



Letter from the Board President

Greetings! Arizona South Asians For Safe Families (ASAFSF) is proud to have completed eleven years in the Valley. From our inception in October 2004, ASAFSF functioned as an all-volunteer organization. Today, thanks to the tireless efforts and resolve of volunteers and friends who have believed in us, ASAFSF continues to grow and serve the South Asian community.

*In January of 2015, ASAFSF was awarded the **STOP Violence Against Women Grant**. This enabled us at ASAFSF to hire the first full-time Project Director and we have been able to expand our services, form meaningful partnership with related service agencies and increase our community outreach program.*

*ASAFSF's premise has only grown stronger over the years that those who call for help are not victims, but **empowered survivors** and that empowerment remains the key to surviving domestic violence. ASAFSF also understands we can only extend our hands to help these courageous survivors walk the road to empowerment. It will be arrogant to claim that we empower them, for in knowing they have friends, they find the strength to empower themselves.*

ASAFSF has shifted domestic violence from a private to a public issue here in the South Asian community of Arizona, challenging long held beliefs and traditions that keep domestic violence and sexual assault a private affair. We are especially proud that several men have served and still do, on the Board in active executive capacity.

*We wish to thank the many Agencies and Foundations for their support through these years. **Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, Asian & Pacific Islanders Institute on Domestic Violence** have provided technical assistance and support from the beginning, as have **Manavi** and **Sakhi**. Local Foundations, viz **Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust (NMPCT), John C Lincoln Health Foundation, Arizona Women's Partnership (AZWP), Arizona Foundation for Women (AFW), SRP and Verizon.***

*Our sincerest thanks to all our **volunteers and friends** in the community who have so generously supported ASAFSF. Your participation and contribution has been invaluable.*

*We wish all of you a **wonderful Holiday Season** and look forward to a continued partnership.*

Bharati Sen

Drop of fact!

Recent global prevalence figures indicate that 35% of women worldwide have experienced either intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime. (<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/>)

We need you! Anything helps- Time/ Effort/ Money/ Skills

ASAFSF has had the privilege to have served 200 clients since inception. Serving each client is a lengthy and expensive project in terms of time and money.

Empowered Survivors

2009: Survivor (“Asha A”) moved out-of-state, joined and completed graduate studies and secured a job. Joined local South Asian DV programs and also supported other DV survivors.

She kept in touch with ASAFSF through 2011.

2015: Survivor (“Asha B.”) exited program after satisfactory advocacy results. Survivor e-mailed the following ‘thank you’ note: “I am writing in to thank you for all the help I received from the victim advocate.”

She continues to maintain contact with ASAFSF.

Volunteer Positions

Available:

Fund Raising Bundlers: Key player in ASAFSF fund raising program. Will use individual contacts/network to promote the ASAFSF CAUSE and persuade them to make regular, periodic (monthly or annual) contribution to ASAFSF, bundle them into a significant amount to reach ASAFSF financial goals.

Outreach Host/Hostesses: Will host ‘Chai Chat’ sessions in their home or workplace with various target audiences, in consultation with ASAFSF.

Web/Graphic Designer: Will design website and flyers.

Upcoming Events...

- ✚ Jan 12th 2016 General Meeting
- ✚ Feb 2016 ‘Himmat’ - Training for new volunteers.(*Date soon to be announced on our website*)

- ✚ Hit ‘Like’ button on [FaceBook](#) and spread the awareness.

Our [FaceBook Page](#) :

‘Arizona South Asians For Safe Families-ASAFSF ’

Recognizing Our Volunteers

Until 2015 ASAFSF functioned as an all-volunteer organization. Now in our 11th year, we continue to depend on our volunteers and wish to recognize them.

Nanda, one of our earliest members, is also known as “Queen of Tabling”. Nanda travels valley wide to table at various community events. Thank you Nanda for your tireless service to the cause.

Rahela(Laila), also one of our earliest members has served exceptionally in outreach and fundraising events and client services. Laila, we thank you.

Sujatha has contributed immensely towards outreach and fundraising. She is always prepared to help when needed.

Arundhati manages the ASAFSF website and has helped redesigning it. Thank you Arundhati.

Ina has dedicated her skills in redesigning the website. ASAFSF is happy to have Ina as a valued volunteer.

Romi is our newest volunteer. Her invaluable service to ASAFSF includes managing the FaceBook page. She is currently designing client related surveys.

Sarbari, has been volunteering for ASAFSF for a year now. Her contributions include building our volunteer and contact database. She was also instrumental in bringing Sumon Ghose and screening his latest movie “Kadambari” to the valley.

Our First Full-time Employee

Thanks to the Department of Justice STOP grant, we now have our first full time employee. **Welcome Lubna!** Lubna has a long association with ASAFSF. Before joining, she has volunteered with ASAFSF for many years. Lubna is our “Project Director”. She comes with years of experience at the Arizona Department of Health Services.

Lubna’s prime responsibility is providing direct services, in addition to managing ASAFSF front office. She is also involved in representing ASAFSF to various partner organizations.



Meet our Executive Board of 2015

**Bharati S, Doreen N, Kalpana B,
Manjira D, and Medhat F**



Wall of gratitude

Arizona Foundation for Women

John C. Lincoln Community Foundation

Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust

SRP- Asian Interest Network

Indo-American Foundation of Arizona

Rajasthani Association of Arizona

Stage Sanchaar, Austin, Texas

Arathi School of India Dances

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A Request!

Many of you are buying toys this time of year and Amazon's 2015 Holiday Toy List is a curated list of more than a thousand of the hottest products for kids of all ages and interests, hand-picked by Amazon's toy experts. You automatically donate for Arizona South Asians for Safe Families when you buy items on Amazon's Holiday Toy List at smile.amazon.com.

Please follow the link below to shop and donate.

<http://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/homepage.html?orig=%2Fgp%2Fholidaytoylist%3Fie%3DUTF8%26pldnSite%3D1&in=06-1735170>

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