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Dear friends at the Cleveland Public Library,

Thank you so much for your continued support for our low-income refugee and immigrant families living in northeast Ohio! Your generosity has certainly eased their transition to life in the U.S. Not only will they have warm clothing for the cold season, but it means so much to the families that people spent the time, money and energy to provide lovely scarves, hats, and gloves.

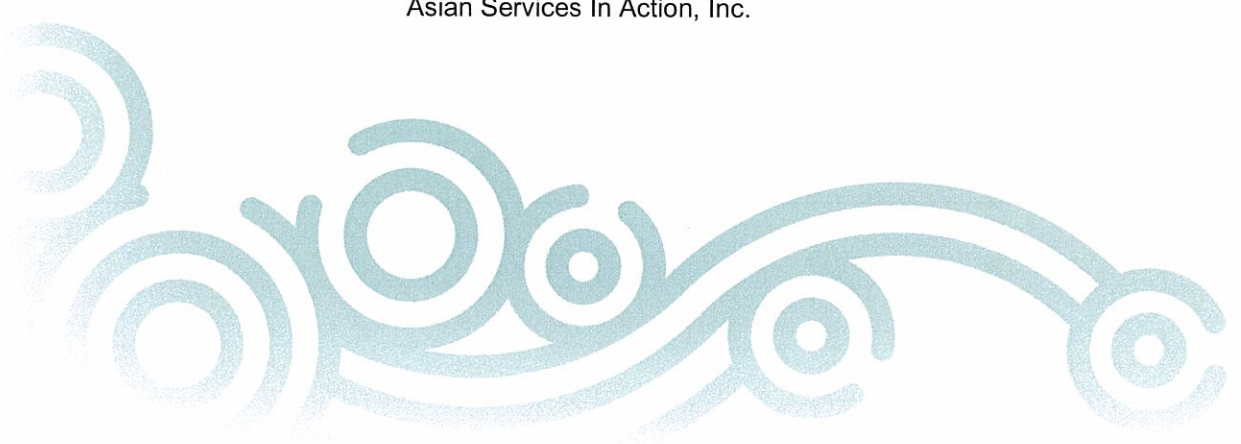
Asian Services In Action, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower and advocate for Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders and to provide AAPIs access to quality, culturally, and linguistically appropriate information and services. Your donation supported families in the Westside Community Adult Mentoring Program, which provides literacy education and advocacy for children and their parents.

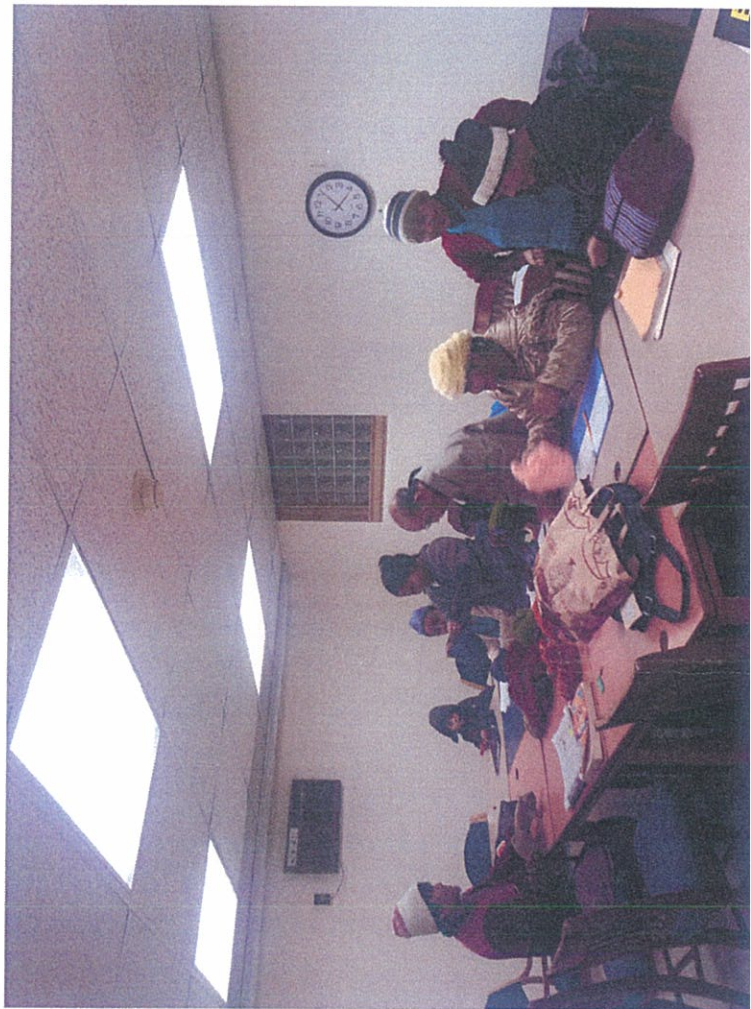
Included are a few photos of the parents with the knitted items. We had given them out during our afterschool and parenting programs. Students and parents were able to take them home for the winter.

