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Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence receives
a grant from The Boston Foundation

Boston, Massachusetts – The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK), the only agency serving the specific needs of battered Asian families in the state and throughout New England, announced receipt of a *Connecting Our Resources - Filling the Gaps* project grant from the Boston Foundation to support the Multicultural Immigrant Coalition Against Violence (MICAV) which brings together immigrant services providers and domestic violence prevention agencies to facilitate interagency trainings, provide comprehensive services for clients and improve statewide advocacy.

MICAV was formed in May 2006 in response to a need to combine the knowledge and resources about domestic violence prevention services to the refugee and immigrant communities in Massachusetts. Although each ethnic group faces unique challenges, there are commonalities that all refugee and immigrant survivors of domestic violence address such as visa complications, workplace discrimination, financial distress, mental health issues, childcare concerns and language barriers. Bringing like-minded organizations and individuals together helps fill the gaps with the resources each bring to the Coalition.

ATASK has been the lead agency of MICAV. After hiring the Coalition Coordinator in October 2006, ATASK has successfully outreached to and recruited nine core coalition members. The nine core members include a diversity of ethnicities, geographic locations, and types of refugee and immigrant services providers and human services providers.

Fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008) marks the second year of the Coalition. Coalition Coordinator and nine other coalition members have met regularly and have created a vision, values, goals and objectives and a core committee job description to guide their work, keep them focused and move forward appropriately. Members of the Coalition have shown immense dedication and an eagerness to undertake different projects and tasks.

The grant from the Boston Foundation will give the Coalition necessary resources to work towards providing effective interagency trainings and evaluation tools, sharing resources to provide comprehensive services for clients, and raising awareness to improve statewide advocacy.

For more information about the Multicultural Immigrant Coalitions Against Violence, contact Jamie Romola at 617.338.2350 or visit www.atask.org/micav.php.

The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence has more than 19 years of experience educating communities about domestic violence and providing a continuum of critical services and resources to battered women and their children, from a shelter to meet women's immediate needs to prevention, outreach, and education programs that seek to reduce abuse within the community. This support has helped thousands of women transition from abusive relationships to live safer, independent and productive lives. ATASK is the only agency serving the specific needs of battered Asian families in the state and throughout New England.

SAVE THE DATE
SILK ROAD GALA

November 3, 2007, Saturday | Evening | Marriott Copley Place Hotel

The Silk Road Gala is the annual fundraising benefit for the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence. It began in 1992 when ATASK needed to raise funds to support its Asian women's shelter, the first and only one in New England. Donations raised through the gala support the programs as well as its emergency shelter.

The Boston Foundation, one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations, has an endowment of close to \$770 million. Last year, the Foundation made grants of \$63.9 million to nonprofit organizations and received gifts of \$73.6 million. The Boston Foundation is made up of more than 850 separate charitable funds, which have been established by donor either for the general benefit of the community or for special purposes. The Foundation also serves as a civic leader, convener, and sponsor of special initiatives designed to build community. For more information about the Boston Foundation and its grant making, visit www.tbf.org or call 617-338-1700.

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