



## Remarks for Chicago Foundation for Women's 2020 Virtual Impact Awards Thursday, July 23, 2020 @ 1:00 PM Neha Gill, Executive Director

Thank you so much Felicia, the selection committee and everyone at CFW for this 2020 Impact Award.

Congratulations to all the other honorees. What an amazing group that I'm truly honored to be a part of. Thank you to my family and everyone who has supported me personally and professionally. This is for you!

I'm so proud to dedicate this award to my mother, my first and most important role model for gender equity.

I'm privileged to lead Apna Ghar and its work to end gender-based violence in immigrant, refugee and marginalized communities. Through our services, outreach and advocacy we seek to create a future that is free of gender discrimination and violence.

To achieve these goals, we must center the voices and leadership of women of color including trans women of color who have always lead the way. Women's leadership in areas of economic, environmental, health, racial, and social justice is ultimately about gender justice. And gender justice can only be achieved when all forms of oppression are eliminated.

I urge us all today to take very intentional steps towards gender justice by examining the inequalities around us in every sphere, from our homes and families, to where we work, in our communities, and in society at large, and commit to making and investing in change.

This moment in particular calls for us to put our collective might and resources behind the uprisings around us.

Thank you again!