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### Lai Chan Honored by Massachusetts State Lottery and the Boston Celtics as “Hero Among Us”



From Left Isaiah Whitehead, Brooklyn Nets; Lai Chan, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center; Isaiah Thomas, Boston Celtics  
(Image Courtesy of Boston Celtics)

Boston (MA) – BCNC staff member Lai Chan was honored as “Hero Among Us” at the TD Garden on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as the Celtics faced off against the Brooklyn Nets. Chan, a 78-year old, was recognized for her life-time dedication to children and immigrant families.

For more than 35 years, Chan has passionately devoted herself to the Asian American community, as a member of the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) and as a former Principal of the Kwong Kow Chinese School.

As Master Teacher of BCNC’s Acorn Center for Early Education and Care, Chan has educated more than 7,000 children and mentored hundreds of pre-school teachers. A tireless advocate for immigrant and children’s causes, Chan serves as a role model to generations of Asian American families.

Since its establishment in 1997 by the Boston Celtics, The Heroes Among Us program has recognized outstanding individuals, who have made exceptional and lasting contributions to their communities. The award is presented at every Celtics home game and pays tribute to the heroic achievements of these outstanding citizens.

#### **About Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center**

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) is the largest nonprofit social service provider dedicated to Asian families in the Greater Boston area, supporting over 2,000 children, youth, and adults each year at three locations in Boston and Quincy. The mission of BCNC is to ensure that the children, youth, and families we serve have the resources and supports they need to achieve greater economic success and social well-being. BCNC helps families access the resources and services available to them, provide opportunities for them to learn and acquire skills, and create a community of mutual support and encouragement. For more information, go to [www.bcnc.net](http://www.bcnc.net).

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