

## Chinese Helping Hand 中華協會

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**Mission:** To provide logistic assistance to newcomers and others in the Chinese community who could use such assistance.

**History:** Founder Anthony Lui works at a number of trades, including as a translator in an office of law, and teaches citizenship classes at Farrington High School's adult education program. Beginning in about 1999, he and his friend Cho-on Chang volunteered to help adult education students from Hong Kong and China with logistic problems. They worked mostly out of their own homes, and on occasion in classrooms at the Chung Shan School in Chinatown. They communicated with those they were assisting primarily in Cantonese, sometimes in Mandarin, with a little bit of English mixed in. The group is now in the process of incorporating as a 501 (c) 3 organization, with the assistance of attorney Jeffrey Niebling and secretary Maryann Longao.

**Activities** Members help Chinese people fill out government forms such as for housing, naturalization, unemployment, court hearings, traffic violations, interactions with the police department, dealings with attorneys, and healthcare facilities. Often elderly people need assistance getting into care facilities such as the Palolo Chinese Home. Currently, all assistance is provided on a voluntary basis. The group is seeking funding, which would allow them to pay for additional parttime help.

### *Association presidents*

2003-pres. Anthony Lui

**Membership:** Lui, Chang, and Longao assist about 100 people who have registered informally for their help. Anyone is welcome to join them: either as a volunteer giver or recipient of aid.



Anthony Lui helping celebrate his student's graduation from Honolulu Community College. The student's mother is in Lui's citizenship class.

*Sources: Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs website; personal communication with Anthony Lui and Maryann Longao*