Dear Community:

Inside this issue:

- The 2021 newsletter highlights people and organizations who practice patience and kindness as they emerge from our homes onto busy roads and crowded public spaces, I am constantly reminded of the need for all of us to be patient and kind with each other. It's been quite the year. As we continue to live our lives in a world that is emerging from a global pandemic, I am reminded of the importance of community and connections. I am proud of our community and the role that we play in supporting each other.

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome Erica Martinez

I am so proud of you all!

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VALLEY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Wei-ting Chen, Associate Director of Community Partnerships

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