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## Message from the Executive Director

The New York Asian Women's Center is transforming. In January 2017, we are changing our name. And, we are strengthening our focus on advocacy and policy work, alongside our direct service provision.

Though our plans to expand our advocacy efforts were initiated before the presidential election, advocacy takes on greater urgency and carries more profound, life-changing implications. The survivors we serve, along with their communities, are frightened because of immigration concerns, hate crimes, the potential of widening gaps in the social welfare safety net, loss of health insurance, and the decline of affordable housing, among other concerns.

Survivors of violence may be re-traumatized by these heart-stopping fears and may be especially vulnerable. But their safety and security remains paramount to our work.

Now is the time to donate generously. Support survivors of violence by helping us facilitate and strengthen their unified voice. Assist us in providing legal immigration, employment and housing services. And, join us in assisting their children – who may be in even more danger.

So even though we are changing our name next month, our mission, our heart remains the same.

Sincerely,

Larry Lee

**Executive Director**