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## Celebrating 40 Years of Making a Difference

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San Jose, CA- Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on Sept. 7th, with a gala to honor its original 12 founders and community leaders, and fundraise for its health and human service programs:

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013  
AACI 40th Anniversary Gala  
Santa Clara Marriott Hotel  
2700 Mission College Boulevard  
Santa Clara, CA 95054  
5:30pm Reception and Silent Auction  
7:00pm Dinner and Program



NBC Bay area traffic anchor, Mike Inouye, will emcee the gala that will include a special greeting from U.S. Congressman Mike Honda, a member of AACI's Honorary Council and Founding Board Member. Honorees include: Business Trailblazer Honoree: C.C. Yin, Founder of Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) & Owner of Yin McDonald's; Health Care Trailblazer Honoree: Dr. Shyamali Singhal, Founder/Director of the Cancer Center and Chief of the Department of Surgery at El Camino Hospital; Gordon N. Chan Leadership Award honoree Dr. Amor Santiago, Executive Director of APA Family Support Services; and AACI's Original 12 Founders: Jeanette Arakawa, Robert Kam, the late Edward Kawazoe, Leo Lowe, Eimi Okano, Dr. Paul Sakamoto, Nilo Sarmiento, Dr. Allan Seid, Mary Chan Seid, Paul Wong, Victor Wong, and Connie Young Yu.

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) is the largest nonprofit organization focused on the Asian American community in Santa Clara County and was founded in 1973. AACI's mission is to improve the health, mental health and well-being of individuals, families and the Asian community. AACI's diverse services include primary care medicine, mental health services, HIV testing, education and prevention, youth development services, substance abuse treatment, a Drinking Under the Influence (DUI) program, a Center for Survivors of Torture, problem gambling treatment, a domestic violence shelter, senior wellness services, and advocacy.

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