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Jisun Jamie & Peter Lee
Dear KASFC Community,

On behalf of Korean American Family Service Center (KAFSC), we are proud to present to you our 24th Annual Benefit Gala Journal and the 2012-2013 Annual Report.

This represents our year of struggles and triumphs in raising hope and transforming the lives of hundreds of people in our community. Despite a drastic funding cut from New York City’s government, our much-cherished Hodori After-school Program is still going strong after 18 years, thanks to the outpouring of support from many of you. Congruently, we welcomed a full-time youth program coordinator dedicated to managing our expanding children and youth programs and outreach.

Our recent federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) will also enable us to continue our service expansion to become a dual-agency, providing critical services both to domestic violence and sexual assault victims and by launching Project HEAL (Holistic Engagement for Asian Women and Girls) to help increase our organizational capacity to serve sexual abuse victims and to implement prevention measures for women and adolescent girls.

Our strategic focus on community outreach and education efforts continued in 2012. Throughout the year, we marched, participated in, and spoke at various conferences, demonstrations, fairs and festivals. Our 15th Annual Silent March was a huge success, bringing together law enforcement, 25 partnering organizations, elected officials and over 150 community members to Break the Silence, Stop the Violence.

While we all strive for the day when domestic violence no longer exists, we must work together to continue to embrace the unwanted, unloved, and uncared for, and help them live with the dignity, mutual respect, and compassion that we all deserve.

Simply, we cannot do any of the work without you. As a supporter once told us, the best way to say thanks is to do our work to the best of our abilities on the supporter’s behalf. Our promise to you tonight is that we will reciprocate your unwavering financial, emotional and time support.

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Tonight, we recognize our Vision in Action Award Honorees: The Honorable Pamela Chen, federal district court judge in the Eastern District of New York; and the Queens Legal Services and its Senior Staff Attorney SooKyung N. Vitale, Esq. The newly confirmed judge has throughout her career advocated for issues that are close to our community. During her tenure at the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Eastern District of New York, the Hon. Chen supervised the prosecution of criminal civil rights matters, including hate crimes and human trafficking. The Queens Legal Services and Ms. Vitale provide KAFSC clients with pro bono legal counseling, representation and referrals to help those in need get to the next stage of their lives. Their continued dedication to KAFSC are true examples of serving the community.

We are excited to acknowledge our first Corporate Honoree. BBCN Bank has consistently demonstrated their support for KAFSC throughout the years. Their support has allowed the Center to continually provide its much-needed services to the community.

We would be remissed if we did not recognize YOU, who year after year have supported the Annual Benefit Gala. You make it possible for KAFSC to continue its work despite federal and state budget cuts. Your donations make it possible for families, women, youth, and children to find hope even amidst crisis. Your continued support makes it possible for them to transform their lives for better and brighter tomorrows.

As we celebrate KAFSC’s many accomplishments and friends, we encourage you to bid generously on our many exciting silent and live auction items. The funds we raise this evening represent 30% of the Center’s annual budget. So bid and bid often. We thank you for your generous support today, and every day.

Warmest regards,

Yukyong Kianna Choi, JD
Gala Co-Chair

Yung Moon
Gala Co-Chair

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Congratulations to KAFSC on its 24th Anniversary!

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Congratulations to KAFSC on 24 years of raising hope and transforming lives!

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Our sincere appreciation to all of KAFSC’s family members… Our Clients, Staff, Board, Funders and Sponsors

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Congratulations to the Korean American Family Service Center for 24 years of empowering families to lead their lives with dignity!

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VIVIAN LEE
Mistress of Ceremonies,
NY1 Anchor and Reporter

Vivian Lee joined the New York 1 news team in September 2008 as an anchor and reporter. Since then she has anchored ongoing coverage and reported from the field on late-breaking and ongoing news stories like Hurricane Sandy, the assassination of Osama bin Laden, Obama’s first election and his re-election. In 2012, she was the first to report in the city on fake gold bars being sold in Manhattan’s Diamond District.

Previously, she reported for WNBC/4 New York, where she was a general assignment reporter for six years. During that time, Vivian showcased live reporting skills and an ability to cover any breaking news story. Vivian also worked on more in-depth and investigative stories, including an examination of the rapid disappearance of the saltwater marshes in Jamaica Bay, the declining rate of autopsies in US hospitals and the death of a nursing home patient in Mount Vernon, New York, which triggered a state health department probe into an alleged cover-up.

Prior to moving to the city, Vivian was the primetime anchor on Calgary’s A-Channel’s News @ Night program, which won a CANPro Award. Following the September 11th attacks, she was posted to Parliament Hill in Ottawa to chronicle the Canadian government’s new challenges in a post-9-11 world.

She has been awarded Mentor of the Year by CUNY’s Asian American Research Institute, and Volunteer Tutor of the Year with the mentoring group APEX.

SARAH MUDGE SAPIRSTEIN
Auctioneer

Sarah Mudge Sapirstein is a senior specialist and auctioneer for PHILLIPS, the only international auction house to concentrate exclusively on contemporary culture. She is a member of the ground-breaking PHILLIPS Contemporary Art Department since 2006, and is responsible for many of the world-record prices of contemporary artists that the house has made. She previously ran the Contemporary Arts Day sales in New York. Before joining PHILLIPS, she worked in the 19th Century Paintings Department at Sotheby’s New York.
Kollaboration New York is part of a growing movement in 14 cities across the U.S. to progress the Asian American entertainment and performing arts community and to strive to promote a positive image of Asian American artists. What started out as an annual show in L.A.’s Koreatown over 12 years ago now reaches thousands across the globe, giving stage to rising artists such as hip-hop group Far East Movement, dance group Kaba Modern, rapper Dumbfoundead and guitarist and singer Clara C. Kollaboration is proud to support KAFSC and all its endeavors to uplift the community. For more information, visit kollaborationnewyork.org.

