



# ASIAN TASK FORCE

## Against Domestic Violence

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### AAPI Heritage Month

AAPI Heritage Month celebrates, honors, and uplifts the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. It raises awareness about their challenges and triumphs, fostering understanding and empathy. Through cultural events and advocacy, it amplifies marginalized AAPI voices, advocates for social justice, and addresses issues like discrimination and healthcare disparities. AAPI Heritage Month reaffirms the rich tapestry of AAPI heritage and promotes solidarity and collective empowerment for a more inclusive society.

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## A Benefit Concert with Parker Quartet

Thursday, May 2nd, 7PM  
Powers Music School  
160 Lexington St.  
Belmont, MA

Join us for a special concert dedicated to supporting the Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK). ATASK has been at the forefront of empowering Asian survivors of domestic violence and abuse to rebuild their lives. It is the only multilingual and multicultural domestic violence organization in Massachusetts dedicated to serving the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community.

Come and be part of this special event and enjoy a captivating performance while supporting this meaningful cause. Your attendance will truly make a difference, and we look forward to seeing you!

**This event is free and donations are welcome. Space is limited, please reserve your ticket [here](#).**

**Doors open at 6:30 pm. Free event parking will be available at the location.**

### About Parker Quartet

[Daniel Chong](#), violin | [Ken Hamao](#), violin | [Jessica Bodner](#), viola | [Kee-Hyun Kim](#), cello

Internationally recognized for their “fearless, yet probingly beautiful” (The Strad) performances, the Grammy Award-winning Parker Quartet has rapidly distinguished itself as one of the preeminent ensembles of its generation, dedicated purely to the sound and depth of their music. Inspired performances and exceptional musicianship are hallmarks of the Quartet, having appeared at the world’s most illustrious venues since its founding in 2002.

Founded and currently based in Boston, the Parker Quartet’s numerous honors include winning the Concert Artists Guild Competition, the Grand Prix and Mozart Prize at France’s Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition, and Chamber Music America’s prestigious Cleveland Quartet Award. The members of the Parker Quartet serve as Professors of the Practice and Blodgett Artists-in-Residence at Harvard University’s Department of Music.

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 On May 4th

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### **Mention ATASK and 15% of your purchase will benefit Pan-Asian survivors.**

Online option is available. Please enter **ATASK** in the *notes* section before completing your online purchase.

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# AAPI 5K

## BOSTON



**May 18, 2024 at 9 AM**

**Carson Beach, South Boston**

ATASK warmly invites you to join TEAM ATASK.

Team code to register is: **ATASK**

**Register:**

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/76132/2024-boston-aapi-5k>

### **Run or walk with ATASK at the AAPI 5K!**

Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m. | Carson Beach, South Boston

ATASK invites you to join **Team ATASK** at the **Boston Road Runners AAPI 5K**, a community run/walk that celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Proceeds from the run will benefit local AAPI non-profits, including ATASK.

Register [here](#) and use code **ATASK** to join our team.

Can't attend? Support the ATASK Team by making a [donation](#).

ATASK Facebook and Instagram Accounts are a good resource for AAPI specific information.

*Click on the images below for some examples.*

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP:**

**24-HOUR MULTILINGUAL HOTLINE**  
**617-338-2355 OR INFO@ATASK.ORG**

We speak: English, Arabic, Bangla, Cantonese, Chiu Chau/Teochew, Filipino, Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Mandarin, Manipuri, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Thai, Taishanese, Taiwanese, Toisanese, Urdu, and Vietnamese

We are prepared and provide services to clients of any Asian speaking or other language.

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**Challenges for immigrant survivors**

Many Asian languages are not supported. There is little to no institutional capacity at the point of entry of govt agencies, police stations, 911 dispatches, courthouses, and social services. Many of our clients report being asked about immigration status by these very entities.

Many immigrants lack an understanding of American legal systems or individual rights - and are not provided with information or guidance in a way that is comprehensible to them

The Immigration status of the victim is often tied to marriage to the perp/abuser who uses threats of deportation, reporting to ICE, etc - to continue the control and inflict physical and sexual abuse

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### Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Although all youth are vulnerable to relationship abuse, culture and community norms common in Asian and Pacific Islander households can impact or exacerbate abuse experienced by API youth. These dynamics can include:

- Parents not outwardly expressing love or discussing healthy relationships or sex with children
- Children witness controlling behavior or abuse between parents: [based on our review of several studies, 21-55% of Asian women report intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence](#)
- Verbal abuse and corporal punishment like spanking or ear pulling is common and minimized
- Patriarchal norms such as deference to male children/male head of household, or demanding obedience in girls
- Teens, sometimes even college-age children, are forbidden to date

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### Statement

Recently, a Google software engineer was killed at home by her husband in a domestic violence incident. This young pair of software engineers both graduated from Tsinghua University (one of the top universities in China), earned a master's degree at UCSD, and worked at Google. The scene was extremely brutal and attracted widespread attention in the Chinese community.

Cultural differences between the US and China may lead to different understandings of domestic violence. What is abusive, violent behavior, and how should we respond to it?

Learn more through these slides

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



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