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George Zhu's Hamilton-Halton Chinese Choir is among numerous non-profit groups facing financial hardship during the pandemic.

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### RECENT REPORT PAINTS WORRYING PICTURE FOR HALTON

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The Hamilton-Halton Chinese Choir (HHCC) has been serenading the public for roughly 40

years, a fact that fills vice director and treasurer George Zhu with pride.

However, for he and many like him, the pandemic has been an extremely difficult time.

"We cancelled the 40th anniversary concert. It was supposed to get a profit of about \$3,000. But because of COVID, everything had to be stopped," said Zhu, noting that the cancellation caused

the equivalent of a whole year's worth of membership fees, plus the loss of other revenue streams.

When it comes to financial hardships, Zhu's group is hardly alone. A recent report by Com-

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