At the Benefit Gala, KAFSC is proud to present three performers featured by Kollaboration New York:

**Austin Luu** is a Chinese-American singer-songwriter originally from Bethel, CT, who now resides in Queens, NY. He began his singing career in his junior year of high school when he taught himself guitar and started writing songs. He currently attends Queens College where he is studying to be a teacher. Check him out on YouTube: AluuMusic

**Beatrice “Bea” Go** is a former visual art student from Westchester, NY, who recently began pursuing her passion for music and singing after overcoming her fear of performing. Her ultimate goal is to inspire as many people as she can to follow their dreams. Listen to her on YouTube: yobeago

**Justin Kim** is student at NYU majoring in music with a design concentration. He began composing for orchestra and film in high school, including the soundtrack of the short film, The Caretaker. Encouragement from friends prodded him to perform as a singer in college. He was a finalist in Kollaboration New York 2012. Find him on YouTube: hellomynameistae.
VIOLIN PERFORMANCE BY HODORI AFTER-SCHOOL & DOUBLESTOP FOUNDATION

We are delighted to present a debut violin performance by KAFSC’s Hodori After-school Program students and featuring Ms. Kyunghwa Ko and the pianist and composer Byungjin Kim from Doublestop Foundation.

Through the Hodori Program, this group of talented students learned to play the violin, develop listening skills and gain self-confidence through performance. The Hodori Program offers a variety of special classes ranging from arts and crafts, fencing, taekwondo to violin.

The Doublestop Foundation was established by Michelle Kim, assistant concertmaster of New York Philharmonic, to give aspiring musicians a competitive edge in the classical music industry with no-cost loans of high-quality instruments, and a network of resources and mentors. In Fall 2012, the Doublestop Foundation generously donated 13 beautiful, age-appropriate violins to allow the Hodori children to develop musical ability in a peer group setting. KAFSC’s strategic partnership with the Foundation’s “The Artist in You” program is designed to bring joy and healing through the power of music.

The Hodori violinists include Instructor Jeehae Lee and her students Ahmeen Afroz, Lindsay Chun, Willie Gao, Christeen Kim, Taewook Kim, Minhee Mok, John Moon, Eunice Noh, Joanna Park and Grace Song. We are proud to have the students perform at the Annual Benefit Gala and to recognize their hard work throughout the year.

More information about the Hodori After-school Program can be found in the Program Highlights section.
VISION IN ACTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

THE HONORABLE PAMELA CHEN
Federal District Court Judge,
Eastern District of New York

The Honorable Chen is a federal district court judge in the Eastern District of New York, appointed by President Obama on March 5, 2013.

Between September 1998 and March 2013, the Hon. Chen served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York, except for a brief period in 2008 when she served as Deputy Commissioner for Enforcement in the New York State Division of Human Rights. At the U.S. Attorney’s Office, she was the Chief of the Civil Rights Section in the Criminal Division for many years, where she supervised the investigation and prosecution of matters involving human trafficking, hate crimes and color of law violations. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, she also prosecuted cases involving sex trafficking, terrorism, gang violence, and narcotics trafficking.

The Hon. Chen has received numerous awards in connection with her human trafficking work, including a U.S. Department of Justice Director’s Award.

QUEENS LEGAL SERVICES (QLS)
and Senior Staff Attorney SOOKYUNG NAM VITALE

Queens Legal Services (QLS) seeks equal access to justice for all low-income residents of Queens through a range of legal advocacy, education and community partnerships. They provide free legal counseling, representation and referrals in civil matters to eligible low-income individuals and families. Additionally, they work with clients and partners to identify and address root causes for systemic inequalities in Queens and throughout New York City.

Founded in 1967, QLS is the largest grassroots, neighborhood-based legal services organization in Queens. QLS is committed to expanding the rights of immigrants and domestic violence survivors. With KAFSC, QLS advocates for and with their Asian immigrant clients for economic justice and expanded protections under the law and lives free from violence.

SooKyung Nam Vitale, senior staff attorney with the QLS Domestic Violence Law and Advocacy Project, developed a partnership with KAFSC to provide its clients with counsel in obtaining protection orders, custody, child support, divorce and immigration status. She also conducts trainings and workshops on the legal rights of domestic violence survivors for KAFSC and other area immigrant-serving agency staff and volunteers. She has practiced at QLS since 2001.
For more than 26 years, BBCN Bank has been serving the larger Korean community outside of Korea, as well as a diverse mix of customers in 44 full-service branches throughout the U.S.

BBCN Bank is dedicated to improving the communities the Bank operates in, including communities here in New York and New Jersey. BBCN Bank supports a wide range of community-based programs, including programming related to arts, health, education, and economic development to strengthen the framework of neighborhoods.

The Bank donated volunteer hours and provided funding to KAFSC to improve and enrich the lives of those reached by the Center. BBCN’s assistance has allowed the Center to provide much-needed services and programs to the community. We are grateful for BBCN’s on-going support throughout the years and honor them as our first Corporate Honoree.

PAST VISION IN ACTION AWARD HONOREES

2012
Amy Chua
John M. Duff Professor of Law at Yale Law School, Author of The Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother

Circle of Friends
A group of Korean American women who have generously supported KAFSC in its mission and goals for 15 years

2011
Jeannie Suk, Esq.
Author and Professor of Law at Harvard Law School

Sheryl WuDunn
Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist and Co-Author of Half the Sky

The Hon. Chung Hun Lee
Associate Judge, Municipal Court of Duluth, Georgia

2010
Chong-Moon Lee
Chairman, Ambex Venture Group and Chairman, Nara Bank

Katherine Chon
President/Co-Founder, PolarisProject

Abigail E. Disney
Co-Founder/Co-President, Daphne Foundation

2009
*The Hon. Kyung-wha Kang
Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations

Wayne Ho
Executive Director, Coalition for Asian American Children and Families

2008
Becky Lee, Esq.
Founder, Becky Lee Women’s Support Fund

The Hon. Danny K. Chun
Acting Justice, New York State Supreme Court

2007
Bona Lee, Former KAFSC Director

Chung-Wha Hong
Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition

The Hon. Donald P. Gregg
Chairman, and Evans Revere, President of The Korea Society

