



2016 Annual Report



Apna Ghar provides holistic services and conducts outreach and advocacy across immigrant communities to end gender violence.

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Message from our Board President & Executive Director



Dear Friend and Supporter,

2016 was a significant year at Apna Ghar! We expanded our services and grew as an organization. Each year with your help, Apna Ghar conducts outreach and advocacy and provides critical services to survivors of gender violence, a global human rights violation and public health concern.

In this annual report, we want to share with you what your contributions mean to Apna Ghar and the communities we serve. In calendar year 2016 Apna Ghar reached more than 5,000 women, children, and men through outreach and direct services including our 24-hour crisis line, housing services, comprehensive case management, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy, and supervised visitation and safe exchange services.

We completed construction on our new safe home and held a formal opening and ribbon cutting ceremony with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, First Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Family and Support Services, Alderman James Cappleman, chief of staff Tressa Feher and other representatives from the city. Our open house events included visits from our funders, donors and partners, as well as Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and Senator Dick Durbin and their staff. State Senator Heather Steans also visited with her staff and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, State Representative Kelly Cassidy and Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer sent staff. We deeply appreciate their support and yours.

We have restarted our transitional housing program to provide longer term, stable housing along with critical services for survivors and their families. We added a court liaison position and formalized our partnership with the domestic violence court in Chicago, and created stronger partnerships with other courts in the county. We are working with Inspire Action for Social Change to develop a research based model for enhanced supervised visitation and safe exchange services, which will be among the first in the country. We laid the groundwork to establish a presence in the north and northwest suburbs and we look forward to sharing more news about that later in the year!

Our talented and dedicated boards, staff and volunteers, the courageous survivors we're privileged to serve, you our generous donors, and our extended community propel our work in the movement to end gender violence. Globally, one in three women is affected by this violence over the course of her lifetime. This is a terrible statistic, but with your support we can transform lives one at a time while taking important steps to end this violence.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to achieving more together this year, and in the years to come!

Sameer Chhabria

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Board President

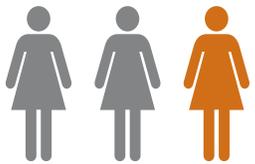
Neha Gill

Neha Gill
Executive Director

What is Gender Violence?

GENDER VIOLENCE DEFINED

All acts of violence upon women or those who fall outside dominant cultural gender norms, that result in physical, sexual, psychological, economic harm or suffering. These can include survivors of human trafficking, forced marriage, intimate partner violence, or other forms of family violence. Threats or acts of coercion and deprivation of liberty can occur in public or in private life.



1 IN 3 women will experience gender violence over the course of her lifetime

EVERY 7 OR 9 SECONDS in the United States, a woman was physically assaulted



Globally, **38%** of murders of women are **COMMITTED BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER.**

Every year, **3.3 MILLION CHILDREN GLOBALLY** are exposed to domestic violence.

GENDER VIOLENCE IS NOT JUST PHYSICAL ABUSE AND CAN ALSO INCLUDE:

- emotional and verbal abuse
- intensive surveillance, cyber-stalking, monitoring cell phones and utilizing multiple technologies
- withholding food, healthcare, medication, adequate clothing, and hygiene products
- financial abuse such as restricting access to bank accounts, monitoring activity, or identity theft
- hyper-exploitation of household labor to serve members of the extended family

IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS OF GENDER VIOLENCE FACE UNIQUE BARRIERS

Recent immigrants to the United States who experience gender violence often face additional barriers that make it especially difficult for them to reach out for help or receive services. These may include:

- Community or extended-family attitudes, such as **SILENCING, SHAMING AND VICTIM-BLAMING**
- **WITHHOLDING OF PASSPORTS** and other papers
- **THREATS OF DEPORTATION** or child abduction
- **LANGUAGE BARRIERS**
- **LIMITED ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNTS** and communication technologies
- Economic and **IMMIGRATION-STATUS BARRIERS**
- Cultural and religious barriers

