



## **The Strength to Stay the Course**

Even when the path isn't easy, staying the course has the power to change lives.

Thanks to your steady support, moments of care and courage unfold at ATASK every day: a case manager staying late to reach a survivor in crisis, a former client passing along our hotline to someone in need, shelter residents gathering to celebrate a child's birthday. Each one an act of care, and together, a reflection of a community healing together.

Your generosity shows up in countless ways: employee groups donating books to our Shelter's Children's Library, gift baskets thoughtfully prepared for moms on Mother's Day, local businesses organizing fundraisers, community members uplifting AAPI Heritage Month with action that honors connection, culture, and resilience.

These acts of compassion make our work possible. They remind us that even in uncertain times, your support gives us strength and courage — and carries us forward.

As the needs of our community grow, so does our determination. And we're grateful to have you walking alongside us.

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**Program Spotlight:**  
**"Next Steps" Economic Empowerment Program**

Healing doesn't end when immediate danger passes. For many of our clients, finding the strength to stay the course means imagining a life beyond the trauma they've experienced and taking steady steps to rebuild.

ATASK's *Next Steps* program was created to support current and former clients at this pivotal point. Once safety and stability have been achieved, they are invited to focus on long-term goals: rebuilding confidence, gaining independence, and shaping a future on their own terms.

Through personalized services—including one-on-one coaching, multilingual webinars, advocate referrals, and scholarships—clients work toward goals in employment, education, financial literacy, and wellness.

This past quarter, clients enrolled in community college, applied for scholarships, and pursued training in fields as varied as cosmetology and biotechnology. For some, it meant reclaiming a dream once put on hold. For others, it was the first step in restoring the self-worth eroded by years of abuse.

The *Next Steps* program helps clients move beyond crisis and toward possibility. Whether it's a new job, a college degree, or simply believing in themselves again, every step forward is made possible by a community that believes in them.

Thank you for being part of that community. Your support helps make each next step possible.



Pictures from a recent **Next Steps** event: acupressure to relieve pain, information table, creative arts to reduce stress and anxiety

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## Silk Road Gala 2025: Meet our Co-Chairs

We're thrilled to introduce the dedicated community leaders who will be co-chairing our most important fundraising event of the year - Vivian Pham and Leverett Wing. Together, they are helping shape a night of storytelling, solidarity, and shared purpose.



**Vivian Pham**



**Leverett Wing**

We asked our Co-Chairs what inspired them to take on this role and what they hope others will take away from this year's Gala.

#### **Why did you say yes to co-chairing the Gala?**

**Vivian:** There was no other answer but a resounding YES! Supporting ATASK aligns with my core values and my calling to lead with purpose and compassion. I'm in the business of service: building communities and ensuring that everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, has the opportunity to thrive.

**Leverett:** Actually, I asked to co-chair the Gala again this year! It's incredibly personal for me, and I felt like there was still more I could contribute. ATASK is one of the most unique organizations in the country — and helping it grow feels deeply gratifying. The opportunity to help it in some small way is one of the most meaningful things I do.

#### **What are you most looking forward to?**

**Vivian:** COMMUNITY. We're living in complex and polarizing times that often rely on fear and division. I'm looking forward to an evening where we come together, celebrate resilience, and shine a light on the powerful, everyday work of survivors and the staff who walk alongside them.

**Leverett:** Working with the team and bringing in new faces who will hopefully support ATASK long into the future.

#### **How can others get involved?**

**Vivian:** Come to the Gala, attend other ATASK events, and have conversations with staff, board members, and volunteers. There are so many ways to get involved! It begins with learning, connecting, and asking, *'How can I help?'*

**Leverett:** Without ATASK, an entire generation and our community would suffer immeasurably. The impact your support can have with ATASK is unlike any other organization.

### **Silk Road Gala**

**Saturday, October 18**

Renaissance Boston Seaport District Hotel

[Buy Tickets or Become a Sponsor](#)

**Individual tickets are now available and sponsorship opportunities are open.**  
Join us in building a future where every survivor is heard, supported, and empowered.

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## **A Mid-Year Glimpse into Impact**

From January to June 2025, ATASK has continued to show up with care, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the individuals and families who turn to us for safety, support, and hope.



In just six months, **561 survivors**, including **360 adults** and **201 children**, received critical services through our programs. This includes one-on-one case management and legal advocacy from dedicated staff who provide trauma-informed support that is both culturally and linguistically responsive.

Our **24/7 multilingual hotline** responded to **107 calls**. Of those, **87 individuals** became clients, beginning their journey toward healing and stability with the support of our staff.

At our emergency shelter, **14 adults and their children** found not just safety, but a community of care. Whether helping someone rebuild after crisis, navigate complex systems, or simply feel heard and safe, ATASK continues to be a vital lifeline for survivors across Massachusetts.



Every number represents a life, and every life deserves hope. Thank you for making this work possible.

