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Join us for Apna Ghar's 8th Annual Taste for Life!

Thursday, May 26th 2016
Preston Bradley Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center
78 E. Washington St., Chicago, IL
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm.

For 25 years, Apna Ghar has provided holistic services and conducted advocacy across immigrant communities to end gender violence. Apna Ghar's primary programs and services include a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter, counseling, case management, legal advocacy, supervised visitation and safe exchange, and education and outreach. Each year, Taste for Life brings together business and community leaders for a celebration to honor the survivors we serve and to reinforce our joint commitment to ending gender violence in our communities.

This event features cuisines from various Chicago area restaurants and we hope you will join us at Taste for Life by **donating an item or service to the auction or raffle**. In our experience, items with a minimum **\$250 fair market value** present the best return for both the donor and our fundraising objectives.

Past donated auction items have included:

- **Behind-The-Scenes Tours**
- **Vacation Packages**
- **Tickets to Sporting Events**
- **Gift Certificates**
- **Wine Tastings**
- **Merchandise**

Your generous donation will be publicly acknowledged at our event through promotional announcements, flyers, event program book, and the event website. For more information about Taste for Life, you can visit www.ApnaGhar.org

Enclosed is information on Apna Ghar and an auction and raffle donation form.
If you have any questions, please contact Ida Kuruvilla, Development Coordinator at
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We hope you will join us at this celebration to honor survivors of gender violence!



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

PROGRAMS

Apna Ghar is issue based and community focused. Our comprehensive services allow survivors to meet their immediate safety needs and take steps toward long term stability and self sufficiency. In addition, we engage the community, and conduct systemic and policy level advocacy to impact larger scale changes to further benefit the survivors we serve.

Each year, Apna Ghar reaches more than **5,000** women, children and men through comprehensive programming and outreach.

In calendar year 2015, Apna Ghar provided **645 women, children and men** with the below programs and services. Apna Ghar also reached **3,600 people through 346 outreach and education activities.**

- **24-Hour Crisis Line** serves as the primary point of access for those seeking help from Apna Ghar. Callers get information on available resources for immediate and long-term safety. We responded to **2,027 calls** for assistance on our crisis line.
- **Emergency Shelter** maintains a culturally-inclusive and healing environment. Services are provided in a safe, welcoming atmosphere. We provided **54 women and 42 children** with emergency shelter.
- **Counseling** enables survivors to heal from trauma and regain their confidence to rebuild their lives and achieve stability and self sufficiency. We provided **150 women and 75 children** with counseling services.
- **Case Management** helps survivors identify and connect to community resources to meet health care, educational, employment, housing, and other critical needs to ensure long term stability. We provided **207 women and 80 children** with case management services.
- **Legal Advocacy** helps survivors understand and navigate legal systems, obtain orders of protection, press criminal charges as well as connect to legal representation for family law and immigration issues. We provided **180 women and 21 children** with legal advocacy.
- **Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange** provides a safe place where children can interact with their non-custodial parent in the presence of a trained facilitator during court-ordered visits, and a safe location for parents to pick-up and drop-off their children for unsupervised visits. We provided **176 adults and 134 children** with supervised visitation and safe exchange services.
- **Outreach and Education** raises community awareness about gender violence and the resources available to combat this violence. We provide the state-required 40-hour training for new volunteers and staff in addition to providing training and technical assistance to outside organizations. We reached **3,600 people through 346 outreach and education activities.**

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