Shin Son
Executive Director, Korean Community Services of New York

2006
The Hon. Jun H. Choi
Mayor of Edison, New Jersey

Korean American Community Foundation

Flushing Hospital Medical Center

The Open Center, Flushing

2005
The Hon. John C. Liu
New York City Councilmember

Juju Chang
ABC News Correspondent

108th Police Precinct, Flushing

Beacon Center at JHS 189

Metlife Insurance

2004
Aiyoung Choi
KAFSC Board Chair Emerita

Asian American Federation of New York

Abigail E. Disney
Board Chair, New York Women’s Foundation

Dorchen Leidholdt & Hilary Sunghee Seo,
Sanctuary for Families, Legal Services

2003
The Hon. Shinae Chun
Director, Women’s Division, U.S. Department of Labor

Recognition Awards to KAFSC Volunteers

2002
Gloria Steinem
Feminist Organizer, Civil Rights Activist and Author

Young Sook Kim
Outstanding Volunteer

2000
Daisil Kim-Gibson
Author and Filmmaker

New York Women’s Foundation

1996-1999
Kwang Hee Kim, KAFSC Founder

Elaine Conway
Commissioner, New York State Division for Women

The Hon. Laura E. Drager
Justice, New York State Supreme Court

Professor Hyun-Kyung Chung,
Feminist Theologian, Union Theological Seminary

The Hon. Ruth W. Messinger
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Michael D. Yim, Esq.
Thank you and congratulations to KAFSC for its outstanding services to those in need and commitment of creating violence free society for over 24 years! We are proud to be a part of KAFSC.

Love,

Roger, Jennifer, Yoonha, Sooha, and Taeha Park
SPOTLIGHT ON FILMMAKERS

KAFSC was fortunate to interview three well-known filmmakers: Abigail Disney, Benson Lee and Christine Yoo. These extraordinary artists shared with us the many challenges they have faced and overcame, the difference they were able to make with their communities and the people who impacted their work.
ABIGAIL DISNEY
SOLDIER OF LOVE
Abigail may hail from a family with a world-famous moniker, but the respect she’s earned—from the streets of New York to the fish markets of Liberia—is indisputably her own. Abigail produced the award-winning documentary *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, which tells the amazing story of how 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Leymah Gbowee inspired Christian and Muslim women to unite to bring peace to their war-torn Liberia.

Abigail is also the producer of *Women, War and Peace*, a PBS series that spotlights the stories of women living in conflict zones from Bosnia to Afghanistan and examines how modern warfare affects society beyond the battlefield. Before Abigail was crossing perilous borders to document how women are struggling, in their own way, to make the world a more peaceful place, she founded the Daphne Foundation, a grassroots organization that addresses poverty in the five New York City boroughs.

Her commitment to empowering women by giving them a voice has inspired conversation—and change—on a global level. Abigail’s longtime support of KAFSC has allowed us the rare opportunity to find out what inspires her.

**MK:** What motivated you to look at women’s issues outside of New York City and, more specifically, in Liberia?

**AD:** A friend of mine invited me to go to Liberia. The first female president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, had just been elected, but I had no intention of making a film. I went because I thought it would be interesting and then, in the process of talking to people, I met Leymah Gbowee. She became like family and I knew I had to make this film.

**MK:** What motivated you to look at women’s issues outside of New York City and, more specifically, in Liberia?

**AD:** General Sherman famously said that war is 99 percent boredom and one percent terror. That 99 percent he’s referring to? It’s everything the women are doing. Everybody thinks it’s boring but it’s so important. Making sure that the children are safe and fed. Wondering where the next meal is coming from and trying to keep everything together. These are the untold stories. And the unknown heroines.

**MK:** The work you do and the work of KAFSC are similar in that they pertain to helping women. KAFSC was founded by a handful of women, one of them being Kwanghee Kim.

**AD:** Kwanghee Kim is one of my very favorite people. Knowing a woman like Kwanghee really brought to my attention what it is that women do at the ground level. I may not have been able to recognize the importance of the story in Liberia if it hadn’t been for women like Kwanghee in my life. I credit her for opening my eyes. I totally see what Leymah and the women in Liberia did as being in sync with what Korean women are doing in Queens and all over the tri-state area.

**MK:** How are you personally involved with KAFSC?

**AD:** The Daphne Foundation has been a longtime supporter. It’s always been one of my favorite programs because there’s an unfaltering importance they, KAFSC, give to the work. The women there never run out of energy for what they do.

**MK:** And so many of these volunteers are juggling full-time careers and family in addition to their work at KAFSC.

**AD:** There are incredibly talented women everywhere who are making a change and nobody even knows who they are. I’m currently working on a story about the Arab Spring and how women in the Middle East are being affected as their societies move more toward democracies. The media isn’t looking for their stories, and I hope to change that. When it’s all over and done, I want to feel that I’ve made a positive contribution.

**MK:** What’s next on your list of projects?

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“**KNOWING A WOMAN LIKE KWANGHEE REALLY BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION WHAT IT IS THAT WOMEN DO AT THE GROUND LEVEL.**”
By: Michelle Kehm

Benson Lee is an award-winning Korean-American filmmaker who has been directing, producing and writing for over 15 years. His debut film, Miss Monday, earned him the honor of being the first Korean-American filmmaker to be accepted into the Dramatic Competition at the Sundance Film Festival. Benson’s second film, Planet B-Boy, is a highly acclaimed documentary about breakdancing, which he recently adapted to 3D for Sony Pictures. It will be distributed in fall 2013. But perhaps the zenith of Benson’s career so far is his recent project, Seoul Searching. This film is based on Benson’s personal experience, when his parents sent him to summer camp in Korea so he could learn about his heritage.

MK: As a teenager in Philadelphia, did you feel the need to connect with your heritage?

BL: I grew up in a predominantly Jewish neighborhood watching The Brady Bunch, and Korea was kind of confined to my home. As soon as I would walk inside, everything would be Korean—the food, the language, the decorations—and the moment I walked out, I was in America again. It was kind of hard for me to grapple with. I didn’t have a really good understanding of where my parents had come from and I didn’t have a Korean community outside my home, so it made me a little confused.

MK: What was the summer camp experience like?

BL: I ended up meeting Koreans from around the globe, from places where I had no idea that Koreans even existed—Brazil, Germany, France. At that time, we didn’t have the Internet so we were totally disconnected. This camp was my first real experience with other cultures, not just Korean culture.

