# **THE EDWIN & MARGARET LEE TUNG LOK EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER GRAND OPENING**

### A CHILD'S KINDERGARTEN READINESS IS A CRITICAL DETERMINANT IN **FUTURE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS.**

Chinatown residents often face many challenges to getting their children ready to succeed in school, including the cost and availability of preschool.



Across San Francisco, the average annual cost for preschool is \$26,000



**33%** of Chinatown's residents live **below** the \$30.000 **Federal Poverty Level** 

## The Chinatown YMCA tackled these challenges head-on.

In partnership with The John Stewart Company and BRIDGE Housing Corporation and a generous donation from the Edwin and Margaret Lee Foundation, the Chinatown Y opened the Edwin & Margaret Lee Tung Lok Early Childhood Learning Center.



4 CLASSROOMS DIVIDED BY AGE GROUP SERVING CHILDREN FROM **3 MONTHS UP TO 5 YEARS OF AGE** 

AN AMAZING TEAM OF 10 ECE-ACCREDITED PROFESSIONALS SPEAKING ENGLISH, CANTONESE, MANDARIN AND SPANISH



**ABILITY TO SERVE 57 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES** 



A PHILOSOPHY OF "PRESCHOOL FOR ALL" WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO ALL ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS (AN AVERAGE REDUCTION OF \$4,900 ANNUALLY)



HAVE THE LITERACY AND LEARNING SKILLS **DEEMED NECESSARY FOR KINDERGARTEN ENTRY** 

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS IMPACT

The Edwin & Margaret Lee Tung Lok Early Childhood Learning Center is just one of six YMCA of San Francisco Early Childhood Education Centers.



Over the last year, nearly **550 future leaders** participated in our program, realizing similar developmental results across all centers.

In its first year of operation, 49 children, who would not otherwise have had the opportunity, received daily supportive care and education.



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HAVE THE MATH **SKILLS NECESSARY FOR KINDERGARTEN ENTRY**