

# Key Messages

## Tacoma Community House Creates Opportunities for All

Tacoma Community House (TCH) is a vital resource for immigrants, refugees and other community members who seek self-sufficiency, enrichment and pathways to become contributing members of our community. Many Americans are, or have descended from, immigrants. Providing a hand-up is the right thing to do.

### 109 Years of Service, Same Principles

Since its founding on **January 10, 1910**, TCH has been flexible in meeting the needs of new and emerging populations through collaborative, innovative services.

TCH remains true to these founding principles:



Commitment to our  
Local Community



Enriching Lives



Multi-generational  
Services



Cultural  
Sensitivity

## Four Core Programs

Annually, TCH provides approximately 3,500 program services to more than 3,200 individuals from the U.S. and over 110 other countries. Our four core programs provide a holistic, multi-service approach to serving each unique

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**EDUCATION:** TCH offers a range of successful literacy and language programs, including English Language Acquisition (ELA) classes, Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes, GED® preparation, computer classes, adult tutoring, and Read2Me (a K-3rd grade reading/tutoring program).

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**EMPLOYMENT:** TCH works with low-income job seekers to help remove barriers hindering them from entering the work force. Assistance may come in the form of resumé building, mock interviews, job training, job search classes, employer job fairs, job placement services, and follow-up consultations once hired.

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**IMMIGRATION:** Accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice, our team of immigration specialists provide high quality case management to all individuals seeking immigration assistance from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), including naturalization preparation and education, legal permanent residency renewals, work authorizations, and more.

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**ADVOCACY:** TCH's team of legal advocates provide life-saving, comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and other crimes—assisting them to develop safety plans and navigate the complex judicial system.

## Our Success Has Created Growing Demand for Programs and Services

**FACT:** TCH's five-county service area of Pierce, Kitsap, Thurston, Mason and South King Counties represents a growing population of 1.7 million individuals, 11% of whom are immigrants.

**FACT:** TCH is one of the only nonprofit organization between Seattle and Portland that provides comprehensive self-sufficiency services to the immigrant population.

TCH has outgrown its facility and ability to meet current and projected demand. For example:

- 6-10 week wait lists for immigration services delay individuals and families eager to proceed on the pathway to self-sufficiency, costing the community lost productivity.
- Limited client confidentiality due to overcrowded, outdated office design is unacceptable—especially when working with victims of crime.



## The Embracing the American Promise Campaign Will Have Far-Reaching Benefits

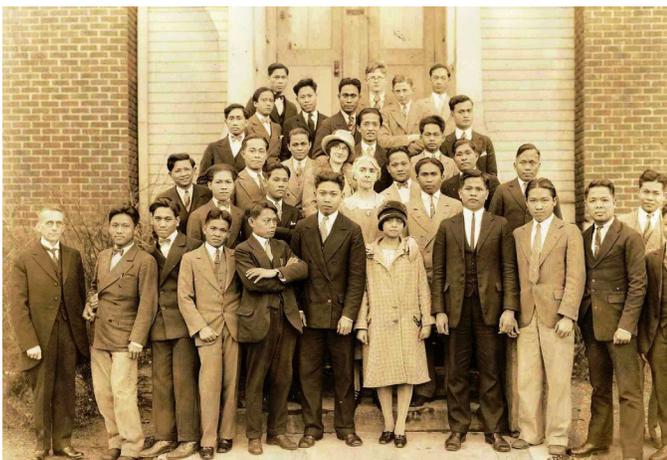
*Embracing the American Promise: Uniting Communities Campaign* is a **\$13.6 million initiative** supported by a variety of public/private funding sources to construct a new 27,000 sq. ft. facility, which will include versatile classrooms, confidential meeting spaces, and a community gathering area. This new facility will allow TCH to gradually expand from providing approximately 3,500 program services to 6,000 annually.

Along with this planned growth and expansion, TCH is planning for multiple revenue streams to ensure long-term sustainability:

- Grants and contracts provide funding on a per-capita basis. More students will result in more funding from these sources.
- Tuition and other service fees will result in increased revenue as we serve more clients and students.
- With growing awareness of our community impact, TCH's philanthropic support is increasing steadily.

## TCH Will Only Succeed By Working Together

Generous private support through this campaign will enhance TCH's comprehensive programming, build on TCH's operational strengths, and propel the organization toward expanded services for a growing client base. Success will mean greater self-sufficiency for more clients and a stronger community for all.



*Filipino immigrants studying English at TCH in the 1920s.*



*TCH clients finding work at Concrete Technology Corp.*