Thanks again to our friends from the Cleveland Public Library!

Sincerely,

Kitty Leung  
Manager of CYF Services  
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Extra concerned! (The month before, the other one took 23.00!) They both got fired - but I never got the money back. She sent me the most beautiful Hallmark Card with real red gemstones! I've been in Ohio City since May 2001 and have been blown away at all the kindnesses I've been shown. Oh and the 1st one took the BEST OF SHOW DVD as well!  
I still am going to pay for

To The Director, Dec. 27, 2014

I want to commend all the people I have dealt with at the main Cleveland Library, but most especially, the home bound employee, Reba Clardy. She has been most helpful. I think when she heard that my new home health aide had stolen \$58.00 from my purse, she was just

the 5:74 fee I just need her to let me know where to send it. She will of course.

I love your homebound program by the way! just found out about it recently!

I'd get to get to your main library to see your doll house. I have one that's 100 years old!

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TO Whome It may concern,

I am not going to talk about the historic aspects of the South Branch library. We all know that information. But I am going to mention why I think it is essential for this particular building to remain a library.

Last night while I was on Facebook I saw a post from the "TODAY show," with the heading "The Public Library: America's heart and identity in 18 years of photographs." The small blurb mentioned that Photographer Robert Dawson crisscrossed the country for 18 years taking pictures of what libraries that he called endangered cultural sanctuaries. He believes that the public library represents the heart and identity of American civic life. I believe that he is right. Libraries do educate and bring people in a community together. They do encourage conversation and the sharing of ideas, both inside and outside it's walls. Libraries are a community's heart and identity. Something that encourages interaction with neighbors, and facilitates the growth of pride. Pride in our city. Pride in where we live. Pride in each other. And pride in ourselves.

In any community this is essential, but especially in one where many of the residents are financially fortunate.

The Cleveland Public Library takes Pride in the motto "The Peoples University." A motto based on the idea

that even if you have nothing, that you can better yourself through your mind, if you are willing. The Library system is a place of education, which makes every employee an educator. And I do believe that any one who works for a library chose to out of love for the written word, and sharing knowledge. A desire to educate. To teach.

As educators one must realize that there is more to learning then the financial aspects and the material resources available. The first thing that a teacher learns is that the students need to feel comfortable and safe. If you do ask your patrons / students what they feel when they are sitting in a window seat glancing at a beautiful fire place, taking in the sent of old wood and books, I am sure that you will hear adjectives such as comfortable and cozy. And perhaps the phrase "at home." That this castle fortress library imparts a feeling of safety.

Yes educators know that there is more necessary to education then the financial and material resources available to educate.

The second thing that an educator learns is that you have to create a spark. A spark

of joy. A spark of magic in a young mind that might need an escape from their problems, or some inspiration. I have seen that occur at the South Branch Library. A spark not only fostered by the staff or the near access to information, but by the building itself. I have seen it in the deep sigh of relief as a young adult takes as their eyes wander the pretty way. I have seen it as a child stopped at red light excitedly points to the building and tries to get his parents attention. Or the look of wonder in a toddlers eyes when she walks up the castle steps. I am sure that many of you have seen this too. After all the expansion of the main branch is modelled after a castle.

Finances, building codes, and modern amenities. These things can be met. If there is a will to do so. It is only a matter of if the leadership of the "People's University" is willing to listen to the people. I guess what I am asking, what this community is asking, is that you do not take this Branch in this old building away. A building that helps foster that first spark of love fairy tales and knowledge.

Do not take away the feeling of comfort and safety that no new structure could replicate. And please do not turn your back on the heart and identity of this community. Do not be a part of the chipping away of the pride of this ethnically diverse and low income community.

Thank you  
Angela Guy