

Our family joined Elk Grove Chinese Association (EGCA) almost two decades ago. At that time, I was about 11 or 12 years old. To me, joining the EGCA was like getting a second extended family. My brother and I quickly became friends with the other kids at the monthly potluck gatherings. As we grew up together, we all became closer. We learned Chinese cultural dances together and performed them at local cultural events. We participated in tennis tournaments and talent shows. We looked forward to monthly barbeques and holiday parties every year. Looking back, I have many fond memories of those times. The EGCA was a welcoming community to us and gave us a sense of belonging. We're lucky to have had EGCA and all of its members in our lives growing up, and I hope the EGCA will continue to provide other families with the warm support that we received for many more years to come. Thank you EGCA!

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