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Apna Ghar Recognized for Leadership, Service & Commitment to Ending Gender Violence

July 27, 2020 (Chicago, IL) – Apna Ghar is extremely privileged and grateful to be honored for our leadership and impact in the community. In the first half of 2020 Apna Ghar has already been recognized by the Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, Leadership Greater Chicago, Asian American Caucus, and the Chicago Foundation for Women.

February 2020: The Center for Advancing Domestic Peace (The Center) recognized Apna Ghar for at its annual Purple Dove gala with its community service award for our commitment to end gender violence in our communities. We were deeply honored to receive this award from a trusted partner. The Center's mission is to help people who abuse to stop their domestic violence, take responsibility for their behavior, create healthy relationships and strengthen their communities.

April 2020: Leadership Greater Chicago (LGC) highlighted Apna Ghar Board President Alpa Jayanti Patel and Executive Director Neha Gill in their Fellows on the Front Lines series for their leadership and work on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. LGC is the region's premier convener, connector, and mobilizer of bold leaders to effect transformative civic impact. Alpa is an LGC Fellow since 2015 and Neha is a Fellow since 2019.

May 2020: The Asian American Caucus of the Illinois State Legislature recognized Apna Ghar's Outreach and Education Manager Radhika Sharma-Gordon as a #FavoriteAsianAmericanLeader in their campaign honoring Asian American leaders for Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month for her more than 30 years of service and advocacy. The Asian American Caucus advocates for respect, resources and representation for Asian Americans in Illinois and convenes, connects and supports Illinois' diverse Asian American Communities to develop strategies and identify opportunities for growth and advancement.

July 2020: On Thursday, July 23, 2020, the <u>Chicago Foundation for Women</u> hosted the virtual <u>2020 Impact Awards</u>, during which Apna Ghar's Executive Director Neha Gill and other local leaders working to improve the lives of women and girls were honored with the 2020 Impact Award, "I am motivated by the courage of the individuals and families we serve who find the strength to navigate extremely challenging circumstances to better lives for themselves, their families, and communities," said Neha Gill. The Chicago Foundation for Women puts time, talent, and money to work for women and girls who lack economic security and opportunity, freedom from violence, and equitable access to health care and services.

More information about these awards and recognitions, as well as Neha's remarks from the 2020 Impact Awards Ceremony, can be found on our website at www.apnaghar.org/accomplishments.

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