

The American Fujian Association of Commerce & Industry
The American Chinese Business Federation
Life Matters' Chinatown Youth Leadership Program



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PRESS CONFERENCE

TIME: 4:30pm

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WHERE: Ming Dynasty Restaurant
75 East Broadway, 2/F, New York, NY 10002.

August 3, 2005...Life Matters' Chinatown Youth Leadership Program, an internship program for Fujianese students impacted by September 11th, in conjunction with the American Fujian Association of Commerce & Industry and the American Chinese Business Federation is conducting a Chinatown Quality of Life Survey to improve the conditions of Chinatown for residents, tourists and business people alike.

Four teams of interns are doing the surveys, asking questions about the quality of life and services in Chinatown, family issues, economic issues, community stresses, and youth problems. The information gathered will be analyzed, and put into a PowerPoint presentation, website and poster, created and built by the interns themselves. The survey results are expected to give a picture of post 9-11 Chinatown today- its problems, its people, its future and its unique character.

Life Matters, a 501(c)(3) organization formed in the aftermath of September 11th, has provided education, compassionate presence and coping strategies to over 30,000 people in the metro New York area. Our mission is to reach those impacted by trauma and stress, help them develop their inner resources and find hope.

The American Fujian Association of Commerce & Industry and the American Chinese Business Federation have partnered with Life Matters to bring life skills and leadership qualities to young members of the often isolated and underserved Fujianese community. Adolescents in the program are trained as "peers," working with clinicians and local community-based organizations to reach out to elders, families and friends, as well as learning to address local public and social needs of their community.

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