

# Annual Report: 2016-2017



## MISSION:

To serve Asian and Pacific Islander and other underserved women and children impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking by providing a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven, job training, and community services.



## VISION:

To eliminate domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking in our community.

A safe haven for Asian Pacific Islander Women and Children

My Sister's House

## Highlights of My Sister's House 2016-2017 Fiscal Year

- Provided **5,486** (Emergency shelter, Transitional House, Hotel stay and Anti-trafficking shelter) nights of shelter, utilities, food, and case management services to **228** Asian Pacific Islanders and other women and children fleeing abuse.
- Helped with safety planning and provided information to **3,224** people.
- Gave certificates of completion to **40** new shelter advocates.
- Assisted **315** women in our Women to Work Program.
- Created and/or improved the resumes of more than **45** domestic violence survivors.
- Helped **24** survivors of violence obtain jobs or promotions.
- Served almost **19,000** customers at My Sister's Café, many learning about My Sister's House for the first time.
- Provided more than **115** presentations regarding domestic violence and human trafficking, educating almost **4,200** people.
- Assisted **300** domestic violence victims with restraining orders, child custody, immigration and other legal issues.
- Served **30** human trafficking victims.
- Hosted its largest Human Trafficking conference with **400** law enforcement and social service providers.
- Partnered with three domestic violence agencies (Maitri, CORA and YCWA) to expand their cultural competency efforts.
- In partnership with WEAVE Inc., and California Emergency Services, My Sister's House operated the first year of Lotus House, a shelter for human trafficking victims housing.

## Funder Highlights

2016-2017 was another positive year for My Sister's House:

In terms of My Sister's House income, highlights include that 14% of My Sister's House income was from My Sister's Café and 15% income was from fundraising.

In terms of expenditures: My Sister's House provided almost \$75,000 worth of funds to help pay for client motel stays, training, rental assistance, eviction and utility and transportation assistance.

As part of our Next Generation project, \$38,000 was provided to partnering domestic violence shelters this year.

As part of our MYLAR project, \$83,000 was designated for partnering agencies in 2016-2017.

## THANK YOU 2016-2017 FUNDERS (partial listing)



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SACRAMENTO COUNTY



## Expenses 2016-2017:

### Safe Haven: 23%

Provided shelter, utilities, food, and case management for up to six abused women and children per night in our emergency shelter, six women in our transitional shelter, six women in our human trafficking shelter and also motel stays.

### Administration & Fund Development: 9%

Primarily event expenses.



### Women to Work : 30%

Helped domestic survivors transition to work and successful financial independence.

### Help (Crisis) Line: 4%

Offered safety planning, domestic violence prevention information, and provided referrals.

### Outreach and Education: 34%

Educated the community about domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, particularly as it affects abused Asian/Pacific Islander women and children.

### Survivor Story:

*As one of My Sister's House 2017 transitional housing clients, Mai attended My Sister's House Women to Work and DV support group this year. She listened to other women's life stories and slowly, she gained the confidence to express her feelings and thoughts. Mai came to My Sister's House feeling hopeless, yet in a short amount of time, she acknowledged that her hope grew. Mai learned that she's not alone and many sisters also walked her path, some even worse than what she had went through. In Mai's words, she "learned to take life's challenges one step at a time and that it is ok to heal at her own pace."*

— note Mai's name was changed.



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