



### Mission and Vision Statement

The OCCA is a registered Canadian Charity operating as a multicultural umbrella organization. We promote mutual understanding, respect, and acceptance among diverse communities in the Okanagan, build partnerships with all levels of governments, encourage and facilitate the full participation of immigrants from diverse origins in the social, cultural and economic life of Canada. We envision a bright future for people of all races in the region.

### **The OCCA Capital Projects**

**Fundraising for Phase III** the operation site expansion. Targeting \$1M, raised \$220,000.

### OCCA 2023 Progress Report

#### **Established Programs:**

- **Job Connect for Future (JCF):** Skills training for immigrants, refugees, and newcomers.
- **Immigrant Services:** ESL classes, legal consultation, orientation seminars, income tax assistance, Conversation club, Help line & etc.
- **After School Childcare:** Multicultural Homework Club, Immigrant Parenting Forum & Heritage Classes.
- **Golden Age:** Dance & tai chi, choir, mahjong & cards, volunteering support for age-well at Home.
- **Heritage and Connections:** Multicultural lunar New Year, Black History Month and Asian Heritage Month celebrations.

#### **Partner Societies**

Okanagan Korean Culture & Knowledge Society  
Okanagan Filipino Canadians Society  
Kelowna Japanese Language Society  
African Ubuntu Okanagan

#### **Participate and Support Local Activities:**

Kelowna Folkfest Canada Day Celebrations  
Multiculturalism Day in West Kelowna, charity performances for senior homes.

### Acknowledgment

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# OCCA Programs

## Immigrant Services

Newcomer orientation sessions, immigrant parenting forum, immigrant women's forum, income tax assistance, ESL classes for beginners, conversation practice for daily life and pronunciation and vocabulary for occupation-specific skills; case consultation; translation. Email inquiries to: [info@occabc.ca](mailto:info@occabc.ca) or voice mail the helpline 778-484-6222 (24/7/365).

### Job Connect

Job Connect is a free initiative aimed at empowering immigrants, refugees and newcomers facing employment barriers. It offers a certificate training program, employment readiness support, employment placement with wage subsidies, and personal development assistance. The program's goal is to equip participants with the tools and opportunities they need to overcome barriers, secure employment, and thrive in their chosen careers. Email [programs@occabc.ca](mailto:programs@occabc.ca) or [Apply online](#) at occa website.

### After School

Childcare services are on Monday to Friday and Saturday 3-5 pm. Activities to address the special issues of immigrants. Multicultural Homework Club, English grama class, and Heritage Education are held onsite. Immigrant Parenting Forum is held online.

**Register by email:** [hwc@occabc.ca](mailto:hwc@occabc.ca)  
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### Legal Consultation

OCCA partners with the Access Pro Bono Society of BC to address legal issues unique to immigrants, refugees and newcomers. Our volunteer lawyers provide free legal advice on a full range of legal issues, including family, immigration, criminal, and civil law (such as debt, employment, welfare and housing matters) at OCCA's office or virtually. Please fill out our [Online Inquiry Form](#) at occa website.

### Golden Age

Weekday activities 9 am-3 pm, small-group gatherings to improve the social connection of seniors, learning technology, game & cards, dance & fitness, pot-luck, outdoor sports. Transport is provided to seniors in need, and support for age-well at home by encouraging volunteerism and living a meaningful life in retirement. The activities are carpooling for daily errands, riding for medical appointments, regular visits and chats, and small projects for common neighborhood benefits, etc.

## Heritage Celebrations

**Spring & Lantern Festival** is a multicultural celebration for Lunar New Year, featuring dignitary greetings, heritage performances dinner. Ticket sales start in Jan.

**Asian Heritage Multicultural Celebrations** feature multiple events & activities from May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> and participating in Folkfest Canada Day celebrations. For details, visit: [www.asianheritage.ca](http://www.asianheritage.ca)

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                       | <b>\$289,050</b> |
| Public Funds                         |                  |
| Federal Government                   | \$50,800         |
| Provincial Government                | \$135,055        |
| City of Kelowna                      | \$5,000          |
| Foundation Funds                     | \$26,251         |
| Donations§                           | \$18,801         |
| Operation Income                     |                  |
| Fundraising                          | \$5,050          |
| Honorarium Received                  | \$850            |
| Interest Income                      | \$3,442          |
| Membership Dues                      | \$600            |
| Service Fees                         | \$43,201         |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                  | <b>\$226,453</b> |
| Advertising & Promotion              | \$523            |
| Amortization (Building Depreciation) | \$6,141          |
| Bank Charge & Interests              | \$734            |
| Contract Services                    | \$46,317         |
| Education & Training                 | \$375            |
| Licenses & Dues                      | \$275            |
| Honorarium paid                      | \$8,619          |
| Insurance                            | \$2,678          |
| Office (administration)              | \$1,775          |
| Professional fees                    | \$4,976          |
| Property Tax & Utilities             | \$1,810          |
| Rentals /venue & equipment           | \$5,265          |
| Repair and Maintenance               | \$19,467         |
| Salaries & benefits                  | \$98,882         |
| Supplies                             | \$22,253         |
| Telephone/Internet                   | \$2,729          |
| Travel                               | \$1,307          |
| Vehicle expenses                     | \$1,853          |
| Volunteer appreciation               | \$474            |
| <b>Balance</b>                       | <b>\$62,597</b>  |
| Revenue deferred to 2024 est.        | \$62,000         |
| <b>Net Income 2023</b>               | <b>\$597</b>     |

\* This statement is generated from bookkeep info and subject to yearend adjustment by accountants.




Funding provided by the Government of Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Workforce Development Agreement.



**OCCA JCF**  
**Job Connect for Future**

**Empowering immigrants and Refugees by providing training, support, and jobs to help them reach their career goals.**

**OCCA Communities Association**

**JCF Program Benefits**

- ✓ Free 8-week Certificate Training
- ✓ Job Readiness Skills
- ✓ Employment Placement with Wage Subsidies\*
- ✓ Personal Support and Subsidies during the training

\*Further 3-month training covered if no employment.

**General Requirements**

Eligibility: Thompson-Okanagan residents, immigrants with barriers (CLB 5+), unemployed/underemployed, legal work status (age 19+), no duplicate funding received.

Apply on [www.occabc.ca](http://www.occabc.ca) or email [programs@occabc.ca](mailto:programs@occabc.ca)



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