



CHINATOWN New Americans Welcome Center

Holiday Party 2018



**Our student performer—
Shao Yun & her classmates**



**Rachael & Ling are presenting gifts to our
lucky student Carmen!**

It's the holiday season! All our guests, staffs & students had a great night on our annual holiday party! Here are some party highlights. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to **Fidelis Care** for their generous sponsorship! Without their generosity, there would not be such a joyful night!



STUDENT'S STORY

Our student Ms Liu, Yan Tong is in our Beginner ESL class since Winter 2018. After one year of learning, she gave a speech in front of hundreds of guests on our Spirit Award Gala. This is her story!

My name is Liu Yan Tong. I am a single mother with my twelve-year-old daughter. Three years ago, I came to New York from China. For the first two years, I could not adapt to the society and I needed my daughter to translate everything for me because I don't speak English. I worked so hard only for money, but I did not have any social life. I feel anxious and frustrated about my life but there is no one I could talk to. One day, my daughter told me about the free English class in YMCA and she encouraged me to join the program and change my life. After learning for 3 cycles, now I can finally read signs in English, understand the broadcast on subway and go shopping by myself. Also, I have made a lot of friends here. I become more confident and outgoing. My daughter, who is a participant of YMCA afterschool program and I, are grateful for the support and help we received from YMCA. Thank you!



Ms. Liu & her daughter Pei Ning

ASK YOUR NAWC

Q: What classes do you offer?

A: Currently, we offer Beginner level, Intermediate level, Advanced level, and Workplace ESL classes, Computer literacy class and Citizenship class. However, you can check for a more updated schedule on our website or stop by our office to find out more information!

Q: How much does each class cost?

A: All of our classes are completely FREE !

"We are here for all!"

Our participants come to us not only for free classes, we also share moments together! We would love to offer chances for new immigrants to experience the city. Therefore, we have organized two museum tours this year.



Embracing Culture—Visiting the Museum at Eldridge Street



Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration



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