

FCSN Milestones (1996 – 2006)

Year/Date

1996

- 4/6/1996** First meeting for "South Bay Integrated Family Support Group", attended by many special families and other regular families. All agreed to form a Family Support Group, a Planning Committee was formed.
- 7/13/1996 First group activity: a summer picnic held at Linda Vista Park in Cupertino.
- 9/14/1996** Name of the new organization was changed to "Friends of Children with Special Needs" to show the desire for support, inclusion and integration with our community.
- 10/12/1996 First of four experimental integrated classes held.
- 10/19/1996** First draft of FCSN bylaws was completed. The mission of the organization is stated as "to help children with special needs and their families to find hope, love, respect and support through integrated community involvement".

1997

- 1/1/1997 First edition of FCSN newsletter published
- 1/31/1997 FCSN received its federal tax ID
- 2/15/1997 First Lunar New Year celebration party at APFRC (Asian Pacific Family Resource Center). APFRC facility was made available to FCSN through a social worker's help, and it became a home to FCSN for the next few years.
- 4/12/1997** First regular family support gathering started at APFRC, including seminars for parents, integrated classes for kids, volunteers for teenagers & siblings, dinner and social hours.
- 11/1/1997 FCSN logo contest.
- 1997 RFC funded FCSN \$6,700 to sponsor FCSN activities.

1998

- 6/20/1998** First Annual Meeting. First 10 Board family members elected. Bylaws passed.
- 8/7/1998 First FCSN Family Camping at Mount Madonna Park in Gilroy.

1999

- 7/19/1998 First FCSN Board Meeting, elected President and Officers.
- 1/23/1999 FCSN Board approved FCSN logo, which was based on the winning design of 1997 contest.
- 1/23/1999** FCSN proposed the "Dream Community" as a long-term goal.
- 1999** Started Fremont Local Group – FCSN's first local group
- 1999 Started Almaden playgroup, computer class at Tzu-Chi, and Saratoga FIN group. Many more local programs started in the following years.
- 1999 FCSN launched its first website <http://come.to/FCSN>.

2001

- 6/23/2001 First participation of "Relay for Life", sponsored by NCCU of American Cancer Society.
- 2001** In support of the Dream Project, a group of FCSN parents formed PDLIC and acquired a parcel of land in Fremont.
- 10/6/2001 San Andreas Regional Center presented the "Service Above Self" award to FCSN.

2002

- 2/1/2002 FCSN's Father Vocal Trio made its debut in FCSN's Chinese New Year celebration.
- 2002 FCSN established a new web site: www.fcsn1996.org.
- 7/4/2002 FCSN joined Fremont's July 4th Parade and continued for subsequent years.
- 2002 Dream Project team selected San Francisco architecture firm VMWP to design the FCSN Center project
- 10/25/2002 Channel 7 ABC Salute Series featured FCSN

- 10/26/2002** **First FCSN gala event "Make Our Dreams Come True" was held, raising over \$200,000**
- 11/26/2002 Fremont City Council voted 5-0 to approve the planned district proposal for the Peralta Dream Project.

2003

- 2/2003 FCSN joined Cupertino Lunar New Year Unity Parade and continued for subsequent years
- 6/25/2003 Dream Project team selected T-Square for the detail designs drawing work.
- 6/30/2003 FCSN received its 1st public grant funding from FIRST 5 Santa Clara County.
- 7/27/2003** **First of three successful fundraising "Campus Folk Song" concerts**
- 9/20/2003 World renowned pianist Ruei-Bin Chen, performed at San Jose State University to raise funds for FCSN
- 10/21/2003 Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors awarded FCSN with a special "Resolution of Commendation"
- 11/1/2003 FCSN annual gala event "The Building of a Dream".
- 12/2/2003** **Cupertino Village Fundraiser at Joy Luck Restaurant raised more than \$150,000.**
- 10/22/2003** **Groundbreaking ceremony for Dream Center**

2004

- 4/28/2004** **Over 50 FCSN members participated in the state capitol protest/rally against Governor's proposed budget cuts for the special needs community.** (FCSN participated in 3 such protests in 2004 & 2005).
- 5/12/2004 ACON Construction was hired as the general contractor
- 6/1/2004 FCSN Center construction began
- 6/13/2004 Chinese Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe "My Dream" performance at the Flint Center, Cupertino
- 7/31/2004 Second FCSN "Campus Folk Song" fundraising concert at the Flint Center
- 9/19/2004 FCSN Booth grand opening in San Jose
- 10/30/2004 FCSN annual gala event "Embracing The Dream".

2005

- 2005** **FCSN reached 25 local programs throughout the Bay Area**
- 05/01/2005** **South Bay community-based adult day program started at FCSN Booth.**
- 5/22/2005 Fremont Flute Ensemble held Fundraising Concert for FCSN
- 7/30/2005 Third FCSN "Campus Folk Song" fundraising concert at the Flint Center
- 12/25/2005 FCSN annual gala event "Treasure Our Dream".

2006

- 6/1/2006** **FCSN "Dream Center" Construction completed**
- 6/28/2006 FCSN's first summer soccer camp
- 7/1/2006 FCSN's first Boy Scout Troop
- 8/10/2006 First "A-do-re me" Music Camp at FCSN Dream Center
- 8/15/2006 New integrated playgroup began at FCSN Dream Center
- 9/2/2006** **East Bay Supported Living Service started at the Dream Center**
- 9/5/2006** **East Bay Adult Day Program started at the Dream Center**
- 9/9/2006** **East Bay Regular Family Support Gathering started at the Dream Center.** Original Family Support Gathering was renamed as South Bay Regular Family Support Gathering.
- 9/6/2006 Afterschool Program for children ages 12 and up moved to the Dream Center
- 10/8/2006** **FCSN Dream Center grand opening ceremony**
- 10/24/2006 FCSN received "Asian American Hero Award" for Health and Human Services for its mission to build a village to support children with special needs and their families