MK: Was there a common thread among you? 

BL: We were all 16 or 17 and struggling for identity, not just as Koreans but as Brazilians, Germans and all that. We were all minorities, exploring our unique identities, and that’s what ultimately brought us together. It was a transformation for all of us.

MK: Is this ‘transformation’ the inspiration behind Seoul Searching?

BL: Very much so. The film is a coming-of-age story about kids from all different cultures who in the end just want to belong. There are not that many Asian-American movies out there and I know that kids are still going through this sort of thing. All kids, not just Korean-American kids.

MK: Why is it so important that people connect with their communities?

BL: Communication and self-expression are important outlets for anyone. There were times in my life when I was younger that I felt so alone and trapped because other people didn’t understand what I was going through. That’s what was so great about the camp in Korea, because I met people like me who were juggling these dualities of cultures. I connected with people who empathized with me.

MK: Speaking of connecting, why do you feel Seoul Searching will resonate with audiences now?

BL: When I started making films, in 1999, there was no market for this movie. But now we live in a more multicultural world and I also think that Korea has taken more of a spotlight. I’m not reinventing the wheel, but I am repackaging it. My characters are Korean-Americans but they represent a lot of cultures, and I think people are ready for that.

MK: It seems that Seoul Searching and KAFSC have parallel goals. To connect people. To show them how and where they fit.

BL: I didn’t realize that, but you’re absolutely right! KAFSC is providing all those resources, especially the programs for young people, and that’s just awesome. It’s a safe place for people to come together, no matter what they’ve been through, and realize that they’re not alone.
BENSON LEE
SEOUL SEARCHING
Hollywood hosts an industry based on successful precedents. So filmmaker Christine Yoo knew that getting the backing of a major studio to bring her feature film, *Wedding Palace*, into being would be a challenge. Not only did it involve an all-Asian-American cast, but at the helm would be a female Korean-American first-time director—and Hollywood had never seen such a package.

Yoo was determined change that. “To be a filmmaker, you’re ultimately a storyteller. And when I got into filmmaking and started exploring different stories, I felt that it was really important to contribute to the conversation, to get better portrayals of Asians in the media, because it’s really lacking. If you leave it up to other people, it’s just not going to happen.”

She managed to secure adequate backing. Her debut film, *Wedding Palace*, is a comedy about a 29-year-old Korean-American advertising executive who must be married by his 30th birthday in order to lift an ancient family curse. It features an almost exclusively Korean-American cast, better suited to capture the specific nuances of Korean cultural mannerisms as authentically as possible.

In test screenings, non-Asian viewers said they enjoyed being introduced to the culture. More importantly, they responded to the family in the movie as though they could be their next-door neighbors. “They felt a familiarity for the first time, as opposed to looking at Asians as ‘the other,’” Yoo says.

“The biggest challenge Asians have in the U.S., in terms of media, is non-exposure. People who are not Asian just have no familiarity with us as regular people you interact with, who eat, sleep, fart and go to the bathroom. Everything is done in a more exotic way or slanted toward the bad guy,” Yoo says, though she notes that exceptions are emerging, such as Steven Yeun’s role in *The Walking Dead*.

However, an added challenge is that many Asian Americans, particularly those now in their 30s and older, have been encouraged by their parents to blend into the mainstream, Yoo says. “This invisibility was actually highly encouraged, and I see that only in the last 10 years has there been a sense of reclamation in this generation, a desire to re-identify with Asian backgrounds.”

In a similar sense, when Yoo was invited to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders’ Briefing on Philanthropy last year as a representative for Asians in Hollywood, one of the main areas of concern to emerge was the overall invisibility of most Asian-American organizations. Changing that, participants agreed, will be crucial to gaining support.

So while KAFSC plays a vital role in providing services to the Korean-American community, Yoo also sees value in how the Center contributes to presenting a deeper perspective of the community. “The perception out there is that we’re a very affluent community, when that’s only a small part of the story. People need to know who we are in order for us to get support,” Yoo says. She added that it’s important for the Asian-American community itself to speak out rather than quietly allowing the perception of affluence to prevail out of concern over appearances.

“I use my artistic voice to contribute to the conversation because it really is about presence and other people knowing who we are. We cannot receive any help or get our stories out there unless they’re told and supported, and that is the importance of entertainment,” Yoo says. “Yes, it’s entertainment, for a commercial purpose, but at the same time, if our images are not presented in the media or not shown in a way that presents a 360-degree perspective, we’re going to remain largely invisible and unknown.”

Yoo hopes her film will help set precedents on multiple fronts, from the Asian-American cast to Asian-American support for entertainment. While Asian Americans are the top spenders when it comes to movie admissions, the production of entertainment has typically not been well supported by the community. Yoo opted for a crowd-funding approach and was happily surprised when the Korean-American community in Los Angeles’ Koreatown came through for her, in terms of both monetary and in-kind support. She credits Johng Ho Song, executive director of the Koreatown Youth and Community Center, with creating bridges for her within the community.

“I am proud that *Wedding Palace* gave these Asian-American actors the opportunity to showcase their talent, and potentially open doors for them,” says Yoo. “And perhaps growing the presence of Asian Americans in entertainment will also lead to more mature, in-depth Hollywood portrayals of Asian Americans.”

WE CAN’T RECEIVE HELP UNLESS THE STORIES ARE TOLD AND SUPPORTED.
CHRISTINE YOO
BUILDING A ‘WEDDING PALACE’ FROM THE GROUND UP
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   Pamela Chen, Esq.

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   BBCN Bank
We salute the Korean American Family Service Center for its 24 years of outstanding work in raising hope and transforming lives of so many struggling women and children.

With Love,

Hisuh & Jesun Paik
Congratulations to KAFSC on its 24th Anniversary

Cecil Kang, Spirit Series (22) 2005,
Mixed media on canvas 20in. x 24 in.

Winner of 2005 Solo Chelsea International Competition
Congratulations to KAFSC on 24 years of service to the community!

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Simi Kahn
Claire Kang
Karen Lee
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Uni Yang
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Song Nam Suk

지난 16여년간 정성과 응원을 해주었고 앞으로도 뉴욕가정상담소가 도움의 손길을 필요로 하는 이들에게 사랑과 도움을 줄 수 있도록 도와드리겠습니다.

