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**Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence Celebrates 15th Annual *Silk Road Gala*
*Lawrence K. Fish and Regina M. Pisa Co-Chair November 15 Celebration***

Boston, MA, September 8, 2008 – The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, Inc. (ATASK), New England’s only multi-lingual emergency shelter and services for Asian survivors of domestic violence and their children, will celebrate its 15th annual benefit, the *Silk Road Gala*, on Saturday, November 15 from 5:00PM to 9:30PM at the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel. The event will support ATASK’s unique, multi-lingual emergency shelter and advocacy programs that serve and support over 400 clients and handle over 7,200 advocacy calls annually. Through agency education and outreach initiatives, thousands of people benefit each year, increasing awareness of domestic violence, survivors’ resources, and cultural competency.

Silk Road Gala co-chairs are Brookline resident Mr. Lawrence K. Fish, Chairman of Citizens Financial Group and RBS Americas, and Newton resident Ms. Regina M. Pisa, Chairman and Managing Partner of Goodwin Procter LLP. This year’s gala will honor ATASK staff for their hard work and relentless dedication in serving survivors of domestic violence since its founding 16 years ago.

Silk Road Steering Committee is Brookline residents Catherine Coburn, Edwina Kluender, Atsuko Fish, and Hiroko Oyama; Charlestown resident Kozue Sawame; Grafton resident Elizabeth Vittum; Back Bay resident Jean Quintal; and Stoughton residents Heena and Jay Trivedi.

More than 500 guests are expected to attend the celebration that will include music entertainment and a live auction with unique items such as “Breakfast at Tiffany’s”— a New York package that includes a visit to watch the crafting of Tiffany jewels, a guided tour of the current collection, and breakfast at the Tiffany & Co. private dining room where world leaders are entertained.

“We provide hope and a safe haven,” said Atsuko Fish, ATASK Chairman of the Board. “Our Silk Road Gala funds the programs that help victims of domestic violence work towards a more positive future.”

ATASK is a recognized leader in aiding the survivors of family violence, both nationally and internationally; bridging the gap across cultures, languages and generations. It strives to eliminate family violence and to strengthen Asian families and communities by providing customized services to families and children; helping them find opportunities to become self-sufficient members of society.

For sponsorship and ticket information, please contact Kozue Sawame at 617-338-2350 x232, kozue@atask.org, or visit www.atask.org/silkroad.php.

About the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence

The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to eliminate family violence and to strengthen Asian families and communities.