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SURVIVORS STRIVE TOWARDS THE AMERICAN DREAM



From Left to Right: NYAWC Executive Director Larry Lee, Attorney Lauren Burke, Project Free Manager Haemy Lee, and DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav.

To help domestic violence and human trafficking survivors find respite in the U.S., NYAWC launched the Carat Program through funding from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). Representing gold, the "Carat" symbolizes the richness of America that immigrant survivors would have the chance to attain through the program.

With the \$93,822 contract for the first year of the program, NYAWC hired an immigration attorney with Chinese language skills to help secure the necessary visa or immigration relief document that will allow survivors to remain in the U.S. Because of the in-house attorney, NYAWC clients will be able to access legal immigration relief services more easily. The comprehensive Carat Program will also offer counseling and other core intervention services, as well as trauma-sensitive yoga and ESL classes.

"We've all heard the horror stories," says DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav. "Young men and women put their trust in someone who promises to help them live out their American Dream but turns it into a nightmare. These immigrants not only fear physical violence and intimidation, but also the threat of deportation if they turn to an authority for help. Working with the New York Asian Women's Center, we will help victims of human trafficking and domestic violence find shelter, obtain counseling and work toward legal status, so they can begin building a life here in NYC."

NYAWC is thankful to DYCD for its foresight in offering this possibility of integrated services.

UPCOMING EVENT: 29TH ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT AND PHOENIX AWARDS

Please join NYAWC on **October 26, 2011** for the 29th Anniversary Benefit and Phoenix Awards at the beautiful Manhattan Penthouse as we celebrate 29 years of empowering women and children to live free of abuse.

Tickets: \$175 per person.

Tickets can be purchased at <http://www.nycharities.org/Events/EventLevels.aspx?ETID=3917>

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NYAWC 29TH ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT & PHOENIX AWARDS

SILENT AUCTION, HORS D'OEUVRES & COCKTAILS
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011
 MANHATTAN PENTHOUSE
 80 FIFTH AVENUE (AT 14TH STREET)
 6:30 - 9PM
 TICKETS: \$175

Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.nycharities.org, key word: New York Asian Women's Center
 For sponsorship and donation opportunities, contact vicki@vsplanningllc.com or 646-502-5337. www.nyawc.org

IRON CHEF HOSTS NYAWC STUDENTS

NYAWC's Drawing And Truth (DAT) students and mentors received a delicious treat in July when Iron Chef Jehangir Mehta invited them for a visit to his Manhattan restaurant, Mehtaphor. The eight inspired students watched and helped the chef prepare foods many of them had never even seen before. As dishes were prepared, they tasted their creations — and developed an appetite for new foods, fine dining and future possibilities.



Bank of America volunteers

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS

On August 6, 10 Bank of America employees from the bank's Asian Leadership Network (ALN) gathered at the Rose House shelter to give its walls a fresh coat of paint. ALN is an employee resource group that focuses on giving back to the local Asian community, in addition to supporting employees through networking, mentoring and information forums. The enthusiastic volunteers completed the children's room and stairwells, providing the residents a welcome surprise. Special thanks to them and the Asian American Federation for organizing the event.

NYAWC would also like to thank Hedge Funds Care; Korean American Community Foundation; Morgan Stanley Foundation, New York City Council Members Margaret Chin, Daniel Dromm and Peter Koo; Wei Wei Wang Foundation; TJX Foundation and many others for their generous support in summer 2011.



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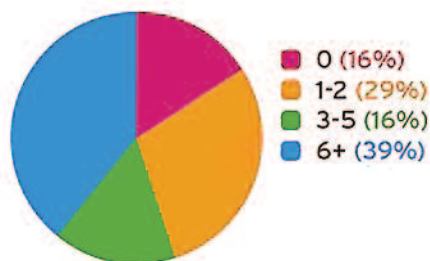
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YOUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXPERIENCE: SURVEY RESULT

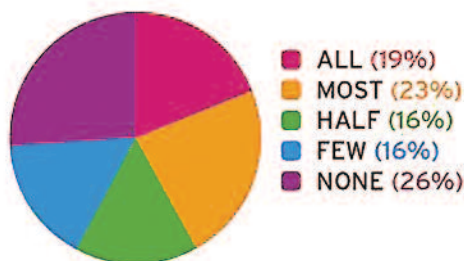
In our June 2011 issue, we asked about your experience with domestic violence. Here are the results of the survey. Thank you to those who participated.

How many domestic violence (DV) survivors do you know?

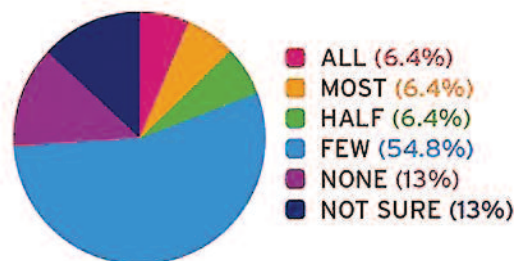


TOTAL RESPONDENTS: 31

Of the DV survivors you know who may have needed assistance, how many did you approach to help?



How many of the DV survivors whom you know sought help (from people, organization, police, etc.)?



Over 80% of respondents knew of at least one domestic violence survivor, but more than 25% did not approach any survivor to help. Only about 6% indicated that all of the survivors they knew sought help.

If you or someone you know needs assistance,
please call NYAWC's 24/7 multilingual hotline at
1-888-888-7702.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

NYAWC has some unique opportunities for volunteers to make a difference. Right now, NYAWC can use your help in these critical areas:

- **Client Advocacy:** Assist clients at court/public offices on weekdays. We have a high need for Bengali and Korean speakers.
- **Activities with Children:** Plan and run activities, like arts & crafts, games, and cooking, with children and teens at one of our shelters once a week.
- **NYAWC Hotline:** Answer the hotline in our main office for 3-hour (preferably longer) shifts between 9am-7pm during the weekdays.
- **Volunteer Council:** Join other volunteers dedicated to creating a more rewarding service experience by coordinating social activities for volunteers and collaborating on NYAWC program improvements.
- **Drawing and Truth Mentor Program:** Mentor adolescents who have been affected by domestic violence through digital art and other engaging activities. No prior experience in making digital art is required.

Contact Xue Yi Zhen at xzhen@nyawc.org for all volunteer opportunities.


Find out more and see other opportunities on the NYAWC website: <http://nyawc.org/involved/volunteer.html>

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What is the significance of the phoenix?
The phoenix is a mythological bird reborn from fire and ashes. The New York Asian Women's Center chose the phoenix as its logo to symbolize the strength of the women who have overcome domestic violence.

Yes! I want to help women and children live a life free of abuse.
 Please add me to the **NYAWC** mailing list.



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Volunteer!

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