



克利夫蘭國際名人堂獎

主講人: May Chen

我很榮幸獲得克利夫蘭國際名人堂獎。我要衷心感謝 Margaret Wong 和克利夫蘭國際名人堂評選委員會授予的這一榮譽。

在紐約市的 Tenement 博物館,有這樣一句話:“沒有雄心的人呆在家里。只有有抱負的人才願意冒着生命危險,長途跋涉,在美國嘗試新的生活。”我要把這個享有盛譽的獎項和我有幸幫助和服務的移民和難民們分享。我常常被他們為了實現給人和家庭的夢想而展示出的無與倫比的韌性、巨大的犧牲、

在難以言喻的痛苦面前的隱忍以及適應充滿挑戰的環境的能力所感動。我的工作只是公正地代表他們發聲,幫助並帶領他們克服在陌生的土地上遇到的困難從而實現他們的目標。我和他們在一起的旅程是充實的、鼓舞人心的和也是十分快樂。

三十年代初,我父母來到美國留學,他們得益於教授的教誨和啟發,見證了無限的創造和成功機會,在逗留期間感受到了來自美國同胞的溫暖和支持。回到中國和香港後,他們堅信美國是他們的孩子茁壯成長和未來成功的地方。我和我的兄弟姐妹將永遠感激他們為我們來到美國所做的犧牲。

如果不是因為這個國家對流離失所者、受壓迫者和被邊緣化



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2022年6月7日星期二在 Windows on the River 克利夫蘭國際名人堂舉行年度頒獎活動,這是一個盛大的晚宴,是因為疫情讓我們久違了的 Party, 本次慶祝活動一票難求, 宴會廳只能坐 400 人, 又多加了 3 桌, 熙熙攘攘來自各個族裔的社團領袖和嘉賓共襄盛舉, 當日 Asain 華人行動協會創始人 May Chen 也是本次活動的獲獎者。

當日晚會是由 TV3 女主播擔任主持, 烏克蘭專業歌手 Julie Anna Gulenko 優美動人的烏克蘭國歌演唱拉開序幕, 看到來自不同族裔的人與烏克蘭人民站在一起, 令人鼓舞, 緊隨其後的是 John Marshall High School JROTC Color Guard 高中生色彩衛隊, 在 Julie Anna Gulenko 伴唱的 God Bless America 中, Cleveland International Hall of Fame 2022 典禮正式開始。

晚會井井有條, Edward Malesic 主教進行祈禱並分享他的民族遺產故事。當晚主講人是克利夫蘭德高望重的 Albert B. Ratner, 他在講話中表示:今晚來參加活動的是克利夫蘭各個族裔的代表,今晚獲獎的也是各個族裔最優秀的人,美國是移民美麗的家園。

Albert B. Ratner 曾經是 2011 年榮獲克利夫蘭國際名人堂的人,他是 Forest City Enterprises, Inc. 董事會的聯合主席。自 1951 年以來,他一直在 Forest City 從事商業和住宅房地產行業。Ratner 長期以來一直是克利夫蘭的社區開創推動者,也是猶太社區的一位奉獻者。

克利夫蘭市議會主席 Blaine Griffin 贊賞了在座每一位對社區的多樣性和包容性的承諾,今晚獲獎者是你們的貢獻給克利夫蘭各個族裔帶

來榮耀。當晚在著名律師黃唯的介紹下, Asain 華人行動協會創始人 May Chen 上台演講了美國亞裔在克利夫蘭各個社區的貢獻(附上中英文演講稿), May Chen 帶來全家三代人和朋友 40 多人參加頒獎典禮,我也榮幸被她邀請為嘉賓,我們一起分享她獲獎的喜悅。

黃唯的弟弟家人和律師事務所同仁也參與了活動,黃唯律師事務所也是晚會的贊助者,黃唯律師事務所長期以來是支持各族裔社區的人,她事業獲得大成功與她積極參與支持各族裔活動是分不開的。

克利夫蘭國際名人堂是由 clevelandpeople.com 創立於 2010 年(The Cleveland International Hall of Fame was established in 2010 by clevelandpeople.com), 創辦的目的是為克利夫蘭多元文化城市 and 地區做出寶貴而持久貢獻並激勵新一代領導人的個人,使各個族裔獨特的文化得以保持,因為我們都生活在同一個地球村。

克利夫蘭國際名人堂於 2010 年 5 月 12 日迎來第一次慶典。克利夫蘭國際名人堂是一個 501c3 非營利組織,董事會成員包括 Dan Hanson, Debbie Hanson, William Camey, John Lewis, Mike Miller, Steve Owendoff 和 A Bert Seymour。

Debbie Hanson, Dan Hanson 姐弟倆創辦 clevelandPeople.Com, 他們在克利夫蘭各個社區非常活躍,他們為人誠懇,做事兢兢業業。非常高興看到了姐姐 Debbie Hanson 參加 2022 年克利夫蘭國際名人堂活動,我們期待 2023 年克利夫蘭國際名人堂活動的到來。



衷心感謝黃唯大律師二十年來對伊利華報一如既往大力支持



My choice of profession to help and serve immigrants and refugees would not come to fruition were it not for this country's, great heart for the displaced, oppressed and marginalized. Service, compassion, generosity and human rights characterized the strengths of this country. Therefore, I would remain always grateful to this country for realizing my dream to improve the quality of life for immigrants and refugees to become fully contributing and patriotic American citizens. Joining me tonight is are many who encouraged, supported and advocated for my community work, ASIA's CEO Elaine Tso, ASIA's leadership team and ASIA's Board members, Cleveland community leaders, Annie Pu, Eric Chinese Journal, Anna Li, President, Chinese Women Association, Chia Chen, City of Cleveland Community Relation and Dr. Ye Fan Glavin, Case Western University

What a great honor it is for me to receive the Cleveland International Hall of Fame Award. I do want to thank profusely Margaret Wong and the Cleveland International Hall of Fame selection committee for this honor.

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I believe this prestigious award should rightfully be shared with these people, immigrants and refugees whom I have had the honor and privilege of helping and serving. I am constantly humbled and moved by their matchless resiliency, great sacrifices, endurance of unspeakable



I want to thank my husband, Dr. CF Chen for bring me to North-east Ohio where we worked raised a family and served the community. I want to thank my children and grandchildren through out these years for their participation and support of my community work.

My fervent hope is that we must continue to work together to foster

and nurture, women, men, young adults and youth in our immigrant and refugee communities to be meaningful voices and leaders. North-east Ohio can provide resources and opportunities to realize this most important goal. Our own immigrant communities must commit to be civically engaged. We must find time and learn to incorporate altruism, compassion and philanthropy in our daily living.

Finally, during these difficult times from pandemic, racism and political divide, we must re-establish our faith in one another, revert to our country's core values and continue to welcome immigrants and refugees who hold great promise, growth and strength for America.

