

Annual Report: 2009-2010



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 2009-2010 fiscal year

- Provided 2109 nights of shelter, utilities, food, and case management services to 24 largely Asian Pacific Islander and other women and children fleeing abuse.
- Helped with safety planning and information to over 500 crisis line phone calls, a 9% increase over the previous year.
- Assisted more than 200 women in our Women to Work Program in Sacramento and Yolo County.
- Gave certificates of completion to 18 new shelter advocates.
- Held the 6th annual Run for a Safe Haven for which more than 700 people took a stand against domestic violence.
- Celebrated our 9th Anniversary at the Heroes of Hope Dinner with 400 supporters.
- Provided more than 50 presentations regarding domestic violence and human trafficking, and participated in more than 2 dozen community fairs, educating more than 4740 individuals.
- Provided mental health support and services to domestic violence survivors and their children.
- Provided more than 150 legal consultations with domestic violence victims, assisting with restraining orders, child custody, immigration and other issues.
- Awarded national recognition, Great Food and Shelter Program.
- One of only 46 organizations to receive grant to provide culturally and language specific services grant.



Funder Highlights

2009 – 2010 was another great organizational year for My Sister's House. Thanks to the support of The Cowell Foundation, My Sister's House was able to develop its strategic plan for its next decade of service. Our "Fostering Cultural Competency" project has been "both cutting edge and substantive" thanks to the support of The California Endowment. This past year also marked the first year of My Sister's House human trafficking outreach efforts.

My Sister's House could not have achieved its many accomplishments in 2009-2010 without the support of its individual donors too.

Expenses 2009-2010:



Safe Haven:

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

22%

Mental Health Support Services

6%

Administration:

12%

Fund Development:

(primarily event expenses) 1%

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)

29%

Help (Crisis) Line:

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

5%



“As a father, a husband, and a founding board member, especially knowing the difficult economic times for everyone, I am pleased and proud of the growth that My Sister’s House achieved this past year, but more importantly its sustained commitment to providing quality services that are culturally appropriate for women and children in crisis.” — Darrel “H” Woo, Board

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