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## **MING TSAI AND CELEBRITY CHEFS JOIN THE ASIAN TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO CELEBRATE THE 2011 SILK ROAD GALA**

August 23, 2011 - Boston, MA: The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK) celebrates its annual fundraiser, the Silk Road Gala, on Saturday, October 22, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

The Silk Road Gala will feature star chef Ming Tsai, host of “Simply Ming” television series, owner/chef of The Blue Ginger Restaurant, and cookbook author as this year’s Gala Chair. Tsai and other local celebrity chefs including Jody Adams of Rialto, Joanne Chang of Myers + Chang and Flour Bakery + Café, Ting San of Oishii Boston, Patricia Yeo of Om Restaurant, Jason Santos of Blue Inc., Jamie Bissonnette of Coppa and David Wong of Shabu Zen.

Gala co-chairs include Laura Sen, CEO/President of BJ’s Wholesale Club, Patti Salem, Barrett & Company, and Deeb Salem, M.D., Physician-in-Chief of Tufts Medical Center. Janet Wu from 7NEWS/CW56 will emcee the event.

The Silk Road Gala is annually attended by 450 glamorous supporters, who in a dine-around style setting enjoy various culturally festive entertainment, as well as, an exciting silent and live auction. The Silk Road Gala generates crucial funds for ATASK to support survivors of domestic violence. For more event details or ticket information please visit ATASK’s website at [www.atask.org](http://www.atask.org).

ATASK is New England’s only provider of shelter and support services for Asian survivors of domestic violence. Year round, ATASK works to raise awareness about the often silent issue of domestic violence.

### **About the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence**

The mission of the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK) is to prevent domestic violence in Asian families and communities and to provide hope to survivors. ATASK is New England’s only provider of linguistically and culturally appropriate services and programs for Asian survivors of domestic violence. For domestic violence victims who are unsafe, helpless and hopeless, ATASK offers a safe haven, help and hope over fear.

ATASK offers:

**H**ousing in our emergency shelter

**O**utreach to Asian communities and a 24-hour multi-lingual helpline

**P**rograms and services that support clients and their children and empower them to live independent lives

**E**ducation and training for youth, providers, and the public

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