



# Annual Report: 2008-2009

## 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.

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## Highlights of

### My Sister's House

#### 2008-2009 fiscal year

(July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)

- Provided 2281 nights of shelter, utilities, food, and case management services to 49 largely Asian/Pacific Islander women and children fleeing abuse.
- Assisted 501 recorded callers this year, an increase of 4% from the previous year.
- Provided the Women to Work Program for 85+ 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 30 survivors.
- Gave certificates of completion to 16 new shelter advocates.
- Held 5th annual Run for a Safe Haven during which more than 808 people took
- (continued) a stand against domestic violence.
- Hosted the Heroes of Hope 4th Volunteer Appreciation Dinner honoring Fred Teichert, Elk Grove Police Department, Cheryl Louie, Mindstorm Creative, and Lions District 4-C5. This sold out event was attended by 400+ individuals.
- Provided more than 32 presentations, including a special training on human trafficking.
- Participated in more than a dozen community fairs, and reached out to more than 4122 individuals with information to help prevent domestic violence.
- Aided more than 15 mothers and 52 children with mental health support sessions.
- Provided a special legal workshop for Japanese, South Asian, and Muslim women.
- Created a new strategic plan.
- Worked with San Joaquin Women's Center and Casa de Esperanza (Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties) to foster cultural competencies.

## Other Funding Highlights

My Sister's House could not have achieved its many accomplishments in 2008-2009 without the support of its foundation and grant donors, but also its individual and community organization donors, such as Ikebana International, and National Association of Social Workers.

This year we conducted our first Angels of Hope Campaign and raised more than \$13,000 during the 2008 holidays!

Special thanks to the families and friends of **James Chew, Cristina Gapasin, Juanito Guanzon, Shizu Imagire, Frank Iritani, Stanley Joe, Angela and Kai Lai, Kara Ueda and Scott Lay, James Louie, Hanna Miller, James Miller, Tom Muraki, Harold Templin, Adelaida G. Valmores, Harmon Wong Woo, and Heather Lindsay Yee** who honored My Sister's House with gifts celebrating their lives.

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## Expenses 2008-2009:

### Safe Haven:

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

29%

### Administration:

7%

### Fund Development:

(primarily event expenses)

9%



### Women to Work :

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

25%

### Outreach and Education:

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

23%

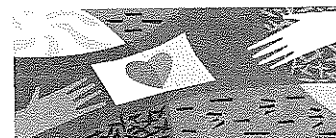
### Help (Crisis) Line:

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

7%



*"Thanks My Sister's House for being my guardian angels." -- Safe Haven and Women to Work participant* 2008-2009



**My Sister's House continues to maximize its resources to effectively represent and serve over 200 domestic violence victims a year. Many of these survivors face tremendous language and cultural barriers and would continue the cycle of violence without My Sister's House assistance.**

*— Gloria M. Ochoa, 2008-2009 Board President*

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