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New York Asian Women's Center

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## VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATED AT NYAWC EVENT

On May 8th NYAWC held a volunteer appreciation event at Dave & Buster's Restaurant, Bar and Arcade. "Our staff is the heart of our organization but our volunteers are our soul," said Larry Lee, NYAWC's Executive Director.

Over a night of fun and laughter, NYAWC staff presented awards to more than 20 volunteers who have made an enormous impact on the lives of NYAWC clients and the agency in the last year. Prizes, including a two-night stay in Las Vegas, were given out to raffle winners.



The evening concluded with a trip down memory lane; volunteers relived childhood fun by playing arcade games and winning prizes. The bonding experience not only helped the volunteers and staff to get to know one another, but also let NYAWC show its appreciation for all that the volunteers do.

## NYAWC INTRODUCES COMMUNITY OFFICE IN BROOKLYN

On April 27, 2012, NYAWC introduced the Asian Women's Empowerment (AWE) Center, its first walk-in community office in Brooklyn, to the borough's community by hosting a reception. Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, Councilwoman Sara Gonzalez, and service providers from the borough attended the event.

Located in the heart of one of Brooklyn's major immigrant neighborhoods, Sunset Park, the AWE Center offers NYAWC's comprehensive services to domestic violence, human trafficking, and other crime victims. Survivors of abuse often times may be too scared or are not allowed to leave their own neighborhood, preventing them from accessing help. NYAWC's AWE Center helps them to gain easier access.

NYAWC's Director of Programs, Julie Kim Richards, explained to the guests that survivors can stop by the AWE Center when they need service instead of waiting to set up an appointment with a counselor. Women in need can call 1-718-765-0100 to reach the office, which is located at 6215 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220.



From left to right: Rudolph A. Pyatt, Esq, Deputy General Counsel, Commission on Human Rights; Julie Kim Richards, Director of Programs, NYAWC; New York State Assemblyman Felix Ortiz; and Larry Lee, Executive Director, NYAWC.

## FORUM SHINES LIGHT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On April 24, 2012, NYAWC partnered with the John Jay College of Criminal Justice to host the "Dynamics of Human Trafficking in New York City," a forum to help New Yorkers understand the multi-faceted layers of human trafficking. About 100 students, law enforcement officials, service providers, and healthcare workers attended, in addition to those who participated online through live streaming.

Legal, law enforcement, and social service agencies offered their unique perspectives and special considerations in serving

human trafficking survivors. Their presentations covered topics including understanding the modus operandi of trafficking both internationally and domestically, domestic violence's intersection with trafficking, and domestic trafficking and youth services in New York City. By providing first-hand accounts, through client narratives, of how human trafficking affects lives, the forum further educated its attendees about the dynamics of the second largest criminal industry in the world.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS AND FUNDERS

NYAWC is grateful for all the support we have received in the last few months. On March 13, Haute Hippie and Haute Hoodie hosted a private styling event and donated a percentage of all sales to NYAWC.

The University of Maryland's Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority held its SPEAK Charity Dinner on April 12, benefitting NYAWC.



Sorority Sisters from Sigma Psi Zeta



The Body Shop Gift Basket

The Body Shop at 2159 Broadway donated an assortment of beauty products to women in our shelters in celebration of Mother's Day.

Thank you to the Hyde and Watson Foundation, the Consulate General of Japan in New York, The Grace & Mercy Foundation, the Korean American Community Foundation, the Tiger Baron Foundation, and all of our donors for their kind support.

NYAWC also thanks its 30th Anniversary Gala sponsors, who are mentioned on page 3.



### 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 abused women and their children. Click to make your donation.

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

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## RUN THE ING MARATHON FOR NYAWC

This year, NYAWC is once again an ING NYC Marathon partner. For the November 4, 2012 race, NYAWC has 20 guaranteed entries— and 9 spots are still available. If you would like to run in this world-class event and help the support domestic violence and human trafficking survivors whom NYAWC serves, here is your chance. The minimum fundraising requirement is \$3,000— we have fundraising materials and will provide support along the way!



Runner Naoki Yamaguchi in 2011  
at Tough Mudder

2012 ING NYC Marathon runner Naoki Yamaguchi (*at left*) had no desire to run a marathon— until he heard the stories of the abused women at NYAWC and learned about their perseverance. Find out more about his inspiration at <http://www.nyawc.org/events/ingmarathon>.



Cheering on last year's runners.



To run with Team NYAWC,  
please contact Nicole Kubon at  
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212-732-0054 ext 127.

### SAVE THE DATE: 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Thanks to you, NYAWC has grown from a graduate school student project in 1982 to become the largest pan-Asian domestic violence and human trafficking organization in the nation today. We are very grateful to you for believing that survivors deserve more than the abuse they've endured and supporting our endeavor to restore aspiration, confidence, and harmony in their lives.

To celebrate our collective effort in the past 30 years to empower women and children to live free of violence, please join NYAWC at our 30th Anniversary Phoenix Awards Gala.

**Date: Thursday, October 18, 2012**

**Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm**

**Venue: Edison Ballroom** at 240 West 47th Street,  
New York, NY 10036

The evening will include: Auction, Cocktails and Dinner. Tickets: \$250. To purchase tickets, please visit <http://bit.ly/NYAWCGala>.

For more information, please contact Vicki Shu at [vicki@vsplanningllc.com](mailto:vicki@vsplanningllc.com) or 646-502-5337

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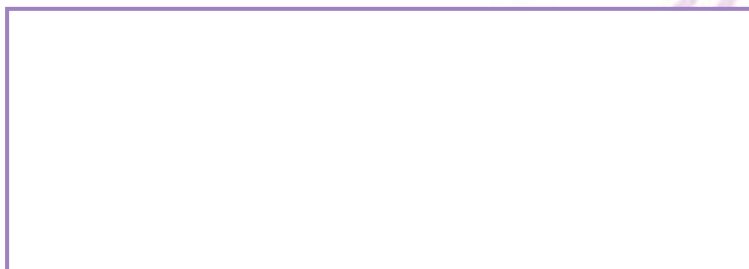




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**What is the significance of the phoenix?**

The phoenix is a mythological bird reborn from fire and ashes. The New York Asian Women's Center chose the phoenix as its logo to symbolize the strength of the women who have overcome domestic violence.

☐ **Yes!** I want to help women and children live a life free of abuse.

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### Volunteer!

Join our dedicated group of volunteers to enrich the lives of women and children. For more info visit [www.nyawc.org](http://www.nyawc.org).

### Donate!

Checks payable to the NYAWC can be mailed to:

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