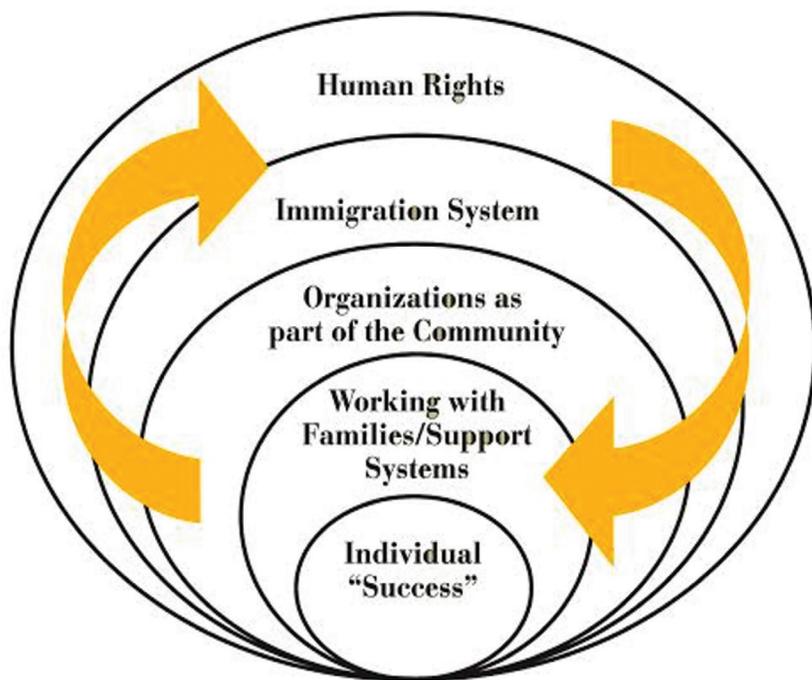
41-61% of Asian women report experiencing physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime

RESEARCH SHOWS that children who witness domestic violence exhibit anxiety, low self esteem, depression, anger, and are at much greater risk to repeat the cycle as adults.

ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS comprise the largest group of people trafficked into the U.S.

More information at www.nnedv.org and www.api-gbv.org

Apna Ghar's Service Model



Apna Ghar developed its own service model through a research collaboration with the Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL) at Loyola University, **Transcending Boundaries: Investigating Domestic Violence among Immigrant Women**

At Apna Ghar we are issue-based and community-focused

We provide comprehensive intervention and prevention services aimed at helping survivors of gender violence achieve safety, stability and self sufficiency

We conduct outreach, provide community education, training and technical assistance in an effort to raise awareness about gender violence while providing resources and information on culturally appropriate service based responses

We conduct systems and policy level advocacy in partnership with advocacy groups to improve overall conditions for the survivors we serve

Together we can end gender violence

Impact of Programs and Services



CRISIS LINE When Time Matters Most

The 24-hour crisis line serves as the primary point of access for those seeking help from Apna Ghar, and is in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our staff and volunteers address the immediate safety needs of callers, who can connect to our services, get referrals to other programs, and get information about options available to them.

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Responded with information and referrals to **1,800** calls in 2016
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SAFE HOUSING Empowers

Our safe home/emergency shelter provides survivors fleeing violence and trauma a home-like atmosphere where they can begin their journeys of healing and empowerment, and start reclaiming their lives. Care is taken to maintain a culturally sensitive, secure, and healing environment. While at the shelter, survivors receive wrap around services, including counseling and therapy, legal advocacy, and case management services.



Transitional housing apartments offer a longer-term housing option for survivors who need extra time to continue to work towards goals of stability and self-sufficiency. While in our housing programs, survivors also receive case management and other wrap-around services including counseling, legal advocacy, and supervised visitation and safe exchange.

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Provided safe housing to **91** women and children survivors in 2016
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LEGAL ADVOCACY Guides and Supports

Apna Ghar's legal advocates guide survivors through the legal system, help them understand their options and help them access available remedies, including obtaining civil orders of protection, pressing criminal charges, obtaining crime victims' compensation, filing for divorce, custody and support, as well as immigration benefits through protective statuses such as the Violence Against Women Act. Advocates help clients obtain legal representation through an in-house family law legal clinic and partnerships with area legal aid agencies and volunteer attorneys.

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Assisted **191** survivors in accessing justice in 2016
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CASE MANAGEMENT Provides Resources

Apna Ghar’s case management services are offered to our residential and nonresidential program participants to ensure long term stability and self-sufficiency. Our staff work with program participants to develop action plans and connect participants to community resources to meet health care, educational, employment, permanent housing, financial and other critical needs.

