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Chinese American Community Foundation Co-founder David Lei Honored as a KQED 2013 Asian Pacific American Heritage Hero

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – KQED has selected David Lei as one of its Asian Pacific American Heritage Heroes for 2013. Lei joins 3 other Bay Area Asian Americans in receiving this honor, which recognizes local citizens with a demonstrated commitment to community service and civic leadership.

Lei is an accomplished entrepreneur with a deep-seated commitment to community development. In his 40 years of involvement with Bay Area nonprofits, he has volunteered his time for numerous charitable events and served on the boards of organizations such as the Chinatown Community Development Center and the Asian Art Museum. Most recently, he co-founded the Chinese American Community Foundation to support donors who want to be resources for nonprofits serving Chinese American communities. He currently serves as its Vice Chairman.

Other heroes this year include Evelyn Nakano Glenn, a professor of gender, women's, and ethnic studies and the founding director of the Center for Race & Gender at the University of California, Berkeley; PJ Hirabayashi, a taiko artist, teacher, artistic director emeritus and founding member of San Jose Taiko; and Hyon-Chin Lee, executive director at The Link to Children (TLC), an Oakland-based nonprofit.

The award is made annually in May to honor Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. It is bestowed on heroes at KQED's annual celebration on May 1, which also kicks off a month of unique TV and radio programming focused on Asian Pacific American themes and issues.

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About the Chinese American Community Foundation 華人社區基金會
The Chinese American Community Foundation is committed to building a healthy, vibrant and engaged Chinese American community. The Foundation supports initiatives that promote philanthropy, volunteerism, and the creation of a donor community that advances innovative solutions to challenging problems. Drawing on the experiences of community and business leaders, the Foundation collaborates with private and public partners to support the growth of a permanent fund that engages donors to strengthen the Chinese American community and the Bay Area community-based organizations that serve them.