Circle of Friends
KOREAN AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTER

Korean American Family Service Center (KAFSC) is a nationally recognized and funded nonprofit organization committed to preventing and ending domestic violence and relationship abuse, and is dedicated to empowering adults and youth to lead safe and healthy lives through culturally and linguistically appropriate counseling, education and advocacy programs in the New York tri-state area.

At its core, KAFSC provides counseling to individuals and families, but also operates a range of support programs, including the only Korean American 24-hour crisis hotline for domestic violence and sexual assault victims in the tri-state area, and the WISH (Women with Independence, Support and Hope) peer-support group. In 2009, as the result of a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, KAFSC launched the Transitional Housing Program to provide victims and their children an opportunity to recreate a stable family structure and help them back on the path to independence—the only one of its kind for Korean women in New York.

The Center also offers support and educational programs dedicated to Korean American youths and children, to give them an avenue to make positive changes in their community and become confident leaders. These programs include the Hodori After-School Program of therapeutic, creative and academic activities, the Teen Support Group, the Unni-Hyung (Big Sister-Big Brother) Mentoring Program, and the Youth Community Project Team (YCPT) for high school students to become young leaders and advocates in their community against violence and relationship abuse as well as empower them to be instruments of change.

To raise awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault, KAFSC works in partnership with sister agencies and other local organizations to organize an annual Silent March Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Flushing. Also the Center has partnered with the New York Asian Women’s Center, Sakhi for South Asian Women and Garden of Hope to launch Project Speak Out, a community outreach and education initiative across Asian American communities.

Since being founded in 1989, the Center has received grants from the Avon Foundation for Women, Beautiful Foundation, Daphne Foundation, Grace & Mercy Foundation, KACF, New York Women’s Foundation, Ong Family Foundation and many more.

More details about all of KAFSC programs can be found in the Program Highlights section.
KOREAN AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTER 2012 ACCOLADES

As a result of successful community relations over the years, KAFSC and its staff and board of directors received numerous notice and recognition throughout 2012 including:

MARCH 2012
• KAFSC Board Emerita Aiyoung Choi received an award from New York Comptroller John Liu’s office in honor of Women’s History Month for her dedication to the improvement of the status of women and leadership for KAFSC.
• Hodori Program Manager Mi Jung You was one of five 2012 PASEsetter Award recipients from Partnership for After School Education in recognition of her seven years of dedicated service to disadvantaged youth. A grant of $5,000 was given to KAFSC in honor of her work.

APRIL 2012
• KAFSC Circle of Friends Co-Founder and Board member Myung Shin Lee received the Volunteers in Service to Asian-American Communities (VISAC) Award from CMP and Ong Family Foundation in recognition of her twenty years of services to KAFSC. An award of $500 was given to KAFSC in her honor.

MAY 2012
• KAFSC Executive Director Grace Yoon received the Community Leadership Award from City Council Member Peter Koo’s office.
• KAFSC was honored by the New York Police Department (NYPD) during its Asian Heritage Month event at the New York City Police Museum in recognition of 23 years of work with victims of crime and survivors of violence in collaboration with NYPD precincts.

OCTOBER 2012
• KAFSC Founder Kwanghee Kim received the Lifetime Achievement Award from New York Women’s Foundation.

NOVEMBER 2012
• KAFSC Board Chair Sarah BJ Sung received the Caring for Children Award from the Coalition of Asian American Children and Families (CAEF) for her outstanding leadership and commitment to supporting Asian Pacific American children, women, and families in New York.
FINDING HOPE: A SUCCESS STORY

A KAFSC client courageously shares her story of surviving domestic violence and how KAFSC’s numerous services and advocates changed the lives of her family forever.

Translated by Jiyeon Lee, LMSW
About 20 years ago, after getting married in South Korea, my husband and I moved to the Dominican Republic where we dreamed of a happy married life. Soon after we arrived, however, my husband started gambling and became addicted. We decided to move to the United States in an attempt to find a cure, but my husband’s addiction grew worse and eventually turned to verbal and physical abuse.

I neither took care of the family nor paid the rent and the bills. Meanwhile, I did everything to support my family, working seven days a week at my off-the-books, less than minimum wage job. I tried to save money, to hide it, but he would steal it all and disappear for days. Yet I never considered leaving the family. My religious beliefs, shame, and guilt towards my children prevented me from doing anything. While crying alone each day and night, I prayed to God to give me the strength to endure.

In those days, I was scared to even open my eyes in the mornings. My life was only pain and horror. The worst was when he lashed out against our youngest child, who is mentally challenged. Despite my efforts to keep the family intact, his violent behavior was beyond control. Finally, one night, a neighbor called the police when my husband lost his mind and threatened to kill the family with a knife.

**FINDING SAFETY**

The day after that horrible night, I found Korean American Family Service Center’s hotline in the Korean yellow pages and called for help. I could not stay with my husband and when I found out about the Transitional Housing Program at KAFSC, I was relieved to the point of tears. After suffering domestic violence more than ten years, there was hope. I began the application process and was accepted to the program in February 2010. And soon, with legal counsel and other assistance offered through KAFSC, my children and I obtained Orders of Protection which granted physical safety.

Like most domestic violence survivors, I now had multiple challenges to overcome. Besides having to make safety plans for court appearances, I had my children to care for with a limited support system, no immigration status, language barriers, and no stable job. The fight seemed endless. My children and I met a social worker every week and talked about our experiences. Every time I lost courage and broke down, I was grateful for the fact that KAFSC would provide support and guidance without judgment.

After obtaining final Orders of Protection, my attorney and social worker helped me to file for a U-Visa, a non-immigrant visa for victims of crimes granting legal status, for both myself and my children.

We soon got work authorization and my children were thrilled that they could get part-time jobs after school like their friends. It took me almost two years to finally obtain the full U-Visa. I still remember the day I received the news of the application being approved. My children and I were overwhelmed with joy. We cried a lot that night while holding each other tightly.

But my fight was not over. I had to find a more stable job to support the family. My social worker helped me create a job search plan and explore resources to gain economic stability, but it would be a long, painful struggle.