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Provided case management to **240** women and children in 2016

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COUNSELING Helps Overcome Trauma

Apna Ghar’s counselors provide individual and group services including psycho-social education, narrative therapy, support groups, expressive art therapy, and conflict management to help adult and child survivors process the trauma of abuse. Counseling helps survivors overcome the trauma associated with gender violence and empowers them as they embark on their journeys towards stability and self-sufficiency.

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Provided individual and group counseling to **204** women and children in 2016

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SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SAFE EXCHANGE Provides Stability

Apna Ghar’s supervised visitation and safe exchange (SVSE) program provides a safe place where children can interact with the parent who has used violence in the presence of a trained facilitator. It is an opportunity for a relationship to form and develop in a comfortable, non-threatening and conflict-free environment. We also offer a safe location for parents to pick up and drop off their children when the courts determine that parents may have unsupervised visits. These safe-exchanges are also facilitated by Apna Ghar’s trained staff.

In 2016 we added a court liaison position to provide training to court personnel and to support families seeking child based remedies in domestic violence cases. In addition, we are working on a research based model for enhanced supervised visitation and safe exchange services with Inspire Action for Social Change.

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Enhanced the safety of **339** women, children and men through SVSE services in 2016

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Outreach and Advocacy

Community Engagement

Apna Ghar raises community awareness about gender violence and provides information and training on available resources to combat this violence. We also provide the state-required 40-hour domestic violence training for new volunteers and staff as well as training and technical assistance to partner organizations.

Technical Assistance

Apna Ghar provides training and technical assistance to community organizations and conducts systemic and policy level advocacy to impact larger scale changes to further benefit the survivors we serve. In 2016, Apna Ghar continued to assist Maryville Academy in implementing their supervised visitation and safe exchange program.

Policy Advocacy

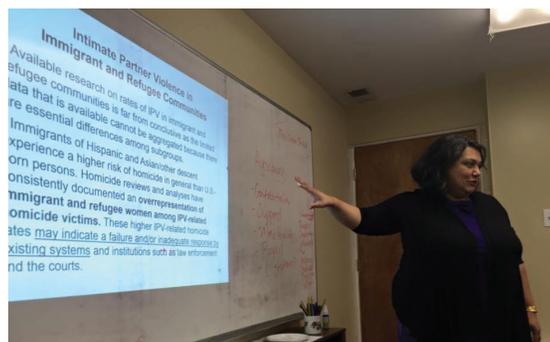
Policy advocacy allows Apna Ghar to improve overall conditions for the survivors we serve. We work with legislators, advocacy and community groups, community leaders, and the general public to raise awareness, make systemic and policy changes to improve current processes, responses, and remedies and increase options available to survivors.

Local and National Initiatives

Apna Ghar joins partner organizations in Chicago and across the country to support efforts such as the TRUST Act campaign for a more welcoming Illinois that offers protections and relief to immigrants. We also joined organizations to hold know your rights workshops and trained others on culturally competent services for immigrant survivors of gender violence.

We collaborated with partner organizations to meet with legislators regarding pertinent issues.

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Reached over **3,500** people through **400** outreach events
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Highlights from 2016 Events

Art Show

March 2016

The 2016 art show, *Collective Voices, Shared Journeys*, explored issues of gender violence, immigration/refugee rights, wellness, disabilities and mental health. The show featured art created by survivors of gender violence and advocates for the cause. The opening reception included live performances and the closing reception included a panel discussion. There were also other events with partner organizations that took place throughout the month.



Taste for Life

May 25, 2016

Apna Ghar's 8th Annual Taste for Life featured special guests comedian Paul Varghese and Chocolatier Uzma Sharif. During the event, we reached our goal of raising \$20,000 for our new safe home. We were glad to feature 7 local restaurants who provided tasting portions from their menus, as well as drinks from our beverage sponsors.



Inaugural Golf Outing

September 1, 2016

In 2016, we added a new signature fundraising event, a gold outing which was held at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills. We had great weather and 78 golfers and many new sponsors and supporters joined us for this inaugural event.



