year such as:

- Camden community learning chest has funded the running of a social dancing class for a year. This activity aims to integrate the members of the Camden Chinese Community Association and our members.

- Our Chinese opera group had a performance at local theatre on 28th Feb and raised £1500.88 towards the Tsunami appeal.

- We received £900 from Age Concern to run game time after lunch for the Chinese. There are cooking classes to make western deserts.

- Every Friday the group meets at the Neighborhood Centre and the volunteers cook lunch for the members. This raises money for the group. They managed to raise about £150 last year.

- The lunch club is doing very well at Jubilee House. We have members who come from Marchmont Centre.

- A BBQ for the Chinese group was held on 2nd July at the Calthorpe Project. There were 40 people who came to the party. However it was not as good as before and there was plenty of food left.

- Healthy Living Pilot Project-Women's Health Day on 02/09/05.

This Health Day was organized by Camden Chinese Community Association with our support. It is a pilot health project for women from both centres. It consisted of several talks including menopause, breast/ cervical screening, and a pilates exercise demonstration. Over 30 women came but none of the elderly.





Trips in the Summer:

- A Norwich/Great Yarmouth residential was held on 25th and 26th of July. We had 15 families and a total of 49 people altogether.
- The Hever Castle Day Trip was on 1st August. There were 40 people.
- A fruit picking trip to Garson Farm was held on 20th August. Everyone was happy.
- Our Chinese opera group had a performance at the theatre at Baker Street on 21st August.



Work with the Somalian Community

There has been a significant increase in the numbers of Somalian people living within the King's Cross area over the past year. This project has supported a large number of Somalian women, men and children. The Somalian community were finding it very hard to access local authority services and health services. We have supported them to engage with the various services. I will briefly describe some of the projects that I have developed over the past year.



Advice Session

The advice session is very popular. The number of people attending the advice session over the past year has increased. We offer a wide range of advice including welfare rights, health, drugs, employment training and educational. This year we have also been working in partnership with New Roots, who are providing drugs awareness advice and support. The outreach work that I have done also helped to engage with newer members.



Doctor's Session

This session still continues to be popular with the users. The doctor checks their blood pressure, sugar level and discusses various different topics. The Somali Community still have problems accessing local health facilities and GPs.

Sewing and ESOL Class

These classes continue to be very popular. The members are asking for an additional day but we do not have the facilities available. The Working Men's College continue to work in partnership with us and provide the tutorial support. The women that attend the class have also enrolled on other courses with the Working Men's College.

Trips and Outings

We had various trips and outings over the summer for the Somali families. Some of these were in partnership with Families in Focus. All the people that went on the trips thoroughly enjoyed them.

