



Happy New Year!

A Message from ATASK's Co-Executive Directors

As we step into 2026, we reflect on the strength and resilience of the survivors we serve and the community that continues to stand beside them. This past year was a powerful reminder that safety is rarely created in a single moment. For Asian immigrant survivors experiencing violence compounded by language barriers, cultural stigma, and systemic inequities, safety is built over time. Sustaining it requires care, commitment, and collective resolve, especially in challenging times.

Throughout the year, we witnessed courage and healing emerge not only in moments of crisis, but through the ongoing care survivors relied on as they worked toward stability and independence. With your partnership, ATASK was able to remain alongside survivors at every stage of their journey, from emergency response to long-term advocacy. This ensured survivors could continue to rely on support, even as uncertainty deepened around them.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains steadfast. We will continue to provide culturally responsive, in-language services that survivors can count on, regardless of gender, immigration status, or where they live in Massachusetts. In a world where so much feels uncertain, we believe safety is made possible through steady, compassionate care over time.

We enter this new year with deep gratitude and a shared hope for what we can continue to build together.

With gratitude,

Cristina Ayala & Dawn Sauma
Co-Executive Directors, ATASK



ATASK Staff at our holiday party, December 2025

One Program. Many Paths.

Survivors come to ATASK at many different moments in their lives. Some arrive in immediate crisis. Others are seeking guidance, stability, or a way forward after months or even years of uncertainty. No matter where someone begins, ATASK meets them with care, understanding, and choice.

ATASK's services are intentionally connected through a coordinated continuum of care that brings together shelter, community-based advocacy, legal support, and outreach. To survivors, this doesn't feel like separate programs; it feels like support that grows and adapts as their needs change.

This approach was developed in direct response to the realities faced by Asian immigrant survivors, many of whom must navigate complex systems that can feel overwhelming without trusted, culturally responsive support. At ATASK, survivors are not expected to navigate those systems alone or start over each time their circumstances shift.

Our work is carried out by a dedicated team of Advocates, Navigators, Attorneys, and Shelter staff who collectively speak 23 Asian languages and dialects. With shared language and deep cultural understanding, survivors are able to focus on safety and healing without having to repeatedly explain themselves or face these systems alone.

For many survivors, ATASK becomes a steady presence during one of the most challenging periods of their lives. We offer not just immediate help, but a pathway toward safety, dignity, and long-term independence.

Community Comes Together

In December, ATASK brought community members together for our **Asian Winter Holiday Celebration**, a reminder of the importance of connection, especially during the winter months. Over 100 attendees gathered to share in the joy, warmth, and connection

of community. From family-friendly crafts and activities to incredible music, dance, and delicious food, the afternoon was full of celebration and togetherness.

Creating spaces like this is part of ATASK's broader commitment to strengthening the networks that surround and support Asian survivors year-round. When community is connected, survivors are better able to find safety, support, and a sense of belonging.



Community Events

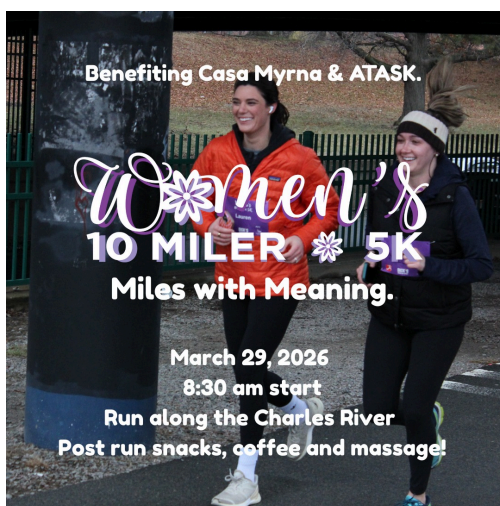
Welcome the Year of the Horse with ATASK!

Over the next two months, ATASK will be out in the community welcoming the Year of the Horse across Massachusetts. We hope you'll celebrate with us at community events in [Cambridge](#), [Malden](#), [Somerville](#), [Braintree](#), [Dorchester](#), [Worcester](#), [Quincy](#), [Lowell](#), [Belmont](#), and [Boston](#), as we connect with neighbors and raise awareness about ATASK's role as a vital, culturally responsive resource for Asian survivors of domestic violence.

Together, we'll honor cultural traditions, celebrate community, and share how ATASK empowers survivors.



Year of the Horse
2026



Move With Purpose This March

On March 29th, join ATASK for a community run that brings people together in support of survivors. Participants are invited to run 10 Miles or 5K and to fundraise for ATASK by sharing why our work matters to them. It's a meaningful way to move your body, raise critical funds, and help spread awareness of ATASK's mission with friends, family, and your wider community.

[Register](#)

Save the Date: ATASK will also be part of the [AAPI 5K Run or Walk](#) on **May 16**, offering another opportunity to move with purpose and support survivors. Early

registration is now open.

Get Involved as an ATASK Ambassador

Looking for a way to make a difference? Join ATASK's **Ambassador Program** to raise awareness and funds for survivors. Ambassadors can host events, start fundraisers, or spread the word about ATASK's mission in their communities. Every effort helps create a safer, more empowered future.



[Learn More and Sign up Here!](#)

Every gift makes a difference.
No matter the size, your tax-deductible gift makes a lasting difference
in the lives of survivors of domestic violence.

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“When my daughter and I had nowhere safe to go, ATASK’s shelter became our home. Over several years, ATASK supported us through crisis and into stability with advocates who truly understood our experiences. I cannot thank them enough.”

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