



Asian Women United  
of Minnesota

*2009 Annual Report*



## *Mission & Vision*

**MISSION** Asian Women United of Minnesota will end domestic violence by promoting safe and healthy relationships within the Asian-Pacific Islander community.

**VISION** We are the leader in eliminating violence in the Asian-Pacific Islander community, and share the expertise of our best practices with others. Using the strengths of the API community, AWUM will uphold an environment free of violence, promote self-sufficiency for women, and foster nurtured and healthy children and families.





*Greetings & Welcome*

## LETTER FROM BOARD PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues, Supporters, and Friends,

FY2009 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) was a year of new beginnings for Asian Women United of Minnesota (AWUM). We welcomed our new leadership. We redesigned our logo and website. More importantly, we rededicated our efforts to provide comprehensive services to Asian-Pacific Islander families across the state of Minnesota.

Building the capacity to serve during the financial challenges of 2009 resulted in sound strategies, allowing AWUM to expand our reach to more women and children in crisis. Our goal now is to serve more families in need, to develop new strategies to address the difficult and complex issues of our neediest participants, to develop our educational outreach in our diverse Asian communities, and to extend our therapeutic services to women requiring long-term support for independent living.

We invite you to review our Annual Report, which highlights the successes of this past year. We acknowledge the amazing work of dedicated staff, volunteers, and interns, as well as the courageous efforts of every woman and child that AWUM crosses path with each day.

We look forward to 2010-2011 as a year of expansion and cultivation of partnerships with individuals like you. With your support, we can and will continue to press forward, working together, one family at a time, to end domestic violence.

On behalf of Asian Women United of Minnesota, thank you for your interest and continued support.

Sincerely,

*Valerie Wurster*  
Chair, Board of Directors



*Claudia R. Stahl*  
Executive Director





## 2009 Accomplishments

- Created a new agency logo/brand and launched a new website, making us more accessible and to broaden our reach. This accomplishment signals a new stage in AWUM's work and in our leadership in ending domestic violence in the Asian-Pacific Islander (API) community.

### AWUM participants totals in 2009 fiscal year:

- ◆ House of Peace = 1,191
  - ◆ 109 women, 81 children
  - ◆ Crisis Line calls = 1001
- ◆ Community Advocacy Program = 1,219
  - ◆ 1,031 women & men, 6 children
  - ◆ Health fairs/booths = 115 visitors
  - ◆ Trainings/presentations = 60 people
  - ◆ Volunteers/interns = 7; total hrs = 500+



- Revised our crisis intake process, taking into account each survivor's decision-making, autonomy & self-determination, with a focus on safety and empowerment of each woman.
- Created a new position, Child Advocate. Via the use of recreational art activities, this staff person's focus is on the healing and support of the young residents in the House of Peace shelter.
- Welcomed new staff members from different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds to continually increase & strengthen AWUM's capacity to address the varied needs of our diverse API community. 80% staff are of API backgrounds.



## HOUSE OF PEACE (HOP)

- Temporary emergency shelter
- Safety planning
- Help with filing for financial assistance
- Legal referrals for family and immigration law
- 24-hour multi-lingual crisis line
- Women's & children's support groups
- Assistance in obtaining Orders for Protection (OFP) & Harassment Restraining Orders (HRO)



## COMMUNITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (CAP)



- Violence prevention & outreach in the API community
- Legal (criminal & civil court) advocacy
- Training for service providers on domestic violence within the API communities
- On-going follow-up services
- Community dialogues on domestic violence within the API community



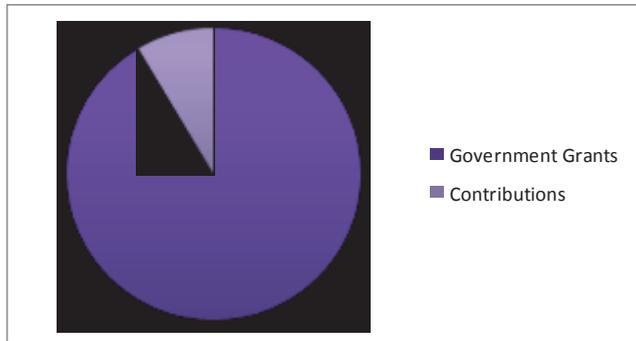
# Financial Information

## Asian Women United of MN 2009-2010 Financials

(July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

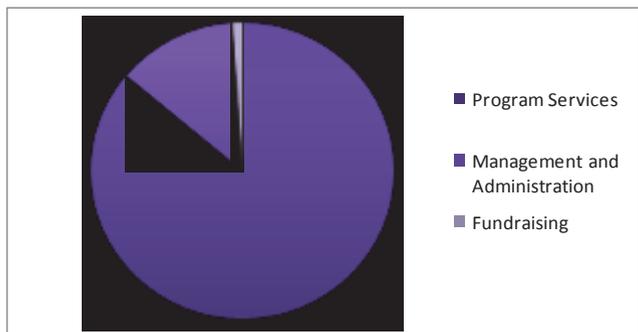
### Support and Revenue

		%
Government Grants	794,442	91%
Contributions	<u>74,602</u>	9%
	\$869,044	



### Expense

		%
Program Services	738,475	86%
Management & Administration	110,073	13%
Fundraising	<u>9,084</u>	1%
	\$857,632	