As I was waiting for my work permit, I attended training to become a home health aide. I have always cared for people and wished to help others and I was able to find a full-time job once I got my certification. My children joined the Youth Community Project Team (YCPT). They not only developed leadership skills and became strong advocates for domestic violence victims, but they also made life-long friends in the program. They were finally able to smile like any other normal teenager.

**A NEW BEGINNING**

After 16 months of housing assistance and other support services, I was able to save enough to find my own safe, permanent housing. Both of my children were admitted to college and I could finally breathe. The Center offered me a sense of safety and helped me regain control of my life.

I am still working hard on my personal healing and I have realized that that will be a life-long journey. However, I am proud of my accomplishments thus far. I paid my first rental payment in full and have managed to stay up-to-date. I feel stronger and more confident than ever. I have built a new support system within the community and I have the resources to move forward.

I feel good about myself and am proud of being a courageous mother to my children. I will never forget the help that KAFSC provided me and my family. KAFSC found me at my lowest point and reminded me that I was not alone in this world.
CLOSE-UP ON VOLUNTEERS

MONICA HYUN
Engineer

KAFSC: How did you first connect with KAFSC?
Monica: I didn’t know much about KAFSC until a few years ago when I picked up my mom [Ms. Eul Hyang Hyun whose interview is on the opposite page] from a barbecue event for the Center’s YCPT (Youth Community Project Team) and Harmony. I ran into an acquaintance, Gina Kang, who was then KAFSC’s Associate Board’s co-chair.
Both Gina and KAFSC Executive Director Grace Yoon spoke to me about the Center’s goals to reach out to the young professional community and asked me to join the Associate Board (AB). I liked the concept and was excited about helping the AB grow.

KAFSC: How long have you been volunteering for KAFSC? What programs/services do you volunteer with?
Monica: I began getting involved with the Associate Board in 2010 and then expanded my involvement, helping with the Mentoring Program and YCPT.

KAFSC: What’s the most meaningful memory/experience you have volunteering with KAFSC?
Monica: The first big AB event that I helped plan was a summer picnic and dodge ball event in Central Park for YCPT and mentoring students. All of the AB members got involved and were very excited. The excitement meant that we had extremely high expectations for the event. Unfortunately not everything went as expected.
Despite a high RSVP rate and gorgeous weather, we had a low student turn out. We did, however, have a strong presence from members of the AB, Board of Directors, and the Center’s staff and, at the end of the day, the event was a successful bonding experience for the attendees. There were new members from all the groups, and we had a great time getting to know one another and learning more about each other’s interests and respective roles at the Center. Now when someone calls me from the Center, I have a face to associate with the name and a fun story that bonds us more than if we had just volunteered together.
Additionally, volunteering with KAFSC has given me a stronger bond with my mother. Together, we are increasing awareness of the reality that domestic violence exists in our community. There are evenings when I’m home with my mom and she is scheduled to answer KAFSC’s 24-Hour Hotline. When I hear her answer these calls, hear her offer support and hope to these people in need, I stand taller because I am so extremely proud of the work my mom is doing. At the same time, the number of people who seek assistance on many levels highlights just how much need there is for KAFSC in the community.

KAFSC: What do you hope to gain by volunteering with KAFSC?
Monica: I look forward to KAFSC’s continued success! As a young professional, I want to commit more to building up the AB in order to truly fulfill KAFSC’s mission in the community. Furthermore, I would love to see the youth in our programs graduate from Hodori to YCPT to our mentoring program, and eventually, join the Associate Board and stay connected with KAFSC.
EUL HYANG HYUN
Homemaker

KAFSC: How did you first connect with KAFSC?

Ms. Hyun: Several years ago, I saw an ad on a
Korean TV channel and decided to sign up for
KAFSC’s Volunteer Training. Initially neither
my husband nor my daughter [Monica Hyun
featured on the opposite page] knew I was
training and volunteering to avoid any potential
confidentiality issues.

KAFSC: How long have you been volunteering
for KAFSC? What programs/services do you
volunteer with?

Ms. Hyun: In 2010, I began working with the
24-hour volunteer training program. I greatly
enjoyed the overall experience and started
volunteering as a 24-hour hotline volunteer
dispatcher and as an office receptionist and
assisting at outreach events throughout the year.

KAFSC: What’s the most meaningful memory/
experience you have volunteering with KAFSC?

Ms. Hyun: Volunteering at the Center has many
surprising, wonderful outcomes. One of the
greatest things I have discovered has been how
much I can empathize with the people who call
in. I’ve learned that even someone who has never
experienced domestic violence in any way can
still understand the shame and the need to hide
suffering. Nobody should have to feel they have
to conceal domestic violence or sexual assault.
Working with KAFSC has also made me more
aware of myself, my actions and words to my
husband and daughter. Although I love them
dearly, I’ve realized I could potentially be abusive
as well, and this awareness has helped me grow
and become a better wife, mother, and volunteer.
The best thing that KAFSC has given me, howev-
er, is the great sense of community and joy I get
working with Harmony volunteers. I am fulfilled
as I enjoy the time spent with my peers who have
become more than good friends. In addition to
serving and coordinating on the 24-hour hotline,
we started other interest groups within Harmony
to find new ways to serve our community. For
example, the Harmony Choral Group began last
year to share music and bring joy to the elderly
as we visit senior center and nursing homes.
Also we formed a subgroup committed to
supporting the WISH Support Group to help
single mothers and their children.

KAFSC: What do you hope to gain by
volunteering with KAFSC?

Ms. Hyun: I want to keep providing support and
assistance to those in need. Also I look forward
to strengthening and growing our Harmony
team for the team to continue supporting the
Center’s vision and mission in the community.
And through my volunteer services, I can help
KAFSC grow into a bigger and stronger part of
the community.
KAFSC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

KAFSC offers a broad range of programs and services for women, men, children and youth in the tri-state area (NY-NJ-CT). Most programs are free or offered at a minimal cost, thanks to the generous support of grants and funding from private, corporate and government resources. All of our bilingual counselors have a master’s degree in social work, counseling or mental health. All cases are kept strictly confidential, and we retain the right to their privacy except as required by law.

