



New York Asian Women's Center E-Newsletter – August 2010

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(From left to right) The Honorable Doris Ling-Cohan, NY State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, NY State Assembly Member Grace Meng, NYAWC Executive Director Larry Lee, Former NY State Assembly Member Ellen Young, Press Officer for the Office of NYC Comptroller Wei-Kuo Ma

1. NYAWC Opens First Center in NYC for Asian Women Crime Victims

On Monday, August 2, NYAWC opened the Center for Asian Women Crime Victims (CAWCV) in Elmhurst, Queens. The walk-in facility—NYAWC's first public space of its own—will make it easier for abused women to get the help they need and deserve.

The CAWCV provides comprehensive domestic violence and human trafficking services, assessments and referrals, as well as assistance with crime victims' compensation claims, immigration and other legal issues. It also helps women find emergency shelter, housing and ESOL instruction.

Julie Kim Richards, who oversees the office staff as NYAWC's Director of Client Services, said Elmhurst is a convenient location for many clients who live in Queens. As the area is home to a

large Asian population made up of diverse ethnicities, the CAWCV will offer services in various Asian languages and dialects.

"It's a place where women can come in and know we speak their language and understand their culture," said Julie.

2. Digital Art Therapy Program Concludes Second Successful Year



Mentors and Instructors (clockwise from left): Kevin Chan, John Chan, Jimmy Liu, Sania Mirza, Eileen Cheong, Stephanie Liu, Former NYAWC Children's Program Manager Celine Liu, Jessica Song, Angela Ma

The Digital Art Therapy (DAT)/ Mentoring Program held its second annual graduation on June 19, celebrating another successful year of growth for this new initiative.

DAT, also known as Drawing & Truth to its students, is an arts-based mentor program that equips teenage children of NYAWC clients with valuable skills and self-confidence through art therapy and community-building workshops. In the last year, DAT has expanded to also include student mentorship.

Celine Liu, the Children's Program Manager and founder of DAT, worked along-

side volunteer instructors like Jessica Song and a team of dedicated mentors to plan inspiring weekly workshops. Themes included problem solving through design to college prep and Career Day. Overall, Jessica says, "we enjoy teaching teens the basics of design programs like Power-Point and Photoshop while giving them positive role models to form friendships."

During the graduation lunch, students showed off their final projects made with their new design skills and instructors shared their students' accomplishments before certificates were presented in a ceremony.

3. Barbeque at Peace House

We would like to send a warm thank you to board member Narges Kakalia and her law firm for choosing Peace House for their annual volunteer project. On July 15, the New York Office of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo PC hosted a barbeque at Peace House for its residents and staff. The day was filled with wonderful food and activities. The residents enjoyed chalk drawing, playing hopscotch, creating door decorations, and watching a magic show. "It was truly an amazing day of fun and relief for all of the residents," remarked Diana Turner, the Peace House Residential Manager. The event was topped off with a generous donation from the law firm to NYAWC.

4. Upcoming Events

Queen's Community Center Benefit Dinner

Thursday, September 16, 2010, 6:00 pm
Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel,
135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing, New York


Dinner, Raffle, Testimonial Speakers,
Cultural Performances, and more!

Tickets: \$100 per person
(\$40 is non-tax deductible)

RSVP by **September 9** to ensure seating.

Please join NYAWC in a festive dinner to celebrate the opening of the Center for Asian Women Crime Victims (CAWCV) in Elmhurst, Queens—the first neighborhood office of its kind in New York City. The CAWCV was created to strengthen NYAWC's close relationship with the Queens community, and in keeping with its mission, will provide comprehensive, linguistically and culturally sensitive services for Asian women in Queens who are victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Come out and support NYAWC's continuing efforts to ensure fairness and justice for women.

Purchase tickets online at <http://www.nycharities.org/Events/EventLevels.aspx?ETID=2263>.
For more information, email QueensBenefit@nyawc.org.



NYAWC
New York Asian Women's Center

invites you to...

The Queens Community Benefit Dinner

to commemorate the opening of our **Center for Asian Women Crime Victims** in Elmhurst, NY. Our new hub for services reaches out to our extensive Queens community, who make up 1/3 of our clients. There will be exciting cultural entertainment, delicious food, and an opportunity to socialize with community leaders and friends.

