



Greetings!,

2017 has been an exciting year for program development at Apna Ghar! In January we opened our new purpose built safe home, in March we restarted our transitional housing program and now have nine scattered site apartments for families. In July we opened our satellite office in Skokie to expand our service area. We formalized several medical partnerships including providing services and training to patients and staff at Swedish Covenant Hospital. With this addition, we now operate out of 5 locations! And, we developed a model for enhanced supervised visitation and safe exchange services!

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Model for Enhanced Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Services



We have been working with [Inspire Action for SocialChange](#) since April, 2016 to **develop model for enhanced supervised visitation and safe exchange services**. We are excited to announce that the model is complete and we have been implementing it at both our main office and Skokie satellite offices. Earlier this month staff, board and partners from the Cook County Circuit Court's domestic violence division participated in meetings with Inspire Action for Social Change to discuss the model and implementation process

At this time, Apna Ghar is the only organization in the country working on this model, which is a strengths-based, optimistic approach centered on the belief that change is possible. The aim of this model of enhanced supervised visitation is to foster a sense of safety, trust and well-being by creating an environment that allows for restorative and transformation in a humanistic environment. It enhances survivors safety and well being, and provides and opportunity for those who have used violence to cause no further harm and potentially change their behavior. We are excited about the possibilities that this model creates, and we look forward to keeping you updated.

Multiple Locations!

Our new satellite location in Skokie, co-located with [Turning Point Behavior Health Care Center](#) is fully operational. We provide all of our comprehensive services out of this location. Our partnership with [Swedish Covenant Hospital](#) will includes having staff at the hospital every week to work with patients and medical professionals connect to our programs and services and refer to other available resources. In 2016, we began our partnership with the domestic violence court in Chicago to support those seeking child related remedies including supervised visitation and safe exchange services. With these partnerships, Apna Ghar now operates out of 5 locations to better serve those in need.



Gender Equality Award!

Earlier this week, I was honored to receive the Gender Equality



Award by the Chicago Chapter of the US National Committee for UN Women, a nonprofit volunteer organization that advocates, educates and raises funds to benefit UN Women's programs supporting women and girls in over 100 countries around the globe.

Sincere thanks to the nominators pictured here, and to the membership for voting for us! We appreciate the recognition and it's a privilege to represent Apna Ghar's work in the broader community. We are also very proud of our co-honorees Sheerine Alemzadeh, co-founder and co-director of [Healing to Action: A Worker-Led Movement](#) and Scheherazade and Salamishah Tillet, sisters and co-founders of [A Long Walk Home, Inc.](#)! It is timely recognition of local work towards gender equality.

16 Days of Activism to end Gender-Based Violence November 25 - December 10

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We are continuing our 16 Days of Activism campaign to raise awareness about violence against women and girls.

From November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of all forms of Violence against Women to December 10th, International Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism to end Gender-Based Violence campaign is a time to galvanize, raise awareness and create actions for lasting change. The

international campaign originated from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. For more information about the initiative, visit <http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/take-action/16-days-of-activism>

Follow Apna Ghar on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to learn more about our work during the 16 Days of Activism. We will be posting each day on social media and our website at www.apnaghar.org/16-days-of-activism

Thank you for your support on #GivingTuesday!

On Tuesday of this week Apna Ghar participated in the statewide fundraising efforts for #ILGive and #GivingTuesday.

Thank you for generously your supporting our mission to end gender violence. It's not too late to give to Apna Ghar this holiday season, including giving to our upcoming [year end campaign](#), as well as following and sharing our efforts during the 16 Days of Activism campaign, and so much more!



Thank you for your continued support of Apna Ghar. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season,

Sincerely,

Neha Gill

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Executive Director

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