



Dear Friend of Apna Ghar:

Thank you for your investment in Apna Ghar, the survivors we serve, and our commitment to gender justice.

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, conducting outreach and advocacy, and we hope that you will continue your support this year.

Women are **2.5 times** more likely to be murdered by an intimate partner with a firearm than they are to be murdered by a stranger

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

1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

In FY18, Apna Ghar provided **552** women, children and men with comprehensive services, including safe housing, counseling, case management, legal advocacy and supervised visitation and safe exchange

In FY18, Apna Ghar provided **1,701** callers with support, information and referrals on our 24-hour crisis line

In FY18, Apna Ghar reached over **5,000** people through **604** outreach events and activities

2018 has been another exciting year of continued growth and expansion at Apna Ghar! We completed the build out of the lower level and have settled into our purpose-built safe home. We are so proud that it's such a warm, welcoming and dignified space. We also added ten scattered site transitional housing apartments for longer term housing for the families we serve. Our housing program includes comprehensive case management services that help survivors achieve their goals of safety, stability and self-sufficiency.

We continue increasing our presence in the north and northwest suburbs via our satellite office in Skokie co-located with Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center. We are pleased to report that we received additional funding from the Department of Justice's Office of Victims of Crime to provide services in that area to underserved victims of crime. In addition, we are working with our partners to increase our outreach efforts to survivors of sexual assault in the community and on campuses. We further solidified our partnership with Swedish Covenant Hospital to provide crisis intervention services to patients who are survivors of gender-based violence. Survivors most often come into contact with the medical and legal systems, and our partnerships allow us to significantly increase our capacity to immediately respond to survivor needs.

We have also been busy implementing our model of enhanced supervised visitation and safe exchange services, including developing a curriculum for group counseling services for fathers who have used violence, and developing evaluation tools. We continue our partnership with the domestic violence court and other supervised visitation services providers in the area. We are thrilled that the VOICES Act is now law in the state of Illinois. This legislation creates protocols for law enforcement to respond to certification requests from immigrant survivors of gender-based violence and other crimes. We are so thankful for the groundswell of support, and a fantastic coalition of advocacy partners.

In 2018 we embarked on a strategic planning process with Sort Sol Group to create a roadmap for the next few years. We look forward to sharing and implementing the plan in 2019! We look forward to continuing to build on our mission by providing comprehensive, survivor-centered, culturally competent services, increasing awareness of the issue 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!

Yes, I will partner with Apna Ghar!

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Apna Ghar, Inc. (Our Home) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest allowed by law. Our IRS Tax ID Number is 36-3698770. We will provide you with an acknowledgement letter for your tax purposes.