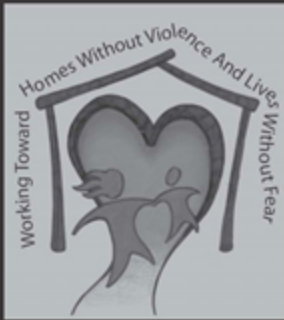


# Annual Report: 2007-2008



## MISSION:

To serve the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander women and children impacted by domestic violence by providing a culturally competent safe haven that empowers them to achieve a life of human dignity.



## VISION:

My Sister's House seeks to eliminate domestic violence in the community, and empower women to achieve a life of human dignity.



## Highlights of My Sister's House 2007-2008 fiscal year (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)

- Provided 1920 nights of shelter, utilities, food, and case management services to 40 Asian/Pacific Islander women and children fleeing abuse.
- Assisted 481 recorded callers this year, an increase of 17% from the previous year.
- Provided the Women to Work Program for 75+ survivors of domestic violence to help them rebuild their lives financially.
- Through a partnership with the Asian Bar Association of Sacramento, provided legal assistance to more than 20 Women to Work clients.
- Gave certificates of completion to 16 new shelter advocates. Four high school students were include for the first time.
- Held 4th annual Run for a Safe Haven for which more than 720 people took a stand against domestic violence.
- Hosted the Heroes of Hope 4th Volunteer Appreciation Dinner honoring Yocha De-He (Rumsey) Community, KBTV 8, Sacramento Police Dept. Deputy Chief Brian Louie, Asian Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento, Sujatha Moni, Ph.D., and Assemblymember Dave Jones. This sold out event was attended by 420+ individuals.
- Hosted 5th Cultural Competencies Training Conference for lawyers. More than 60 lawyers, law students, and other advocates attended.
- Provided more than 25 presentations, including a special training for 40 religious leaders.
- Participated in more than a dozen community fairs, and reached out to more than 4850 individuals with information to help prevent domestic violence.
- Aided more than 14 mothers and 41 children with mental health support sessions.
- Provided a special legal workshop for Hmong, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Filipino women.

## Funder Highlights

My Sister's House could not have achieved its many accomplishments in 2007-2008 without the support of its various funders. This was the first year that My Sister's House received funding from Catholic Healthcare West which enabled our organization to provide mental health services and support to the women and children that stay in the shelter and/or participate in our Women to Work program. My Sister's House also received a special grant from Wells Fargo Foundation and Sacramento Regional Foundation which supported our services.

Special thanks to Sutter Health Care, Sacramento Employment and Training Agency, Kaiser Permanente, and Yocha De-He (Rumsey) Community Fund for continuing to provide support for My Sister's House. And most of all, My Sister's House thanks all the individual donors who continue to make a difference this past year from their hearts, their pocketbooks, and their lives with the gift of time. Special thanks to the families and friends of **Jean Chong, Mrs. DeGong, Corrine Yee Joe, Alpha Wong, Mutsuko Tokunaga, Adelaida G. Valmores, and Heather Lindsay Yee** for honoring My Sister's House with gifts in their memory.



# Expenses 2007-2008:

## Safe Haven:

(providing shelter, utilities, food, and case management for up to six battered Asian/Pacific Islander women and children per night)

36%

## Administration:

9%

## Fund Development:

(primarily event expenses)

12%



## Women to Work :

(helping domestic violence survivors transition to work and successful financial independence)

17%

## Outreach and Education:

(Educating the community about domestic violence, particularly as it affects battered Asian/Pacific Islander women and children)

17%

## Help (Crisis) Line:

(offering safety planning, domestic violence prevention information, and providing referrals):

9%



*"Thank you for helping me get myself together."*

*My Sister's House 2008 Women to Work participant*



*"Over 130 women and children have walked through our doors since the Safe Haven shelter opened five years ago. Thanks to the support of individuals, organizations, and businesses in the greater Sacramento community, My Sister's House is able to provide our clients with a peaceful future."*

*Tam M. Ma, 2007-2008 President*

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