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## Meet an ATASK Ambassador

ATASK's Ambassador Program empowers volunteers to raise awareness, fundraise, and stand with survivors in their own communities.



Chloe, an international college student, saw signs of domestic violence in her community, but cultural norms made it hard to speak out. Discovering ATASK gave her a way to turn concern into action.

*“Growing up, I often felt ‘心有余而力不足’ — the will was there, but I lacked the power to act. Now, as an Ambassador, I finally have the chance to do something meaningful.”*

As part of her efforts, Chloe invited ATASK to speak at a student-led event focused on domestic violence in Asian communities. The conversation created space for peers to reflect, learn, and engage with an issue too often kept in silence. She and her student organization also assembled and donated Lunar New Year gift bags for ATASK clients — bringing moments of care and celebration to survivors and their families.

*“I’m proud to be an Ambassador. It’s incredibly rewarding to know that every step you take, no matter how small, contributes to supporting survivors and creating change.”*

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## ATASK in the Community

From bookstores to breweries, festivals to fundraisers, ATASK has had the honor of showing up in so many spaces over the past few months—sharing stories, building solidarity, and expanding support for survivors. These gatherings are more than just dates on a calendar; they are steps on the journey we’re walking together. Here’s a look at some of the places we’ve been:

### Beer, Tea and Honey Tasting



Hosted by [Lamplighter Brewing Co.](#) and [MEM Tea](#), this special tasting event celebrated *Chrysalis*—a limited-edition beer brewed in honor of ATASK. Guests sampled ingredients while learning how their support helps survivors begin again.

### Author Fundraiser with Grace Talusan

In partnership with [Maxima Book Center](#), author [Grace Talusan](#) led an evening of storytelling and solidarity. Grace read from her award-winning memoir *The Body Papers*, offering reflections on identity, trauma, and healing. A portion of every purchase that day supported ATASK’s work with survivors — turning words into action, and community into meaningful change.



### Cambridge Somerville Asian Festival



This vibrant celebration of Asian American heritage brought together culture, community, and resilience. Our outreach table offered resources and meaningful conversations about how we support survivors navigating language and cultural barriers.

### AAPI Live Showcase

Organized by [Model Peril Sounds](#), this event celebrated local AAPI musicians and raised funds to support survivors receiving services at ATASK. With powerful performances and a shared spirit of community, the showcase wove together art, identity, and impact. We're deeply grateful for this thoughtful and inspiring expression of solidarity.



### AAPI 5K Run



ATASK was proud to join runners and walkers at the AAPI 5K in celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This community-driven event promoted health, unity, and cultural pride and gave participants a meaningful way to move in solidarity with survivors. We're grateful to everyone who showed up, ran alongside us, and helped raise awareness and funds for our mission.

### AAPI Journeys: Stories of Resilience

This evening of food and storytelling, hosted by [PAGU](#), explored the immigrant experience through the voices of AAPI chefs and nonprofit leaders. At our community engagement table, we connected with guests and shared how ATASK walks alongside survivors on their journey toward healing and self-determination. Our Co-Executive Director, Cristina, also spoke, offering powerful stories of resilience and the strength found in community.



## Cambridge Refugee Food Festival

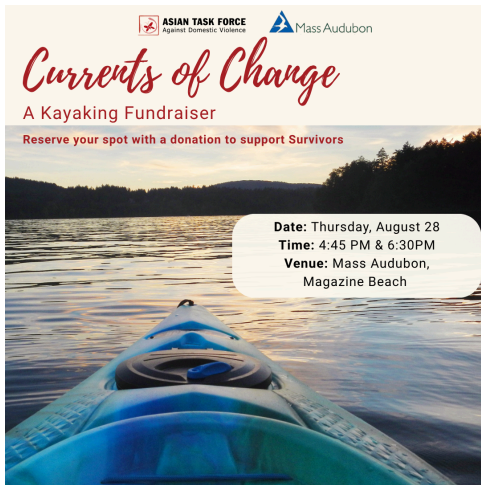


Held in partnership with [Roundtable](#) and [PAGU](#) Restaurant, this festival invited community members to connect through food and culture. We were proud to be part of the day—sharing stories, building connections, and talking with attendees about how ATASK supports immigrant and refugee survivors on their path to safety and healing. The festival was a powerful reminder of how food can open doors to conversation, culture, and belonging.

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## Upcoming Events

### Currents of Change: A Kayak Fundraiser for ATASK



Join us on the water for a guided kayak ecotour that blends nature, history, and impact. Experienced guides will highlight the river's ecology and how human activity has shaped its course. No prior experience needed — all equipment and beginner instruction are provided.

Date: Thursday, August 28  
Time: 4:45 PM & 6:30 PM  
Location: Mass Audubon, Magazine Beach Park Nature Center, Cambridge

[Register Here](#)

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