## *Financial Information continued*

### **Asian Women United of MN 2009-2010 Financials**

(July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

#### **Assets**

##### Current Assets:

Cash	0
Accounts Receivable	134,295
Prepaid Expenses	<u>17,154</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>151,449</b>

Leasehold Improve-  
ments & Equipment -  
Net

49,660

**Total Assets** **\$201,109**

#### **Liabilities & Net Assets**

##### Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	30,043
Accrued Expenses	27,260
Accrued Salaries & Vacation	26,402
Refundable Advances	<u>19,875</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>103,580</b>

##### Net Assets:

Unrestricted	82,779
Temporarily Restricted	<u>14,750</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>97,529</b>

**Total Liabilities & Net  
Assets**

**\$201,109**

### **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, GRANTS & FOUNDATIONS**

- U.S Department of Justice (Office of Justice Programs)
- City of Minneapolis: GTEAP (Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program: Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice)
- Target Corporation
- 2010 Census
- Otto Bremer Foundation
- Hennepin County - Domestic Abuse Service Center (DASC)
- Open Your Hearts to the Hungry and Homeless
- HRK Foundation
- Minnesota State Bar Foundation
- Hennepin County Bar Foundation



## *Participant Testimonials*

### **FROM HOUSE OF PEACE (HOP)**

*“I use to be very scared and very worry. AWUM help me become independent and help build my self-esteem.”*

*“**AWUM staffs help** support & guide me through my hard time. AWUM is a good organization that provides good services to all Asian battered women.”*

*“**AWUM staff supported me** through my pregnancy and labor even after I have my baby. AWUM gave me safe shelter—for me and my baby.”*

*“**AWUM is an awesome shelter** that helps women in problems of violence. My dad is very mean and I feel safe here. It’s a place that keeps you safe. It gave me a home. ”*

### **FROM COMMUNITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (CAP)**

*“**AWUM is a good agency.** Without their services, I believe that many women would not know where to go and think that ‘dying’ is their only answer to solve their problems.”*

*“**AWUM made a huge difference** in my life. Each time that I was involved in domestic situations, they were able to open their door for me and my children. They help me with court issues, find lawyer, and everything that I don’t know.”*

*“**AWUM have great service.** They provide temporary shelter and have great staffs.”*

*“**A great staff that care** and provided me with a lot of help is my experience with AWUM.”*



## Volunteers & Interns

### SERVICES OFFERED, INSIGHTS GAINED

*promoting safe & healthy families one community member at a time*

#### **Ms. Mai Vang, Intern**

“Overall, my experience with the agency was the best I can ever have. I loved going there every day and talk to the residents and see how they are doing with their goals.



The experience encouraged me to be able to move forward without being a victim of any abuse case. And being able to see and notice things right away and report it.”

#### **Mr. Phen Vang, Intern**

“Knowledge gained from my internship at AWUM’s House of Peace shelter:



- Survivors who do not speak English require more assistance and patience from advocates.
- Residents sometimes need extended stay due to unfortunate events that occur.
- In order to help someone become independent, many resources have to be utilized.”

#### **Ms. Hana Jang, Volunteer/Intern now Staff**

“Volunteering at the House of Peace has undoubtedly been one of the most gratifying experiences I have been able to partake in. It has allowed me to witness women from diverse backgrounds to empower themselves and not fall victim to circumstance. The unique relationship between advocate and resident served as a guide for providing effective services in a professional yet genuine manner, taking every consideration for kindness and respect. As an intern, I have worked to provide clients with the services they require to regain their complete independence. This includes assistance in client intake, case work, counseling, and co-advocating in family court cases. In addition, I have strived to build rapport with clients to cultivate trust and respect, and foster friendly relations.”





## *Leadership*

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Judge Regina Chu  
Sue Cook  
Gloria Fressia  
Nalima Sitate  
Valerie Wurster, President

### **LEAD STAFF**

Sipra Jha, Shelter Co-Director  
Monica Medrano, Shelter Co-Director  
Lucas (Louie) Munn, Facilities Supervisor  
Claudia Stahl, Executive Director  
Pheng Thao, Community Programs Director  
Nancy Wong, Communications Manager



*Many Thanks*

## WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

*to promote safe & healthy families within the API community*

Ua tsaug (Hmong)

Salamat (Filipino)

감사합니다 (Korean)

คุณขอบคุณ (Thai)

Orkun (Cambodian)

Khawp jai (Lao)

धन्यवाद (Hindi)

ありがとう (Japanese)

Thuk-je-chae (Tibetan)

Cảm ơn bạn (Vietnamese)

اپ کا شکریہ (Urdu)

谢谢 (Chinese)





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to our homes, our community,  
and our world.*