

Community Wellness and Cultural Engagement Highlights (CDCHA)

Attached are several photos showcasing key volunteer and cultural initiatives organized and led by **Xiaojing (Jenny) Huang** and **Yan (Yana) Zhang** through the **Chinese Dragon Culture Heritage Association (CDCHA)**:

1. Cultural Heritage School Workshops

Brought world-class intangible cultural heritage workshops to **14 elementary schools across Cape Breton**, allowing **over 5,000 students** to experience Chinese paper-cutting, calligraphy, shadow puppetry, movable-type printing, traditional dance, musical instruments, and martial arts.



2. Volunteer Visits to Seniors' Homes

Delivered Chinese cultural performances and interactive workshops at **two seniors' residences**, bringing joy and cultural connection to elderly residents.



3. Community Cultural Galas

Organized volunteer teams to host the **2024 Mid-Autumn Festival Gala** and the **2025, 2026 Lunar New Year Gala**, both of which hold deep emotional meaning for Asian newcomers and celebrate cultural inclusion in Cape Breton.



4. Community and Multicultural Events

Represented the Chinese newcomer community in numerous public celebrations, including **Hello Cape Breton, Multicultural Day, Canada Day, Sydney Mines Heritage Festival, Mayor's Recognition Day, and the CBU Multicultural Festival.**



5. Support for Local Sports and Community Spirit

Participated as volunteer performers at **local hockey games, soccer matches, and other community sporting events**, using dance and cultural showcases to bring energy, celebration, and cross-cultural friendship to Cape Breton audiences.



6. CBRM-Approved Community Events

Successfully hosted the **Cape Breton Chinese Culture Family Carnival** and the **Multicultural Kids' Talent Competition**, both officially approved and supported by the **Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM)**. These events created **over 60 volunteer opportunities**, brought together **hundreds of residents and families**, and strengthened multicultural understanding across the community.



7. Original Chinese Mythology Stage Drama – *The Lotus Lantern*

Created and performed **Cape Breton's first-ever Chinese mythology stage production**, combining Chinese dance, martial arts, and English dialogue. The show was presented at both the **CBU Boardmore Theatre** and the **Highland Arts Theatre**, introducing local audiences to the beauty of Chinese storytelling.



8. Original Stage Drama - Mulan

Original stage drama based on the legendary Chinese heroine **Mulan**, continuing to share Chinese stories through dance, theatre, and intercultural collaboration. 30

newcomers involved in this project and reached around 1800 audiences.



Media Recognition

CDCHA's volunteer work and community impact have been featured six times in the Cape Breton Post, highlighting the organization's vital role in enriching local arts and promoting cultural exchange.

