

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- October being Domestic violence awareness month, Daya and Houston Police Department came together for "One Voice 2011"
- SABA (South Asian Bar Association) Houston did Happy hour for Daya.
- AABA (Asian American Bar Association) organized Information session about Domestic Violence. Daya presented at the session.
- Appreciation Luncheon in November was well received by supporting Organizations and attorneys.
- Rice South Asian Society raises money for Daya by organizing cultural event Dhamaka 2011 at Rice Memorial Hall.

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Daya Commemorates October as Domestic Violence

Awareness Month : One Voice 2011

"Stop domestic violence"
"Our children deserve safer homes"
"Love is not abuse:"
these were the signs that volunteers and supporters of Daya carried as they formed a human chain on Hillcroft Avenue on Saturday, October 15th. Clad in bright yellow t-shirts and dancing to the beat of dhol and desi music, they marked One Voice Against Domestic Violence, Daya's fifth annual outdoor event held in partnership with the Houston Police Department to bring awareness to family violence in South Asian communities. The sun was bright, the energy level was high, and the message of zero tolerance

to violence was just as loud and clear. The 140+ participants showed off their signs and distributed pamphlets



Pic: One Voice supporters & Houston Police on Oct 15, 2011
In Hillcroft Ave, Houston

and the passers-by responded by honking and cheering.

Appreciation Luncheon : Nov 2011

Appreciation Luncheon on Nov 18th was well received by the supporting Organizations. Arranged by Daya, the event started off with a presentation by Ms. Abhilasha V (Daya Staff) followed by Question and answer session by Ms. Nusrat Ameen and Ms. Vyoma Majmudar, Daya Staff. Attendees included Ms. Anu Bala and Mr. Surender

Talwar from Indo American Charity Foundation, Ms. Dee Koch from George Foundation, Ms. Meghana Gowswami from Houston Endowment and attorneys of Daya Legal Clinic. The Luncheon was held in Madras Pavilion to recognize and thank all the supporting Organizations and Attorneys.

Rice SAS supports Daya



Pic : Vinita I (Rice SAS), Abhilasha V (Daya Staff), Punya N (Rice SAS) & Padmini N (Daya Board)

It was a dazzling night of Bollywood music alluring a whopping crowd of 600 plus Houstonians at the Rice Memorial Center in Rice Campus on Saturday November 19, 2011. The event started with popular Bollywood dance songs followed by classical and contemporary dances. The main focus of the event was on dances and fashion show, a musical evening where Rice students organized a South Asian cultural event. The Rice SAS Team consisting of Vinita, Onkur, Punya and others worked together to raise \$2K to donate to Daya, a nonprofit organization that provides free services to those in the South Asian community who are victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault. "We had 229 clients in 2010 and this year it has increased to 240 already, there are a lot of families in Houston needing help," informs Abhilasha who works for the organization.

AABA Houston Information Session

Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston awarded community organization grant to Daya, Inc in the month of September, 2011.

Information session was arranged in October by AABA to understand about Domestic violence in the South Asian Community. Being Attorneys, it was AABA's Initiative to volunteer and serve the South Asian Community by implementing Legal expertise for Daya Clients may it be Immigration Law, Family Law, Criminal Law and so on.

The information session presented by Daya Staff followed by question and answer session was successful session where attorneys asked questions about Daya clients and the kind of legal issues they face. Daya has legal clinic with 29 attorneys in Houston and 4 attorneys from Dallas.



Pic1: From left Audrey C (AABA), Saima R (Daya volunteer), Vyoma M (Daya Staff), Abhilasha V(Daya Staff), Alice H (AABA) & Nusrat A (Daya Staff) / Pic2: Presentation by Abhilasha V



SABA of Houston holds Happy Hour for Daya, Inc.



Pic : Daya staff from left Abhilasha V, Nusrat A and Vyoma M

South Asian Bar Association of Houston held Happy hour and an informal information session to understand Domestic violence and Daya's free services to the victims of Domestic violence and sexual assault. It was held at Hefleys Bar and Grill.



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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.

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