



Asian Task Force
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ATASK holds Annual Meeting

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BOSTON, MA - January 30, 2009 - The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence held its 15th annual meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2009. On the agenda was the review of its new 2008 annual report; outlining the objective and the goals for 2009; launch of a new campaign, and the ceremony to acknowledge the new board of directors along with a sentimental farewell addressed by Atsuko Toko Fish as she stepped down as Board Chair of ATASK after six dedicated years of service.

The meeting manifested the culmination of the agency's journey, not just for the past year, but for the past 15 years since its incorporation in 1992. With the exchange of the board members marking the end of an era and an official new beginning, ATASK reflected on its journey and continuous steps towards eliminating domestic violence. "The Clients, the advocates, the Agency, and the Volunteers—we have somehow met each other on this road. Both individually and collectively, we are taking steps towards this goal of equal opportunities, freedom and empowerment in life, and the elimination of domestic violence. ATASK is this intricate beacon of strength, support, and hope, not just to our clients but to all of the parties involved. The road that outlines the journey of this agency is the path leading to change." Quoted Linda Chin, the president of ATASK who has been "deeply inspired" by the agency and its efforts.

Marking the start of 2009, the agency plans to launch a new campaign entitled "1000 Cranes and 2000 Butterflies," a cumulative campaign to be completed by ATASK's 20th anniversary. The agency is adapting the time-honored tradition based on the Japanese paper crane folk legend, which outlines one's wish to be granted among folding 1,000 paper cranes. The objective behind the campaign: to raise awareness and funds to prevent domestic violence and build and strengthen Asian families and communities. To support this objective, ATASK will be folding 1,000 paper cranes, each in honor of a person, family, or a group who supports ATASK's 'wish' of a peaceful world without family violence. Sponsors who contribute \$500 or more will be recognized for their leadership role and be identified on the ATASK website and other promotional materials, and be awarded with a commemorative token of appreciation. Another group of sponsors symbolized by butterflies (representing love and beauty in Asia) includes a contribution of \$100 or more. The butterfly sponsors will also be recognized on the website and be awarded with a commemorative token.

With a brand new board and a fresh campaign in tow, the annual meeting marked a great start for ATASK. In the closing remarks, President Chin addressed her gratitude to the previous board and its chair Atsuko Fish: “A heart felt goodbye and thank you to the outgoing board members [...]. Under Atsuko’s leadership for the past six years, a strong foundation has been set for ATASK to take off and soar.”

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About the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence

Incorporated in 1992, the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK) is a non-profit organization that provides New England’s only multilingual emergency shelter and support services for Asian survivors of domestic violence and their children. ATASK works to eliminate family violence and strengthen Asian families and communities. Its education and outreach initiatives benefit thousands of people each year, through an increased awareness of domestic violence, survivors’ resources, and cultural competency.