



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Friend of Apna Ghar,

**2014 was a productive year here at Apna Ghar!** With your support we ended our fiscal year in a financially stable position, and we continued to provide our holistic services to those most in need in our communities. We responded to more than 1,200 crisis calls and we served 500 women, children and men through our comprehensive services. We also conducted outreach and training, reaching more than 3,000 community members. We strengthened existing partnerships and created new ones and launched initiatives around gender violence education, immigration issues, as well as language access for our limited English proficient service seekers. We were featured in print media and on the radio. Our segment on Vocalo made it to NewCity’s Best of Chicago section under best execution of media activism!

In 2014 we were fortunate to receive awards and recognition starting appropriately with the Impact Award from the Chicago Foundation for Women for Kanta Khipple, one of our founders, for her contributions towards improving the lives of women and girls. I was named an “everyday shero” by the National Pacific American Women’s Forum’s Chicago chapter. Our board treasurer Ramzan Dhanji and his wife Parvin were honored twice in 2014. They received awards from BMO Harris Bank and Loyola University for their entrepreneurship and prolific community service through the Ramzan and Parvin Dhanji Family Foundation. The foundation’s support of Apna Ghar is crucial to our success. This year the foundation has made its annual gift in the form of a matching grant of \$25,000. We need your support to meet this goal!

In 2014 we provided input and expertise based on our work for articles, reports, conferences and research projects. We provided technical assistance to partner organizations, helping them launch new programming and improve service based responses to survivors of gender violence. We strengthened our own programs and services from our crisis line to counseling, advocacy, case management, housing services, as well as our supervised visitation and safe exchange program. In 2015 we will add a larger purpose-built safe home to ensure that more women and children who need it will find safety and the services they need to achieve stability and self sufficiency. There are only 112 beds in the city of Chicago but with your support Apna Ghar will once again take on a leadership role and be part of the solution. Please support these efforts by donating today. **Your donation will be matched, doubling your impact!**

Our staff and board continue to make the difference for our program participants and for the larger community. We are grateful for your support, and because of it we feel confident as we look ahead at 2015. Ninety cents of every dollar donated to Apna Ghar goes directly towards programs that sustain survivors of gender violence. Your support is very meaningful to these women and children as they embark on their journeys of empowerment and self sufficiency. “Anita” who received counseling and case management services described Apna Ghar as “a wonderful organization that truly made a positive difference in my life.” Your support also helps us educate and train agencies and community members to affect systemic and larger scale change.

**Together we will make a difference!**

Sincerely,

Neha Gill  
Executive Director

*We can begin by doing small things at the local level... That is how change takes place, not from above but from within, from many local actions occurring simultaneously. ~Grace Lee Boggs*



Keynote Speaker, Ann Mukherjee and PepsiCo employees at Taste for Life



Theresa Mah and Neha Gill with the proclamation from Governor Quinn



Apna Ghar staff on Purple Thursday during DV Awareness Month