

## **Biography of Chuen-Chin Bianca Chang**

Chuen-Chin Bianca Chang came to the United States after her marriage in the 1980s. She and her husband Dr. Chein-Chi Chang moved to Ellicott City, Howard County and raised three boys, Wayne, Channing and Raymond. While taking care of her boys as a stay-at-home mom, she earned her RN-BSN degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and then her MSN degree from Johns Hopkins University. Her belief in life-time learning has played a big part in her life.

Bianca enjoys challenges. She took an opportunity and managed a free clinic in Howard County, Health Alliance Pediatric Clinic, which served under-privileged children in need of school physicals, sport physicals and immunizations. In addition, she advocated for those children and sought out pro-bono services such as eye care, dental care, minor procedures, and hospitalization. She also managed chronic illnesses for the children who couldn't afford health care expenses. Helping those in need is the philosophy that she practices every day.

Bianca has volunteering in her blood. She finds time to volunteer in community events and meet people from all over. She has made many friends through many events and occasions. Her neighbors know her through community meetings, gatherings and afternoon walks in the neighborhood. For nearly 20 years, she has been fully engaged in her sons' schools with the Howard County Public School System. Even after they graduated from the HCPSS, she continues taking part in the Community Advisory Council and shares her insights about education.

Bianca enjoys sharing knowledge with people of all ages. She taught at the Chinese Language School of Columbia for over 10 years. Later on, she took over the Academic Dean position before becoming principal of the school. She has promoted world language programs in the Howard County Public School System through many venues such as Chinese language summer camps, culture camps, and the Startalk Chinese summer program. She feels it is important to break the boundary among people from different cultures. Learning multiple languages and cultures will bring people closer in the community. Many times, she was invited as a guest speaker at the Howard County Fire and Rescue Department diversity forum.

From 2008 through 2013, Bianca served in the Howard County Martin Luther King Holiday Commission and chaired the commission from 2011 to 2012. She brought in different voices around the county to this Commission to celebrate Dr. King's birthday and perform a Day of Service project to honor Dr. King. These changes brought positive feedback and set trends for future celebrations. In 2012, she was recognized by the FIRN as one of the American Success Award winners. Her passion and enthusiasm toward helping people of all ages and colors will continue on. She hopes to bring her diverse voice and experience to the Human Rights Commission.