



# Visionaries

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## Project: VISION 7th Annual Bowl-a-thon

On a Sunday afternoon on June 13th, Project: VISION youth, staff, volunteers, Board members, and supporters came together for what has now become a tradition—the Annual Bowl-a-thon fundraising event! A group of over forty participants gathered at the Student Games and Bowling Center on the UIC campus to bowl for Project: VISION!



*Students and staff at the Bowl-a-thon*

In the end, we raised over \$5000! The funds will allow us to continue providing our current programs free of charge to our youth. In addition, the funds will help us support new programs in the

months to come. For example, the funds will go toward purchasing digital cameras for this summer's photography workshops. In the coming fall, college prep programs such as essay workshops and financial aid help sessions will now be possible.



*Staff tutor, Shuo Ming, in action*

The success of the Bowl-a-thon would not have been possible without the hard work of our supporters and student bowlers who went out to collect an amazing number of pledges from friends and family! In addition, we would like to thank our community business sponsors including Pacific Global Bank and Wabash Properties. We would also like to thank local busi-

nesses who made in-kind donations for our bowler prizes and raffle items including Ricobenes, Lou Malnati's, Moon Palace Restaurant, Watermark Tavern, Lyfnred Winery, and the Court Theater.



*Students and Board Co-Chair, Tony Medina draw winning raffle tickets.*

Congratulations to Matt Hong who won the honor of highest score with 141 points! Also, congratulations (and big thank you) to Mrs. Sau Wei Lau for raising most of the most funds, bringing in \$710!



*Bowlers and supporters at the event.*

## Project: VISION

Project: VISION's mission is to provide youth in the Bridgeport & Chinatown areas of Chicago with tools for educational, professional, personal, interpersonal, and civic development.

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## Development Coordinator: Kathy Xiong



*Project: VISION welcomes Kathy Xiong to our staff as the new Development Coordinator. Here are a few words from Kathy...*

I am delighted to be the new Development Coordinator for Project: VISION! I am coming from Minnesota to Chicago to attend the University of Illinois-Chicago for my Master's Degree in Public Administration and to apply my knowledge and skills to expand the funding base of Project: VISION. My experience in working with youth includes tutoring to increase standardized test scores and to improve basic math and reading skills. I also worked directly with youth by introducing them to re-

sources and information about attending college. I hope that my background working with youth will benefit Project: VISION by helping the community understand the importance of the organization's work. In addition, my experience in fundraising includes grant writing for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities at over five community sites and soliciting sponsorship for events, monetary donations, and in-kind donations. My future career goals are to expand my strategic leadership in grants and fundraising work and to gain experience and knowledge in the grant-making world through foundations or corporate philanthropy.

*To contact Kathy, email her at [Kathy@projectvisionchicago.org](mailto:Kathy@projectvisionchicago.org).*

## Upcoming Events

### Project: VISION Summer Programs

July 6-August 12

Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays

Join us this summer for a 6-week program of service learning, field trips, and photography workshops! To sign up, email us or go to our website at this link:

<http://www.projectvisionchicago.org/signup.html>

### Project: Youth Initiative

July 5, 12, 19, and 26

Mondays 1-5pm

Still need service learning hours? Help the Asian Health Coalition teach the Chinatown community about the dangers of drinking and driving and underage drinking. You can earn 16 hours. To sign up, email us or go to our website at this link:

<http://www.projectvisionchicago.org/signup.html>

### College Campus Visit to UIUC

August 20th 7a-7p

Thinking about going to college at UIUC? Come down to Champaign with us for a campus visit! Get a tour of campus from former and current UIUC students and learn about what college life is a like there.

## Thank you to our sponsor....



## Congrats to our graduates!

Hana Liu

Iris Oo

Crystal Zhang

Vincent Luciano

Kenneth Lee

