

Asian ERG Gives Time and Funds to Our Communities

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Our Asian Employee Resource Group (ERG) recently participated in a Walkathon to benefit Shriners Hospital as donating time and money to other worthy causes this year.

This fall members of the Asian ERG took part in a drumming event at the third annual Walkathon held at the Hospital in Springfield, MA. And, they also provided a grant to the [HandReach BeatBrigade Program](#), which Springfield-area Asian youth to work along-side top clinicians to heal children with severe dysfunction and de resulting from trauma injuries.

The grant will support youth like Chris Lin (in his second year as a BeatBrigadier) not only provide Chinese tr and coordination for the medical team in the field, but he was also brought in to assist Dr. Alan Chambers, a from the US Army Surgical Research Institute, with a research project testing the efficacy of Chinese vs. Wes medicine in scar reduction. This kind of rare hands-on opportunity for a high school student to work directly v the top burn surgeons in the world has allowed Chris and his peers a powerful vision of the kind of far-reachir they can do in the world as they enter college.

The BeatBrigade is HandReach's vehicle for delivering psychosocial benefits to injured Asian children as well as to Springfield-area Asian teens who participate.

See members of the Asian ERG participating in the drumming event at Shriners' Hospital with Chris Lin, pictured front-row, center.

The Asian ERG grant program also provided support this year (as well as in 2010) to [HandReach](#), a non-profit organization that "joins hands for hope and healing" of children who find their bodies and minds changed suddenly and forever due to fire, abuse, accidents, warfare, or natural disaster.

MM Asian ERG grant program also sponsored the following non-profit organizations from MA, CT area, as well as the non-profit organizations through MM agencies for t 2012:

Local Non-Profit Organizations (MA & CT)

- Riverfront Dragon boat race



- HandReach Corporation
- Women of South Asian Origin & Their Family (SNEHA)
- Volunteers in Service to Education in India (VSEI)
- Pride ERG (Gay, Lesbian & Straight)
- UMass Asian Art & Culture Program

Non-Profit Organizations through MassMutual Agencies

- Seattle Agency
 - Seattle Chinese School
 - Seattle Northwest Chinese School
- Chicago Agency
 - Xilin Association