Dear Friend of Apna Ghar:

Thank you for your investment in Apna Ghar and the survivors we serve.

At Apna Ghar we recognize that immigrant and refugee survivors of gender violence face unique challenges, including limited access to social supports and legal, and protective services. Your support is crucial to our mission of providing holistic services to these survivors of gender violence, and we hope that you will continue your support this year.

As we head into 2018, we are excited to share with you our continued growth this past year!

In 2017 has been an exciting year at Apna Ghar. As you may have seen in our last newsletter in August, “From the Desk of Neha Gill”, we expanded our housing program through our brand-new purpose-built safe home that has doubled our capacity to house and care for survivors of gender violence as well as reestablished our transitional housing program with eight scattered-site apartments for families to have longer-term housing, in addition to receiving comprehensive services.

In July, 2017 we opened a new satellite office in Skokie, co-located with Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center, to provide comprehensive services to even more people affected by gender violence. We provide legal advocacy, case management, counseling and supervised visitation and safe exchange services from this location. These services and more continue at our main office location in Chicago’s Uptown neighborhood.

We have also been working on a research-based model for providing enhanced services to families in our supervised visitation and safe exchange program. This model was developed in partnership with Inspire Action for Social Change and provides more intentional and holistic services to families in this program. In November, 2017 staff, board, and partners from the Cook County Circuit Court participated in joint meetings with Inspire Action for Social Change to discuss the new model and implementation within the organization.

In 2018 we look forward to continuing to build on our mission by providing comprehensive client-centered services, increasing awareness of the issues of gender violence, and advocating for changes that will positively impact the survivors we serve.

I invite you to join me in supporting our mission of ending gender violence by making a tax-deductible gift to Apna Ghar today.

Visit our website at www.apnaghar.org to learn more about this past year’s accomplishments, read our most recent annual report, read stories of survivors’ journeys, or learn about other ways to get involved. If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call at (773) 883-4663.

Best wishes for the New Year and thank you for your support of Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home).

Sincerely,

Neha Gill
Executive Director

Together we can end gender violence!