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**Daya's "One Voice" Initiative During Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

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Daya volunteers at the "One Voice" event held on October 23 in the Hillcroft area

HOUSTON: For the fourth year, Daya Serving South Asian Families in Crisis, successfully collaborated with the Houston Police Department (HPD), to host 'One Voice' an event to increase public awareness against domestic violence in the community. Held on Saturday, October 23rd in the Hillcroft area, 'One Voice' is a Daya initiative to commemorate the National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

With well over 200 people attending the event, the afternoon was a roaring success. Assistant Chief John Chen was present to support the event. Participants formed a human chain along Hillcroft Avenue from US-59 to Westpark Tollway spreading the message of peace and violence free homes, by holding banners and posters with slogans against domestic violence and in support of healthy families.

"One Voice" was a peaceful gathering of community members expressing solidarity with victims of family violence. The event helped raise awareness about domestic violence and encouraged the community to engage in a healthy dialogue to break the cycle of violence. Supporting organizations such as A Nisa Hope Center, Asians Against Domestic Abuse, ESCAPE Family Resource Center, Houston Area Women's Center, Risala Foundation and the Change Institute participated by distributing their valuable information and being part of the human chain. DJ Sajawal Dass of the Global Beatz kept the participants energized and engaged the many hundreds of passersby through out the event. Kids were entertained by the face painting provided by the Daya Volunteers.

Domestic violence is a serious crime that has significant consequences for its victims and the community at large. In 2009, Daya took more than 4000 crisis related calls and served more than 215 victims of domestic violence.

According to a study by the National Institute of Justice and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the US, (and) occurs among all ages, genders, races, educational background and socio-economic groups. Each year, between two and four million women are battered and over 300,000 women experience domestic violence while they are pregnant, resulting in the leading cause of death among pregnant women

Education and outreach is an integral part of Daya's work. It is Daya's hope that through the 'One Voice' event an inspiring, festive, and meaningful environment was created to bring attention to the serious issue of domestic violence and its devastating effects on families and communities.

The event was supported by a grant from the Simmons Foundation, and sponsored by Kohinoor Diamonds and Verizon Wireless. Food and refreshments were donated by Sabri Nehari, United Central Bank, Raja Sweets, Mezban Restaurant, Shawarma King and An Nisa Hope Center.

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