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Daya Initiates Healthcare Collaboration

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HOUSTON: On Sunday, June 14, 2009, Daya held a networking luncheon with healthcare providers from South Asian and other local healthcare facilities. The luncheon was attended by over forty individuals and groups to assist build comprehensive solutions to domestic violence.

The luncheon was the first major step towards the idea that initiated in 2009 and the goals of which are to ensure that domestic violence victims have timely access to affordable access to healthcare providers and resources. The long term goal of the program is also to collaborate with physicians, psychiatrists, counselors, nurses, ob-gynecologists, pediatricians, psychologists and other healthcare providers to provide necessary healthcare services for domestic violence victims.

The attendees also included individuals from Shifa Clinic, Indian Doctors Association, Memorial Hermann Forensic Nursing Services, Child Protective Services, and ICNA Relief, who will be crucial in assisting Daya attain its short and long term goals. Some of the ways that were suggested for the healthcare providers to help the victims at their facilities was to inform them about Daya services, provide them with free and subsidized healthcare and be sensitive to their cultural needs and DV history.

Currently, Daya helps the Domestic Violence victims by applying for their Medicaid, CHIP, Gold Card, and Indigent Health Card. In case of medical help, the victims are referred to local charity clinics.

Daya promotes healthy family relationships in the South-Asian community by providing services that include counseling, referrals, legal advocacy, and financial support to women and children affected by family violence and sexual assault. Daya also promotes awareness on topics relevant to the welfare of South Asian families through educational seminars, publications, and outreach events. To find out more info about how you can help Daya with its mission, please call at 713-981-7645 or visit our website: www.dayahouston.org

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