

## 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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# Annual Report: 2004-2005

## Highlights of My Sister's House 2004-2005 fiscal year (July 1, 2004 — June 30, 2005)

- Provided more than 1,532 nights of shelter, utilities, food, and case management services to Asian / Pacific Islander women and children fleeing abuse.
- Assisted almost 300 callers on the Help Line.
- Provided Women to Work support to more than 130 survivors of domestic violence of all ethnicities.
- Helped 5 domestic violence survivors with their immigration status.
- Organized "Yes I Can" Conference for almost 100 domestic violence survivors of all ethnicities—providing a day of training and inspiration.
- Hired a new Executive Director.
- Expanded Board of Directors to 12 members.
- Held 1st Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner honoring Jimmie Yee and other volunteers. Attended by 300 individuals showing support from over a dozen community organizations.
- Hosted 2nd Cultural Competencies Training Conference with WEAVE and Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center as co-sponsors.
- Trained 11 new Shelter Volunteers.
- Provided outreach and education including presentations to more than 3000 people at 31 organizations, and participated in 7 community fairs.
- Created a video about domestic violence for religious leaders.

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## Funder Highlights

My Sister's House could not achieve its many accomplishments without the support of its various funders. 2004-2005 included new partnerships with foundation supporters such as Rumsey Community Fund; corporate partners like California Bank & Trust; and small businesses such as Shimotsu Architecture, Kitty Cow Promotions and Avantpage. The latter helped pay for My Sister's House "I Love You" honor cards which were created for Mother's Day and Father's Day. This in turn helped generate additional individual donors who are so critical to continuing the work of My Sister's House.

My Sister's House would also like to express special thanks to the following organizations for hosting fundraisers for My Sister's House this year: Soroptimists International of Sacramento; Oz Barbecue; Maharlika Lions Club; Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce; Sacramento Women Lawyers, and National Asian Pacific American Women's Form.

And most of all, My Sister's House thanks to our new and continuing individual donors who made a difference from their hearts.



# My Sister's House Expenses 2004-2005:

**Safe Haven:** (providing shelter, utilities, food, and case management) for up to 6 battered Asian/Pacific Islander women and children per night): 37%

**Help (Crisis) Line:**

(providing referrals): 6%

**Women to Work :**

(helping domestic violence survivors transition to work and successful financial independence): 33%

**Fund Development:** 7%

**Administration:** 4%

**Outreach and Education:**

(Educating the community about domestic violence , particularly as it impacts battered Asian/Pacific Islander women and children) 13% including

**Growing Hope:**

(outreach to religious leaders)

**Immigration Advocacy:**

(helping domestic violence survivors with their immigration status)

*"This past year, My Sister's House built an even stronger foundation so that it can achieve its vision and mission of helping domestic violence survivors in a culturally appropriate manner."  
- Ellen Yin Wycoff, 2004-2005 President*

## Leading 2004-2005

**President**  
Ellen-Yin Wycoff

**President-Elect**  
Elaine Chiao

**Vice President**  
Darrel Woo

**Secretary**  
Gloria Ochoa

**Treasurer**  
Wayne Wong

**Board Members**

- Dr. Jennifer Choy
- Monica Hart
- Corrine Yee Joe
- Derek Ledda
- Dr. James Lee
- Tam Ma
- Laurie Sato
- Peter Thao

**Advisory Committee Members**

- Ruthe Catolico Ashley,
- Cynthia Besemer, Jean Chong, Kathryn Doi,
- Dorothy Enomoto, Richard Ikeda, Nancy Lee,
- May Ying Li, Jenny Mah, Ophelia Riego, Genevieve A. Shiroma, Alice Wong, and Hach Yasamura

**Staff\***

**Shelter Manager**  
Emily Chen

**Executive Director**  
Nilda Valmores

\*Also serving as staff part of the year: Elaine Whitefeather, Carole Ching, and Donna Brint

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**November 5, 2005  
William Land Park**

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*"Thanks for being there when I needed you the most!"  
- former Safe Haven resident -*



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