



## From the Desk of Neha Gill



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**MARCH 2019**

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your continued support of Apna Ghar's mission and vision. With your support we get to work every day to end gender based discrimination and violence.

2019 is already shaping up to be a busy and exciting year. We are pleased to already to have received so much positive media attention. See below for all our updates, and please join us at Taste for Life on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 pm at the Chicago Cultural Center, to hear more about how our year is going!

Please save the dates for our Golf Outing, Tee Off Against Violence on August 29th at Seven Bridges Golf Club, and our 5k Stride Against Violence, on October 6th at Montrose Harbor. You can purchase tickets and register for these events below.

I look forward to seeing you this year!

Sincerely,

Neha Gill

## Media

The [Chicago Reader](#) featured our work along with our partners in an article titled "[Chicago organizations that support survivors and work to prevent sexual violence.](#)"

We are delighted that one of our program participants is a founding member and owner of the innovative sewing cooperative Blue Tin Production that was featured in multiple articles, including [Block Club Chicago](#), [90 Days 90 Voices](#) and the [Chicago Sun Times](#). Click the links above to read the articles and here's a link to a video about [Blue Tin Production Co-op](#).

Hoda Katebi the visionary founder of the social blog JooJoo Azad and Blue Tin Production co-op was featured in [Vogue Magazine](#).

Our purpose-built safe home that we opened in 2017 was featured by [Sophisticated Living Magazine Chicago](#) in an article about the work and mission of our partners [Designs for Dignity](#). The magazine is started by [Alison Victoria](#) of HGTV's *Windy City Flip*.

[VoyageChicago](#) did a feature on me entitled "[Life and Work with Neha Gill](#)" under the trailblazers (north side) section.

I'm a 2019 [Leadership Greater Chicago](#) (LGC) Fellow and our board President Alpa Jayanti Patel is a 2015 Fellow, and we were glad to be mentioned in LGC's Fellows on the Move newsletter!

[Chicago Health](#) featured our partnership with [Iraqi Mutual Aid Society \(IMAS\)](#) to address mental health issues in immigrant and refugee communities. Our counselor Sara Heidbreder was featured in a video interview by [Faith on the Journey](#).

For more information on articles and publications about us, please visit [www.apnaghar.org/apna-ghar-in-the-news](http://www.apnaghar.org/apna-ghar-in-the-news).

**APNA GHAR IN THE NEWS**



*Blue Tin Productions*



*Our safe home featured in  
Sophisticated Living Magazine Chicago*



*Voyage Chicago Feature*



*Video Interview of our counselor Sara  
Heidbreder by Faith on the Journey*

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## Partnerships



Apna Ghar staff with Kate Lawler, Manager of the Violence Prevention Program at Swedish Covenant Hospital.

We have further solidified our partnership with [Swedish Covenant Hospital \(SCH\)](#) to provide crisis intervention, counseling and case management services to patients who are survivors of gender-based violence.

Survivors often come into contact with the medical system and this partnership allows us to significantly increase our capacity to immediately respond to survivor needs. Our staff now provide services to hospital patients from the hospital as well as from our locations.

Read more via the [press release](#) from SCH.

## Honors

I was honored to receive the Woman of Excellence Award for Community Service from the [Women's Empowerment \(WE\) Campaign](#) along with alumni board member, and founder of the [Chicago South Asian Film Festival](#), Ketki Parikh, and past board members Sabrina Hans of Sabrina Hans Events and Judge Ketki Steffen. Other awardees included Rohini Dey of [Vermilion Restaurant](#), Dr. Sonia Mehta, and Judge Divya Sarang.

Follow us on social media @ApnaGharInc during #womenshistorymonth2019



At the Women's Empowerment (WE) Campaign gala on March 2, 2019

## JOIN US AT OUR SIGNATURE EVENTS!



**Taste for Life**  
Thursday, May 2, 2019  
6-10PM  
Chicago Cultural Center  
78 E Washington  
Chicago, IL 60602



**Tee Off Against Violence Golf Outing**  
Thursday, August 29, 2019  
Seven Bridges Golf Club  
1 Mulligan Dr  
Woodridge, IL 60517



**Stride Against Violence 5K**  
Sunday, October 6, 2019  
9:30AM  
Montrose Harbor  
Chicago, IL 60613

Join us for an evening of enjoyable treats and drinks from our participating restaurants and beverage sponsors, the chance to win some great raffle prizes, and mingle with other like-minded guests who support our work to end gender violence. For tickets and more information, visit [www.apnaghar.org/taste-for-life](http://www.apnaghar.org/taste-for-life)

**Purchase Tickets**

Join us for a golf outing benefiting Apna Ghar and survivors of gender violence. The day starts with registration, networking and lunch and concludes after a round of golf with a buffet dinner. Sign up as an individual or get a group of friends together for a foursome! Not a golfer? Join us for the buffet dinner and program or sign up for the Golf 101 with a PGA Golf Professional. To register and for more information, visit [www.apnaghar.org/golf-outing](http://www.apnaghar.org/golf-outing)

**Register**

Join us during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month for our annual 5k at Montrose Harbor. The race is along Lake Michigan and also features a fun-filled day for the entire family. To register and for more information, visit [www.apnaghar.org/stride-against-violence](http://www.apnaghar.org/stride-against-violence)

**Register**

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