Stride Against Violence

October 16, 2016

Over 400 runners, walkers and volunteers joined us at the 10th annual Stride Against Violence and helped raise awareness of the prevalence of gender violence in our communities. The event raised over \$30,000 to assist survivors. We look forward to making the 2017 event even bigger!



Rekha's Story



Rekha moved to the suburbs of Chicago from southern India to be with her fiancé Jai, a wealthy businessman. Rekha, an accountant was also promised a job by Jai. Unfortunately, the abuse started fairly soon after Rekha arrived and though she considered returning home to India, she got pregnant. After her son was born, the abuse worsened, and Rekha told Jai she wanted to return to India. Upon hearing this, Jai who had already been physically violent towards Rekha, became incensed, slapping and beating her almost to the point of unconsciousness. Rekha bravely attempted to shield herself. She also did not want the commotion to frighten their son who was upstairs asleep. Jai then attempted to drug Rekha by forcing her to take sleeping pills. Rekha still managed to find her passport and other important documents and hid them under her pillow.

The following day Jai left for the office with Rekha's suitcase and removed all the phones from the house. Rekha had already planned to leave, but she didn't know anyone in Chicago, she didn't even know her neighbors, and public transportation options were limited. But she took her son and left the house on foot.

Thankfully a police car drove by and stopped to talk to ask Rekha what was wrong. When she told the officers, they drove back to the house so she could get all her belongings, and they recorded what they saw, and decided to file charges against Jai. Rekha and her son were escorted to the hospital where she received stitches and her arm which was fractured as a result of Jai's violence was put in a cast. Hospital personnel then linked Rekha to Apna Ghar.

Crisis Line

A few months prior to this violent incident, Rekha had looked up Apna Ghar online, so she was glad to be in touch with us now, and to find out about her options and the services we provide. Her major concern was her son: getting custody of him and ensuring he did not witness or experience any more violence. She also wanted to know her rights as an immigrant since after bringing her to the U.S., Jai had not petitioned for any further immigration relief, and though he employed her in his business, he had not paid her. Most urgently, however, Rekha would need a place to stay upon her release from the hospital. We immediately welcomed Rekha and her son to our safe home.

Safe Housing

The hospital coordinated for the police to escort Rekha and her son to Apna Ghar's safe home. The only things she had with her were clothes, passports, her wallet, and most importantly, her son. Rekha was relieved to be in a safe place, where the staff were kind and welcoming. With Apna Ghar's support, Rekha felt she could begin to think about a future free of fear and violence.

Rekha and her son ended up staying at the safe home for four months while she worked with Apna Ghar's staff towards her goals of safety, stability and self-sufficiency.

Soon Rekha put her accounting skills to work and landed a job with a bank, and then moved with her son to one of Apna Ghar's transitional housing apartments. Apna Ghar helped furnish the apartment and continued to work with her on her goals to gain custody of her son, and to gain immigration status in order to remain in Chicago with her U.S. born son.

In 2016, 640 women, children and men received comprehensive services at Apna Ghar

Legal Advocacy

For the next three years, Rekha was embroiled in two court cases: the criminal case against Jai and a custody case for their son. Jai was ultimately convicted of assault, and Rekha also won custody of their son. Apna Ghar's legal advocates supported her throughout these processes, helping her find representation and accompanying her to court and attorney meetings.

In addition, Apna Ghar's advocates helped Rekha with finding representation to seek immigration relief under the Violence Against Women Act and several years later, she became a permanent resident and eventually a United States citizen. Apna Ghar's advocates helped Rekha gather documents, write an affidavit, and they provided letters of support for her petition to the government. They also connected Rekha to counseling services at Apna Ghar and encouraged her to participate knowing that legal issues take a long time to resolve and can therefore take an emotional toll.

Counseling

Because of the emotional and physical trauma she endured in her relationship with Jai, and the lengthy legal cases, Rekha sought and remained in counseling for a long time. Her counselor at Apna Ghar helped her understand the dynamics of domestic violence and power and control and eliminate feelings of guilt, shame, and self-blame.

Rekha had her son work with Apna Ghar's children's counselor as well, so that he could process his feelings as well. Both Rekha and her son also benefited from family counseling and group counseling services such as art therapy.

Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange

Rekha was awarded custody of her son, and Jai was ordered to have supervised visits with their son, as a result of the domestic violence he had perpetrated on his family. Fortunately Apna Ghar's supervised visitation and safe exchange program and our trained facilitators ensured safe visits and minimized the possibility of unsafe interactions for Rekha and her son. Unfortunately, Jai stopped visiting and ended up not having a relationship with their son.

Case Management

Apna Ghar's staff assisted Rekha and her son with housing, employment, furthering educational goals, enrolling in after school sports and educational programs, and in pursuing hobbies and interests, so they could reclaim and rebuild full and violence-free lives for themselves.

Where is Rekha now?

"When I look back I remember there was a time where I didn't have a place to live, no legal status, no job, and it was so overwhelming. But thanks to Apna Ghar, I not only survived but I put my life back together little by little. It shouldn't be that hard, but it is, and Apna Ghar's support made all the difference."

Rekha's son is now a junior in high school and considering college. Rekha continues to work in accounting and finance and has supported herself and her son since leaving Apna Ghar's transitional housing program.

Rekha continues to be in touch with Apna Ghar and even volunteers when she has time. She found community, friendship and support at Apna Ghar and she is happy to stay connected and to give back when she can.



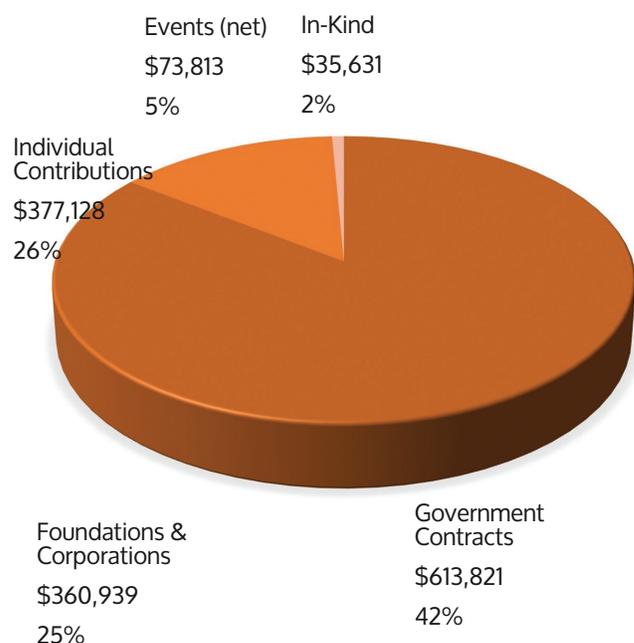
Audited Financials for Fiscal Year 2016

(JULY 1, 2015–JUNE 30, 2016)

Statement of Activities

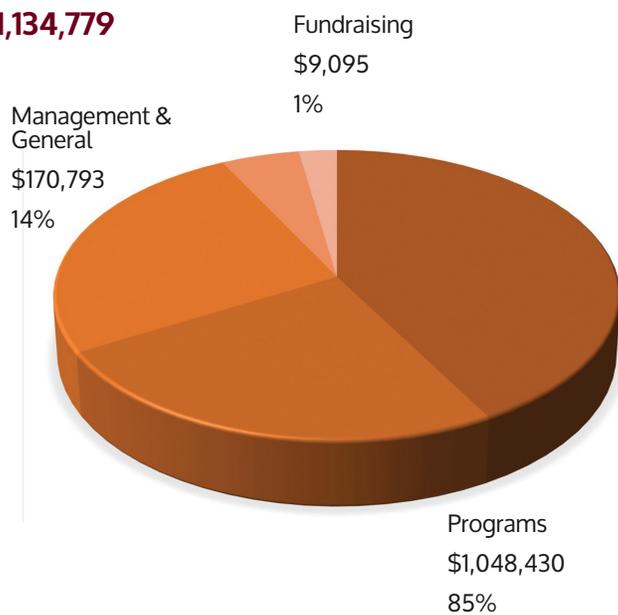
TOTAL REVENUES FY 2016

\$1,373,557



TOTAL EXPENSES FY 2016

\$1,134,779



Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	714,897
Investments	1,421
Grant and contract receivables	197,999
Prepaid and deposits	15,144
Total current assets	929,461

Fixed assets (net of depreciation) 1,235,567

Total assets \$2,165,028

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	43,536
Mortgage payable - current portion	32,068
Total current liabilities	75,604

Long-term liabilities

Mortgage payable - non current portion	825,311
Total Long-term liabilities	825,311
Total liabilities	900,915

Net Assets

Temporary restricted	155,531
Unrestricted	903,234
Board designated	205,348
Total net assets	1,264,113
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$2,165,028</u></u>

For additional information, Apna Ghar's audited financial statements and 990 are available on our website at www.apnaghar.org.

