



Join Us at the 2026 Silk Road Gala

Every day, survivors show extraordinary courage as they rebuild their lives. This September, we invite you to show the same courage by turning compassion into action at the 2026 Silk Road Gala.

This year's Gala celebrates *The Courage to Keep Showing Up*, honoring the resilience of survivors and the commitment of a community that stands beside them every step of the way.

Survivors show up for court hearings, counseling appointments, housing searches, and countless moments of healing and growth. When the path forward feels uncertain, they keep showing up for themselves and their families. And when our community shows up alongside them, we send a powerful message: no one should have to navigate violence, language barriers, or cultural isolation alone.

The Silk Road Gala is more than a fundraising event. It is a celebration of hope, community, and collective action that helps survivors find safety, stability, and opportunity.



Celebrating 10 Years of Leadership

This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate ten years of leadership by our Co-Executive Directors, *Cristina Ayala* and *Dawn Sauma*.

During that time, ATASK has expanded its services, reached more survivors, strengthened communities, and deepened its impact across Massachusetts. These accomplishments reflect the vision of Cristina and Dawn and the dedication of the staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who have shown up alongside us over the years.



Irene Li



Vivian Pham



Leverett Wing

Back by popular demand, Gala Co-Chairs *Vivian Pham* and *Leverett Wing* and Emcee *Irene Li* are returning for another year.

As longtime supporters of ATASK, their energy and enthusiasm helped make last year's Gala such a memorable success, and we are thrilled to welcome them back for what promises to be another unforgettable evening.



Senator Vanna Howard

We are also honored to welcome *Senator Vanna Howard* as our Keynote Speaker. Her journey from refugee to public servant is a powerful reminder of the courage and strength that can emerge in the face of adversity. As a tireless advocate for immigrant communities, she understands the importance of creating opportunities and support systems that help individuals and families thrive.

The Silk Road Gala will be an inspiring evening of powerful stories and moving performances that remind us of what is possible when we show up for one another.

We hope you will join us on **Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the Renaissance Boston Seaport District Hotel** as we celebrate *The Courage to Keep Showing Up* and the impact we can make together.

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*Sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets are now available.
Early Bird ticket pricing ends July 19.*

Together, we can ensure that survivors and their families continue to have access to the safety, support, and resources they need to rebuild their lives.

If you are unable to attend, you can still support ATASK's work by making a gift [here](#).

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