

CACCC Receives Behavioral Health Community Agency Hero Award During 15th Annual Behavioral Health Community Awards Ceremony on May 8th

May 14, 2026 – Cupertino CA –The Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care (CACCC), in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, was presented the Community Agency Hero Award from the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) and the County of Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services during the 15th annual Behavioral Health Community Awards ceremony on Friday, May 8th. The award is in recognition of CACCC’s 2025/2026 Suicide Prevention Program that included culturally-aligned curriculum development and translation of Safe Messaging and Be Sensitive, Be Brave training and resource materials; training CACCC volunteers; Chinese TV/broadcast and print media outreach, social media, outreach and engagement with the Chinese American community, to individuals and families living with serious illness, age 18-44 and older, residing in Santa Clara County.

“Per the CDC, suicide is preventable and is a serious public health problem that has long-lasting effects on individuals, families, and communities,” said Alex Tsao, PhD, CACCC Co-Executive Director.

“Preventing suicide requires strategies at all levels of society,” added Cynthia X. Pan, MD, CACCC Co-Executive Director. “This includes prevention and protective strategies for individuals, families, and communities.”

CACCC’s Suicide Prevention Team is led by **Alex Tsai, PhD**, CACCC Co-Executive Director; **Hongyan Yang, PhD**, CACCC Volunteer; **Lilian Cheung**, CACCC Board Member; **Sandy Chen Stokes**, CACCC Founder and Senior Advisor; **Jiayu Jeng**, CACCC Board Member and **Jeanne Wun**, CACCC Past Board Chair.





Alex Tsao, PhD, CACCC Co-Executive Director at podium. Looking on are (L-R) **Jolie Lou**, BHB Member; **Patti Andrade**, BHB 1st Vice Chairperson; **Jeanne Wun** and **Jiayu Jeng**
 Photo courtesy of **Mego Lien**, SCCBHS Prevention Services Division Director



(L-R) **Jiayu Jeng**, CACCC Board Member; **Jeanne Wun**, CACCC Past Board Chair and **Alex Tsao, PhD**, CACCC Co-Executive Director
 Photo courtesy of **Jen Tsao**, CACCC Volunteer

If you or someone you know is struggling with feelings of depression or suicidal thoughts, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers free, round-the-clock support, information and resources for help. Call or text the lifeline at 988, or see the [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org) website, where chat is available.

About CACCC

The Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care (CACCC), an award-winning coalition, is the first coalition devoted to addressing the end-of-life care concerns of the Chinese community and the healthcare professionals who serve them, since 2005. Recognized globally as an educator, an innovator, a leader in end-of-life education, CACCC provides community life programs in Advance Care Planning, hospice and palliative care, mindful self-care, loss and grief, Doctor Talk, Spiritual Talk, Heart to Heart Café Facilitator training, Suicide Prevention, Poetic Medicine for Grief, and Mental Health. For more, visit cacc-usa.org or email info@cacc-usa.org, or call Warmline: (866) 661-5687.

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