Thursday, 9/16/10
6-6:45pm, Reception
7pm, Dinner

LaGuardia Sheraton
135-20 39th Ave.
Flushing, NY 11354

BE LISTED ON THE BENEFIT COMMITTEE!

Pledge to bring two of your friends, and your name will be listed on our Benefit Committee. This list will be on all invitations and printed programs for our event.

To be added, please contact queensbenefit@nyawc.org, and let us thank you for the support you continuously bring to our cause and community.

Benefit Committee: Shelley Wang • Veronica Tsang • Larry Lee • Jessica Song • Aina Canda • Louise Chung • Zal Dabhiwala • Sarah Jiang • Keen Lee • Anita Li • Anita Shih • Minh Tieu • Anukriti Vatsa • Julia Yang

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28th Anniversary Benefit & Phoenix Awards

Tuesday, October 19, 2010,
6:30 to 9pm
Rubin Museum of Art,
150 West 17th Street b/w
6th and 7th, New York

Please join NYAWC on Tuesday, October 19 at the beautiful Rubin Museum of Art as we celebrate 28 years of empowering women and children to live free of violence, and to recognize the outstanding achievements of our Phoenix Award honorees:



SAVE THE DATE!

28TH ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT & PHOENIX AWARDS, HONORING:

LUCY FRIEDMAN
FOUNDER, THE AFTER-SCHOOL CORPORATION

KAREN HAGBERG
PARTNER, MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP

SILENT AUCTION, HORS D'OEUVRES & COCKTAILS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010
RUBIN MUSEUM OF ART
150 WEST 17TH STREET
6:30 - 9PM
TICKETS: \$175

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Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.nycharities.org, key word: New York Asian Women's Center
For sponsorship and donation opportunities, contact vicki@vsplanningllc.com or 646-502-5337.
www.nyawc.org

Lucy Friedman, Founder, The After-School Corporation
Karen Hagberg, Partner, Morrison & Foerster LLP

Tickets are \$175 per person.

Purchase tickets online at <http://www.nycharities.org/Events/EventLevels.aspx?ETID=2201>.

For more information about this uplifting event, or about sponsorship and silent-auction opportunities, email vicki@vsplanningllc.com or call 646-502-5337.

5. Shower for the Shelter


In June 2010, the Verizon Foundation showered NYAWC with generosity during its annual "Shower for the Shelter" collection drive, in which the National Network to End Domestic Violence matched up Verizon offices around the country with local domestic violence shelters. This past June, Verizon donated 7 boxes of cleaning products to NYAWC clients.



A special thanks goes out to Roda Simmons and Randolph Jacques, the Verizon employees who coordinated the "Shower for the Shelter" program at their respective sites. We would also like to thank their team of Verizon volunteers: Lorraine Nieto, Barry Neustein, Annette Gray, Deborah Chung, Jeanell McFarlane, Tamika Green, Leonna Sylvester, Deidra Keys, Michelle Macklin-brye, Patricia Somerville, and Jessica Pruzinsky.

Finally, NYAWC would like to thank all of the Verizon employees and their friends and family who were kind enough to donate. The NYAWC clients who benefited from their contributions "were so excited," said Diana Turner, a Residential Manager at one of NYAWC's shelters. "They didn't have to worry about buying deodorant or soap for the next 4 months!"

6. NYAWC Joins Facebook

This summer, NYAWC officially kicked off its Facebook Page. As you may know, Facebook—with over 475 million users—is currently the most popular social networking platform. NYAWC is off to a great start with more than 100 fans in just over a month. Please visit the page at <http://www.facebook.com/nyawc.org> and click on  to join others who are committed to NYAWC's mission. We will use Facebook to update you on our success stories, upcoming events, career and volunteer opportunities, and major news in domestic violence and human trafficking. We are also planning periodic contests and giveaways! Most importantly, we hope to engage our supporters in this online community. We want to hear from you, so please comment, suggest links, and encourage your friends to learn more about NYAWC.

How can you help?

Volunteer! NYAWC's volunteers find fulfillment and enjoyment by enriching the lives of women and children.

Donate! Your tax-deductible donation will help to provide emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy, and other crucial services to battered women and their children.

For more information on how you can get involved, visit <http://www.nyawc.org>, or contact xzhen@nyawc.org to volunteer your services or fmui@nyawc.org to make a donation.