



# Monthly Visions

## Welcome Back!

We hope you had a rejuvenating and relaxing summer!

Let's welcome the following new members to New Visions:

- Kyung Sook Kim
- Isok Kim
- Sungwon Park

Whether you are a newcomer, a longtime member, or interested in getting involved, this is a great time to (re)commit in our efforts to address and end violence against women in Asian communities of Southeast Michigan. Your time and efforts make a difference in our communities.

We have a lot of exciting projects for you to get involved in. Have you ever thought about....

- Creating a theater sketch for community members about domestic violence;
- Organizing small gatherings where people can talk openly and safely about domestic violence, and related issues, on a regular basis; or,
- Writing articles or poems to raise awareness about domestic violence and inspire action in our community.

These are just a few projects to get involved in. We are always looking for creative and innovative ways to encourage community members to go beyond raising awareness about domestic violence to taking action. Please join us as we move towards creating safer and healthier Asian communities!

## Moviefest: Bhaji on the Beach

Directed by award-winning director, Gurinder Chadha, *Bhaji on the Beach* features a group of ladies in England, of East Indian origin, who decide to take a day trip to the beach resort Blackpool. As the day unfolds, you find out more about the challenges each woman is facing and how she intends on overcoming them. It's a day every one of them will not soon forget.

When: Wed. Sept. 26th, 2007, 6 to 9pm

Where: University of Michigan School of Social Work, Rm-631 (Basement)

Please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 21st, to [newvisions@umich.edu](mailto:newvisions@umich.edu) or 734.615.2106. Space is limited!

## Save-the-Date: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

**New Visions** is a community-university partnership whose mission is to inspire and support sustainable community action for ending violence against women in Asian communities of Southeast Michigan. Affiliated with the University of Michigan School of Social Work, we work with local Asian communities and domestic violence-related agencies achieve one vision: "Asian women are safe, and Asian communities are free of violence."

- Take Back the Night (Sponsored by First Step and UM-Dearborn Women's Resource Center) : Thurs., Oct. 4th, 2007, 6pm @ UM-Dearborn's University Center Stage
- Purple Ribbon Campaign throughout the month of October: Turning Point, Inc., a domestic violence program in Macomb County is giving away purple ribbons, which symbolizes courage, survival, and commitment to end violence against women. Check out <http://turningpointinc.com> for more activities for DV Awareness Month.
- SafeHouse Center (Washtenaw County): Call 734.973.0242 for details
  - > Big House Big Heart Walk/Run: Oct. 4th, 2007, 6pm @ UM's Big House Football Stadium
  - > Recital to benefit SafeHouse Center: Oct. 6th, 2007, 4-6pm @ Temple Beth Emeth, Saint Clare's Episcopal Church
  - >Candle Light Vigil: Oct. 10th, 5-7pm, @ SafeHouse Center

## What Do AVON, The Body Shop, and Liz Claiborne Have In Common?

All these popular companies have their own campaign against domestic violence.

### AVON

In 2004, The Avon Foundation launched the *Speak Out Against Domestic Violence* program. Since launching the program, more than \$4 million has been awarded to domestic violence organizations across the U.S. *Speak Out* supports awareness, education, direct services and prevention programs.

The Avon Foundation is partnering with Oscar-nominated actress Salma Hayek on the *Speak Out Against Domestic Violence* program, which includes free educational materials, training programs, fundraising activities and public service announcements. Projects include the *Need for Speed Relay Against Domestic Violence*, the new *Need for Speed Against Domestic Violence* campaign in 2007 and a request for proposals for projects aimed at *Helping Children of Domestic Violence*. (Adapted from <http://www.avoncompany.com/women/speakout/index.html>)



### The Body Shop

The Body Shop International, better known as The Body Shop, has over 2,000 stores in more than 50 countries. The company, headquartered in Littlehampton, England, was founded by Anita Roddick. Ms. Roddick passed away on September 10, 2007 at the age of 64. She leaves behind a commitment to a wide range of global issues, including ending domestic violence.

*Stop Violence in the Home* is The Body Shop's campaign encouraging and supporting customers and employees to get active against domestic violence.

Launched in 2003, this global campaign demonstrates The Body Shop's commitment to creating real change around the world, starting in Canada, the USA, West Malaysia and the Phillipines. The emphasis of the *Stop Violence in the Home* campaign is on creating a better future for victims of domestic violence by raising awareness of the issue and generating funds to end it. (Adapted from <http://www.thebodyshopinternational.com/Values+and+Campaigns/Our+Campaigns/Stop+Violence+In+The+Home/>)

Some of the biggest victims of Domestic violence are the smallest.



### Liz Claiborne

Since 1991, Liz Claiborne Inc. has been committed to ending domestic violence. Through their *Love Is Not Abuse* program, the company provides information and tools men, women, and youth can use to learn more about the issue and help their community.

Support Liz Claiborne and its partners on September 25, 2007 for *It's Time to Talk Day*. Around the country, talk radio, government officials, domestic violence advocates, businesses, schools and the public-at-large will take a moment - or more - to talk openly about an issue that affects nearly one in three women at some point in their lifetime. (Adapted from <http://www.loveisnotabuse.com/index.html>)



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