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Vilcek Foundation supports United East Athletics Association Volunteer-based non-profit receives \$10,000 grant

New York City, NY (August 30, 2012) — The Vilcek Foundation today demonstrated its support of the Fun Fun Saturday Program offered by the United East Athletics Association (UEAA) with the award of a \$10,000 grant, designated to provide a safe and educational environment for immigrant children on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

Established in 1976, UEAA's initial goal of was to make physical education programs available to recent-immigrant youths in New York's Chinatown. As the organization grew, it expanded beyond sport-oriented programs to include community services, educational programs, and cultural activities.

The primary purpose of Fun Fun Saturday Program, begun nineteen years ago, is to enhance the quality of life in the Asian-American community. Activities are geared toward helping children learn new subjects and express their creativity. And while enjoying UEAA's various programs, participants also learn to develop lasting friendships among their peers.

"The Vilcek Foundation admires UEAA's commitment to enriching the lives of Asian American youth," said Rick Kinsel, Executive Director of the Vilcek Foundation. "It is especially impressive that UEAA, staffed entirely by volunteers, is able to offer to more than three-hundred and fifty children, from seven to fifteen years old, such a wide range of classes—arts and crafts, various sports, and English literacy."

"The Fun Fun Saturday program," Mr. Kinsel added, "addresses the developmental needs of young children in the Chinatown area, helping them to pave their way to a bright future and to make outstanding contributions to American society."

For more information about the United East Athletics Association, please visit www.UEAA.org.

To review the Vilcek Foundation's full grant history, please visit www.Vilcek.org.

About the Vilcek Foundation:

The Vilcek Foundation was established in 2000 by Jan and Marica Vilcek, immigrants from the former Czechoslovakia. The mission of the Foundation, to honor the contributions of foreign-born scholars and artists living in the United States, was inspired by the couple's careers in biomedical science and art history, respectively, as well as their personal experiences and appreciation for the opportunities they received as newcomers to this country. The Foundation hosts events to promote the work of immigrants, awards annual prizes to prominent immigrant biomedical scientists, and sponsors cultural programs such as the Hawaii International Film Festival. For more information, please visit www.Vilcek.org.