Apna Ghar Highlights

- We broke ground and completed construction of a new purpose built safe home/emergency shelter! We held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Alderman James Cappleman and other city officials. The opening was widely covered in the media.
- We also had several other open houses and events with funders, community partners and public officials.
- We made the cover of the Chicago Tribune with an article about our new safe home
- We were awarded the largest individual donation in the agency's history to research, enhance and expand services
- We expanded services to include court based programming and formalized our partnership with the domestic violence court in Chicago. The Sun Times covered this family court enhancement project that we are now a part of.
- We began work with Inspire Action for Social Change to develop an evidence-based model for enhanced supervised visitation and safe exchange services
- We participated in the citywide domestic violence outcome measures project to better understand the service needs of survivors in our area, and we participate in the DV Leaders Collaborative to create innovative responses to survivor needs.
- Executive Director, Neha Gill and Apna Ghar received the Achiever Award at the first annual South Asian Womanhood and Girlhood Conference at Loyola University, Chicago, and the conference, our work and the award were part of WBEZ's Worldview program with Jerome McDonnell
- Development Manager, Ashley Tsuruda received a leadership award from the Illinois Comptroller's Office
- We were featured in Chicago Foundation for Women's Annual Report (2015)
- Our art show "Collective Voices, Shared Journeys" was featured in the Medill Reports Chicago, and our art therapy services were featured in Tikkum Magazine
- India Abroad featured our positions on reproductive justice issues via the Purvi Patel case as well as on the general elections and their impact on immigrant survivors of gender violence
- DNAinfo listed Apna Ghar among the 10 most deserving causes working to end gender violence
- Executive Director Neha Gill co-authored a case study on Apna Ghar published in the book "Spirituality, Culture and Development: Implications for Social Work"
- Apna Ghar was featured in Deepa Iyer's book "We Too Sing America: South Asian, Arab, Muslim and Sikh Immigrants Shape Our Multiracial Future" published in 2015 and in 2016, Executive Director, Neha Gill participated in the Chicago leg of the book tour.



Senator Dick Durbin, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, and Executive Director Neha Gill at the opening of our new safe home

Future Plans

With your help, Apna Ghar will continue its work in the movement to end gender violence. The next few years will bring several exciting developments.

Safe Housing

We completed construction of our new safe home and have moved survivors in! We are now working on plans for construction of the basement so we can provide group counseling and health and wellness services to the survivors. We also restarted our transitional housing program to provide longer-term safe housing for survivors and are adding apartments!

Program Expansion

We will continue to strengthen our core services, deepen our understanding of our mission and vision, and develop a case management framework and approach to services. We have also laid the groundwork to provide services in the Chicago's north and northwest suburbs, and are developing a model for enhanced supervised visitation and safe exchange services. We are excited to share more news about this in the upcoming months! Additionally, we continue to increase our outreach and education efforts to inform and increase awareness of our services, and culturally competent services for immigrant and refugee survivors of gender violence.

Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home) thanks its Government and Foundation partners and grantors

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- Sponsorship opportunities available for individuals and corporations at our fundraising events
- Connect us to your giving networks

INSPIRE

Introduce your friends, peers, and colleagues to Apna Ghar

- Host a party or a fundraiser to raise visibility and support for Apna Ghar's work
- Bring friends, family, and colleagues to our events
- Link to us or feature us on your website, blog and/or social media, and print publications
- Raise awareness to end gender violence in your communities

VOLUNTEER

You can make a difference by donating your time and expertise

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- Volunteer at special events and fundraisers (applications available online)
- Partner with us for group volunteer opportunities

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