ADULT PROGRAMS

24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE  718-460-3800
Operating around the clock, seven days a week, our bilingual hotline offers crisis intervention, safety planning, and emergency shelter placement to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or other personal crises. This hotline is the only one of its kind providing 24-hour bilingual service in Korean and English in the tri-state area. It also provides information, referral, and advocacy. On average, KAFSC receives and responds to 150 to 150 hotline calls per month.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY COUNSELING
KAFSC’s core program is crisis intervention and counseling on a short-term or long-term basis, available to all clients regardless of their background. We offer one-on-one sessions or integrated sessions, which include other family members. Counselors help to address a variety of problems involving a broad range of factors, including emotional distress, depression, isolation, conflict, fear and anger, which are often triggered by domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, or other personal or family crisis. Additionally, counselors frequently provide support on issues such as divorce, parenting, discipline, inter-generational conflict, poverty, crime, addiction, and bereavement. We provided nearly 1700 units of counseling in 2012 alone.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM
In 2009, KAFSC became one of 58 national agencies to receive $250,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, and with the funds, we launched the Queens Immigrant Transitional Housing Program. This Program is the first and only one of its kind in New York for Korean and Asian American women. By providing culturally sensitive and safe housing and support services, we provide victims and their children a stable family structure and put them back on the path to physical, emotional and financial independence. Currently our four (4) Transitional Housing units house six (6) families and 14 individuals. And we are proud that our federal grant was renewed in October 2012 for another three (3) years.

LEGAL AND SOCIAL SERVICE ADVOCACY
Domestic violence and sexual abuse survivors learn of their legal rights and options through KAFSC’s free Monthly Legal Clinics and one-on-one consultations provided by attorneys from partner agencies such as Sanctuary for Families, In-Motion, and Queens Legal Services. We provide other support including emergency funds and help to access health care and other public benefits, as well as court advocacy and interpretation services for orders of protection, child custody, and other legal rights.

WOMEN’S SUPPORT GROUP (WISH) & CHILDREN’S SUPPORT GROUP
Women with Independence, Support and Hope (WISH), formerly called “Ottuki Club,” was launched in 2003 for domestic violence survivors and/or single mothers, to help them gain self-awareness, confidence and self-reliance. Through a variety of art therapy and culturally appropriate group activities, members learn self-expression, communication skills, parenting, stress release, conflict resolution, and self-care. They initially meet weekly for eight (8) weeks to share experiences in a creative, safe, non-judgmental environment, and then once-per-month for continued peer-support. Our staff provides guidance, encouragement, and resources. While adult women benefit from their support group, their children also participate in their own support group activities, facilitated by our social workers. Topics include anti-bullying, healthy relationships, expressions and more.

SEXUAL ASSAULT INTERVENTION
KAFSC is the only organization in the tri-state Korean community to offer assistance specifically to sexual assault and rape victims. We provide crisis intervention, counseling, court advocacy and support services to women and girls who have been victimized. Like domestic violence, these issues impact women of all ages and socio-economic status; thus, KAFSC continues its extensive education and outreach via public service announcements, youth mobilizing, and education.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM
Job readiness skills are provided to clients so they can gain self-confidence, basic skills, and economic self-sufficiency. We provide various basic to advanced ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), computer and QuickBooks classes taught by teachers funded through grants and experienced volunteers in class sessions. We also offer individual tutorial sessions, and conduct periodic workshops on financial literacy, covering banking, credit, debt, taxes, saving and financial planning. Furthermore, we offer job referrals for clients who are ready to seek employment, as well as monthly job interview clinics to help women with resumes, cover letters, interview skills, job applications and scholarship applications.

PARENTING COUNSELING & EDUCATION
Our Parenting Education Program is designed to provide culturally sensitive education to parents in the Korean community, to increase awareness of what constitutes abuse and the effects of abuse, as well as to help parents understand and enhance communication with their children. The curriculum fulfills mandatory or recommended parenting education requirements by the Administration for Children’s Services (ACS), and comprises a set of eight weekly, private sessions. There is a nominal fee to ensure compliance.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
KAFSC handles requests for information beyond our programs and services, such as access to entitlements, child care, elder care, health care, housing, immigration and naturalization, and how to navigate the complex systems of the city’s public schools and social service agencies. We provide referrals to bilingual attorneys, shelters, medical services, and other social services—and when necessary, provide assistance and interpretation services.
CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

HODORI AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM
Based on New York City’s development framework, the year-round Hodori (Little Tigers) Program helps children ages 6 to 12, from mostly low-income, immigrant and working families, build self-esteem and improve communication and social skills by engaging in a mix of therapeutic, creative, and academic activities that are culturally relevant and developmentally appropriate. Children meet several hours after school every day when school is in session, and for full days during the summer. Where applicable, children receive individual counseling on a short or longer-term basis, and we encourage Hodori parents to interact with our staff regularly and attend monthly Parenting Education Workshops. Frequently, parents seek counseling for themselves to cope with parenting, domestic violence and other family issues. In mid-2012, Hodori adopted a sliding-scale fee-based program to meet demand with limited government funding. We hope to return to a free-of-charge program again in the future.

YOUTH COMMUNITY PROJECT TEAM (YCPT)
YCPT is led and operated by a group of local high school students dedicated to creating positive changes in the Korean American community. Through weekly discussions and analyses of the community’s needs, these young volunteers learn about social justice advocacy, and hone leadership skills while forming their identities as individual agents of change. In 2012, YCPT focused their efforts on educating fellow students, schools and the community about relationship abuse and sexual assault.

TEEN SUPPORT GROUP
KAFSC provides a supportive environment for young clients ages 12 to 18 to share their thoughts and feelings on topics such as identity, peer and family relationships, dating violence, school, and personal and life goals. With guidance from a counselor from KAFSC, teens receive support and encouragement from each other. This group provides a positive and safe place for teens to overcome their struggles through organized discussions, games and field trips.

