

Annual Report: 2012-2013



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 2012-2013 fiscal year

- Opened its first transitional house for domestic violence survivors / trafficked victims.
- Provided 2,875 (Safe Haven + trans. house) nights of shelter, utilities, food, and case management services to 41 Asian Pacific Islanders and other women and children fleeing abuse.
- Helped with safety planning and provided information to over 1,700 crisis line phone callers.
- Assisted more than 300 women in our Women to Work Program.
- Gave certificates of completion to 42 new shelter advocates.
- Celebrated our 12th Anniversary Gala "Believe in a Better Life", with more than 700 supporters.
- Provided more than 100 presentations regarding domestic violence and human trafficking, educating more than 5,400 people.
- Assisted 195 domestic violence victims with restraining orders, child custody, immigration and other legal issues.
- Hosted a Human Trafficking conference with 201 law enforcement and social service providers as well as a special Massage Parlor forum with local law enforcement leaders.
- Started training Afghani/Iraqi/Iranian / and Slavic women regarding how to identify domestic violence and resources available.
- Worked with 6 other shelters in the Central Valley to help improve their cultural competency efforts to deal with Asian/Pacific Islander victims.

Funder Highlights

- For the first time, My Sister's House received funds from Sacramento County's Dept. of Human Assistance to provide domestic violence services. Much thanks goes to Sacramento County Supervisor Jimmie Yee for his advocacy to ensure that underserved populations are served. Funds helped My Sister's House hire an Employment and Immigration Advocate.
- Blue Shield of California provided My Sister's House with funds to begin developing and launching a revenue-generating enterprise that will augment sources of fund development and provide job training/work experience opportunities for its Women to Work clients.

