

PHOENIX RISING FROM ASHES

Andrew Kwong (UBSC Board Chair)

Today, we not only have survived the pandemic, but also observe the rising demand from new immigrants more than ever, especially among the elementary students. Our current facility is no longer sufficient to meet this demand. With a bold step of faith, the UBSC board decided to rent an extra unit next to our current location. You have been faithful in supporting us in the past, and we have confidence that you will continue to help us make this dream of a rising phoenix become a reality.

In Greek mythology, a phoenix rising from the ashes describes the phenomena of one emerging from a catastrophe stronger, wiser, and more powerful. We have witnessed America go through this kind of experience on September 11, 2001. In our 32nd anniversary, Upward Bound Study Center experienced a season of resilience and strength after two difficult years of the pandemic.

After the center went through a major remodeling and renovation in 2015, our ministry gradually elevated to a higher level, but nobody could have foreseen how the Coronavirus would throw the whole world into chaos. We had to shut down the center and switch to online teachings for all the classes. Our 30th anniversary celebration dinner was eventually cancelled, and we had to rely on online fundraising to support our operation for the last two years.



浴火重生

鄭明遠 (志上董事會主席)



在希臘神話裡，鳳凰浴火重生描述了一個從災難中崛起而變得比以往更強大，更有智慧和更有能力的故事。我們在2001年9月11日以後見證了美國的這種經歷。在志上學習中心成立32週年之際，以及兩年艱難的全球疫情大流行之後，我們也經歷了一個充滿堅忍和耐力的季節。

從2015年中心進行了重大改建以後，我們的事工逐漸提升到一個更高的層次，但沒有人會預料到冠狀病毒將整個世界陷入混亂之中。我們不得不關閉中心並將所有課程轉換到線上教學。我們30週年的慶典晚宴也最終被取消，而過去兩年我們不得不依靠在線上的籌款來支持我們中心的運作。

今天，我們不僅在疫情中生存下來，而且比以往任何時候都更能看到新移民的需求不斷增加，尤其是小學生。我們目前的設施已不足以滿足這一需求。憑著信心，志上的董事會決定在我們當前中心位置的旁邊再租用一個新的單元。你們過去一直忠心地支持我們的工作，所以我們有信心你們將繼續幫助我們實現鳳凰浴火重生的夢想。



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022, 5:30pm

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404 South Atlantic Blvd, Monterey Park, CA 91754

餐費: 每位 \$60 (\$24可抵稅) / 每席 \$600
Cost: \$60/ticket (\$24 Tax-Deductible) / \$600.00 /table



The 32nd Anniversary
Celebration Dinner

三十二周年慶祝晚會



BEGINNING WITH A RECEIPT

Melody Xiao



Instead of projecting blame onto others, one must take responsibility for their actions and mistakes, this is one of the most valuable lessons I have learned at the Upward Bound Study Center. The story began on July 27, 2019, during a hot summer day when I attended an event known as UBSC's Amazing Race. This event was essentially an enormous scavenger hunt held in parts of Hollywood, Universal Studios, and Little Tokyo. I was volunteering as a teacher's assistant, and I was in charge of a group of approximately nine students with a teacher at the time.

After the activity, we went to have curry at Curry House in Little Tokyo as a group. As we sat down and decided what to eat, then the teacher had to leave, which left me responsible for the students alone. After eating the meal, we walked to the bus stop with the other groups. When we arrived back at Upward Bound Study Center, everyone was talking about the overall score they received from the race. Amid this, while thinking about the day, the team leader of the group comes up to me. He asked if I had the receipt from the restaurant, and that was when I realized in the heat of the moment, while I was trying to rush everyone to leave that I had forgotten the receipt. I remember I was in denial for the first five minutes, trying to frantically check my bags to see if I had actually had the receipt. But the more I looked, the clearer it was that I had forgotten to take the receipt with me after paying for the food. The team leader tried his best to console me by telling me the situation was technically his fault as the team leader, but knowing that I had read the instructions for the rules and I still forgot, I had to bring the receipt back with me. This was a dreadful event on both of our parts because if we were unable to procure the receipt, all the students would have to pay for their own meals. We were all young students, and a hundred dollars was not a small amount of money for any of us. We even thought about driving all the way back to Little Tokyo, but none of us had a license at the time. Although, this did not seem like that big of a situation, during the time, forgetting the receipt felt as if the whole world was falling apart.

In the end, we were able to contact the restaurant and get a receipt back, but the situation also provided me with a valuable lesson. The team leader's ability to redirect my mistakes onto himself taught me that I must always take responsibility for my own actions, especially if they are mistakes caused by myself. I appreciated his kindness and his actions left a deep impression on me after the event. But even if he did give me a leeway out of trouble, I still had to stand up for my morals, instead of having someone else take the fall for me. As a teacher's assistant in charge of the group, I was careless and irresponsible. But I did have to accept my mistakes, and when I looked back at the situation, I was glad I did not allow the team leader to take the blame for the problem I had caused. From the lesson, I realized that I must always face the consequences of my mistakes and always pay more attention to the rules provided, especially when you are the person in charge.



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