UNNI - HYUNG MENTORING PROGRAM
KAFSC’s “big sister-big brother” program matches clients ages 7 to 18 with an adult, typically a young professional or older college student, who provides friendship and guidance. We match youngsters with caring individuals who serve as both friend and role model through our careful recruitment process. We match youngsters with caring individuals who serve as both friend and role model through our careful recruitment process. Children meet several hours after school every day when school is in session, and for full days during the summer. We match youngsters with caring individuals who serve as both friend and role model through our careful recruitment process. Where applicable, children receive individual counseling on a short or longer-term basis, and we encourage Hodori parents to interact with our staff regularly and attend monthly Parenting Education Workshops. Frequently, parents seek counseling for themselves to cope with parenting, domestic violence and other family issues. In mid-2012, Hodori adopted a sliding-scale fee-based program to meet demand with limited government funding. We hope to return to a free-of-charge program again in the future.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
A biannual six-week intensive training course prepares bilingual volunteers to work on the 24-hour crisis hotline. Training is given on the nature and incidence of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, child abuse, and other related issues. Volunteers learn techniques for crisis intervention and counseling, and details about community resources on a regular basis. When on hotline duty, volunteers are supported by a KAFSC staff counselor. When not covering the hotline, these volunteers provide valuable assistance and advocacy to clients in court, hospitals, schools, and social service agencies.

SILENT MARCH AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT
Every year during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October), KAFSC organizes a silent march in partnership with local police, churches, various sister agencies and other community-based organizations to raise awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault to advance the cause of social justice for its victims. This march is a culmination of a series of community events and activities held throughout the year. Participants march in silence through the streets of Flushing protected by police escorts, to honor the many lives lost to domestic violence and reaffirm our commitment to its eradication.

PROJECT SAFE
With an original $300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, KAFSC launched Project SAFE (Strengthening Asian Community, Furthering Empowerment). This grant enabled KAFSC to serve more domestic violence clients by strengthening partnerships with the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the YWCA of Queens, the Women In Need Center, and Sanctuary for Families to offer better programs in advocacy, job training, emergency shelter, and legal services. KAFSC now takes a larger leadership role in integrating services and casework with these four strategic partners.

PROJECT SPEAK OUT
In partnership with three other Asian-led agencies—New York Asian Women’s Center, Sakhi for South Asian Women and Garden of Hope—KAFSC launched Project Speak Out, the first pan-Asian community education and domestic violence prevention campaign in New York City. Our aim is to change attitudes about domestic violence in our local community.

HARMONY
Harmony is a group of trained hotline volunteers and advocates who help recruit and coordinate the hotline volunteers. The group follows the Center’s mission to promote leadership and offer peer support.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
We offer on-going community workshops throughout the tri-state area covering a broad range of subjects, including parenting skills, communication skills, education, relationships, anger management, conflict resolution, sexuality, family dynamics, and other topical issues, as well as information sessions about KAFSC’s programs and services. We also speak at local events, appearing on radio and TV, and write regular editorial columns in the Korean press. We visit schools, churches, hospitals, police stations, and other nonprofit and civic organizations to reach out to the community. All our workshops are free and open to the public.
FY 2012 STATISTICS
JANUARY 2012 - DECEMBER 2012

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<td>Youth Community Project Team (YCPT) Members</td>
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<td>66</td>
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<td>Average Retention Rate:</td>
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<td>88%</td>
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<td># of Students Who Received Presidential Community Service Awards</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Total Community Service Hrs Earned</td>
<td>4,408</td>
<td>3,117</td>
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<td>Average Service Hours Per Student</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>47</td>
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<td>Mentoring Program Matches</td>
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### ADULT PROGRAMS SERVICES

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<td>DV/SA Related Hotline Calls</td>
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<td>Non-DV Related Calls</td>
<td>444</td>
<td>376</td>
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<td>WISH Group Participants</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>Self-Sufficiency: English Class</td>
<td>227</td>
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<td>Legal Clinic Individual Participants</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>35</td>
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<td>Units of Individual Counseling Sessions (Phone &amp; in-person)</td>
<td>1,985</td>
<td>2,189</td>
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<td>Units of Advocacy Services</td>
<td>1,276</td>
<td>1,328</td>
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<td>Units of Information &amp; Referrals</td>
<td>821</td>
<td>889</td>
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<td>Volunteer Training Participants</td>
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<td>33</td>
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<td>Total # of Hotline Volunteer Hours Spent</td>
<td>6,208</td>
<td>6,601</td>
<td>7,264</td>
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<td>Public Education/ Workshop Participants</td>
<td>922</td>
<td>1,099</td>
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<td>Community Outreach Events Held</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>64</td>
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<td>Annual Silent March Participants</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Newspaper Articles &amp; Columns</td>
<td>189</td>
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FY 2012 OPERATING REVENUE

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<td>Government Fees &amp; Grants</td>
<td>$497,481 (37.8%)</td>
<td>$544,318</td>
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<td>Foundations/ Corporations</td>
<td>$292,068 (22.2%)</td>
<td>$228,139</td>
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<td>Special Events/ Net of Expenses</td>
<td>$304,385 (23.1%)</td>
<td>$276,285</td>
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<td>Individuals/ Churches</td>
<td>$20,780 (1.6%)</td>
<td>$13,953</td>
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<td>In-Kind Contributions</td>
<td>$158,671 (12%)</td>
<td>$167,922</td>
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<td>Program Fees</td>
<td>$37,769 (2.9%)</td>
<td>$2,085</td>
<td>$1,702</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>$5,236 (0.4%)</td>
<td>$2,228</td>
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<td>Total Support &amp; Revenue</td>
<td>$1,316,390</td>
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### EXPENSES

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<td>Program Services</td>
<td>$917,896 (82.6%)</td>
<td>$926,178</td>
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<td>Supporting Services</td>
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<td>Management &amp; General</td>
<td>$124,460 (11.2%)</td>
<td>$101,373</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>$69,670 (6.2%)</td>
<td>$48,679</td>
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<td>Total Expenses</td>
<td>$1,112,026</td>
<td>$1,076,230</td>
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### Change in Net Assets

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<td>Change in Net Assets</td>
<td>$204,364</td>
<td>$158,700</td>
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<td>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</td>
<td>$549,127</td>
<td>$390,427</td>
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<td>Net Assets at End of Year</td>
<td>$753,491</td>
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