

ASIA distributes food & clothing to Cleveland, Lakewood refugee families

CLEVELAND - Asian Services In Action (ASIA) distributed goods from its Third Annual Food & Clothing Drive on Friday, May 11th, 2012. Ninety-seven households visited ASIA's Cleveland office over three-and-a-half hours, where ASIA staff distributed 4,000 pounds of canned goods, rice, fresh produce, clothing, toys, and personal hygiene products. Drive beneficiaries included African, Bhutanese, and Burmese refugees from Cleveland and Lakewood. "This event is so good," said refugee Ah Ree Paw to Program Assistant Paw Pree, who came to the United States as a refugee herself. Another participant, Mu Khu Wah, added, "The diapers were a good thing to get. Helped us a lot."

ASIA would like to thank Community West Foundation for its continuous support of our food and clothing drive, as well as the generous community members who donated to the drive.

Asian Services In Action
Founded in 1995 by four Asian immi-



grant women, the mission of ASIA is to empower and advocate for Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPIs); and to provide AAPIs access to quality, culturally, and linguistically appropriate information and services. ASIA serves over 10,000 people annually. Follow ASIA on Facebook and Twitter!

Community West Foundation
The mission of Community West Foundation is to advance the health and well being of our community. The Foundation is a local philanthropic and grant making organization dedicated to supporting organizations that provide the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, and medical care to the most needy in and around Western Cuyahoga County.



Get out the shovel and trowels - it's Memorial Day weekend and that means gardening for many. Spend a bit more time getting your garden off to a good start and reap the benefits all season long. Proper planting and post planting care means less maintenance, fewer pests and more produce and beautiful flowers in your landscape.

Start by selecting healthy plants free of insect and disease problems. There's no need to spend money on problems. And keep in mind that bigger is not always better. Instead look for compact plants with sturdy stems. The leaves should be deep green or the proper color for that variety. Avoid plants that show signs of stress such as spots, brown leaf edges, and holes. And when all things are equal, purchase the perennials with multiple stems.

Keep your purchase properly watered before and after planting. Check transplants daily and twice a day when temperatures rise, watering as needed. Increase success and reduce the stress transplants often face. Apply a plant strengthener such as JAZ Spray to protect potted plants from drying out until you are able to plant. Or apply to transplants to get your plants off to a vigorous start. These organic products are not fertilizers but rather naturally occurring molecules that work like an immunization to help new and established plants better tolerate heat, drought, insects, disease, and other challenges plants face.

Prepare the soil before planting. Though not glamorous building a good foundation for your gar-

A Beautiful Garden Starts Now - Memorial Day Means Gardening for Many

By gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers

den will pay off this season and beyond. Dig one or two inches of compost, peat moss or other organic matter and a low nitrogen slow release fertilizer into the top 12 inches of the soil.

Now slide, don't pull, the plants out of their containers to avoid damaging their roots and stems. If they resist, gently squeeze small flexible pots or roll larger pots on their sides over the ground. This loosens the roots, releasing the pot from the container.

Gently tease any roots that encircle (girdle) the root ball. Or use a knife to slice through girdling roots or the tangled mass that often develops at the bottom of the pot. This encourages the roots to explore the soil beyond the planting hole. And a bigger root system means healthier plants that are more productive and beautiful.

Set your plants at the same depth they were growing in their container. Tall leggy tomatoes are the exception. These can be planted deeper or in shallow trenches to encourage roots to form along the buried stem. Cover the roots with soil and gently tamp to insure good root to soil contact. Water new plantings thoroughly; moistening the rootball, planting hole, and beyond. Spread a thin layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other mulch over the soil to conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and keep the roots cooler when hot weather moves in for the summer.

Check new plantings every other day and water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Gradually reduce the frequency until your plants only need to be watered once a week in heavy clay soils and twice

a week in sandy soils. Of course you'll need to water more often in hot weather. And don't forget about the rest of your landscape. Plant strengtheners can be applied to established plants to prepare them for the often stressful season ahead. Treated plants will be better able to tolerate heat and drought as well as attacks from insects and diseases.

So get out and start planting to make this the best gardening season yet.

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- 新近被選入俄亥俄州名人堂
- 被選為全國最具影響力的職業女性之一
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成功的故事

- 奧巴馬總統姑媽遞解出境開案 2008 年 12 月申請, 2009 年 1 月獲准重審, 2010 年 5 月政府獲准, 2011 年 7 月 25 日申請 I-485, 2011 年 9 月 29 日獲准。
- 1. 夫妻年齡相差 20 歲, 公民先生曾婚 3 次, 太太廣州問題被拒後找到我們, 重新申請 130 兩個月批准, 又三個月後廣州問題通過。
- 2. 太太政治庇護 2005 年獲批准後兩年內未幫先生申請 I-730, 2010 年申請和上訴均被拒, 2011 年 6 月重新申請 10 月批准。
- 3. 中國記者申請政治庇護, 紐約移民局問話獲批准, 前後歷時兩個月。
- 4. 太太 94 年自動離境, 95 年偷渡回美, 先生偷渡有 I-94 還有犯罪記錄, 用太太的公民父親 130 申請夫妻倆人綠卡, 太太 6 個月獲批准, 先生 9 個月獲批准。
- 5. 先生用假護照入境被拒, 用公民太太申請綠卡, I-485 問話後申請 601 豁免, 僅 20 天批准並獲綠卡。
- 6. 留學生意外懷孕, 與先生有一個孩子在國內, 申請政治庇護, 兩個月獲批准。
- 7. 太太入境有 I-94, 公民先生申請綠卡, 被移民局拒, 申請 I-485 開案, 兩個月批准後再問話獲准。
- 8. 某先生輸了庇護申請上訴也遭拒絕後他聘請我們為他的庇護重新開案, 2011 年 5 月開案成功。
- 9. 我們的客戶是緬甸公民, 他輸掉了他的庇護申請案, 提出上訴申請也遭到拒絕, 他聘請我們黃唯律師樓, 為他的庇護重新開案, 在美國法規基礎上我們準備了詳細的議案, 並提交證明文件, 2011 年 5 月移民局上訴委員會接受重新開案, 案件被重新送回移民局法庭, 使我們的客戶可以繼續他的庇護申請。
- 10. 她的庇護申請被拒絕後, 找到我們黃唯律師樓, 客戶是中國公民與美國公民結婚, 在美國有兩個孩子, 但是她沒有資格來美, 我們上訴委員會接受重新開案, 案件被重新送回移民局法庭, 使我們的客戶可以繼續他的庇護申請。

調整狀態, 當我們接手後, 她即將要被遣返, 我們為她申請庇護和撤銷遞解令, 因為她在美國已經超過 10 年我們需要的客戶提供大量的證明文件, 經過近四個小時的聽證會, 在堪薩斯城的移民法官給予我們的客戶取消遞解並可以保持與她的家人在美國為合法的永久居民。

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