



Asian American Institute

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What would you do if your child was the target of school harassment? What if you, as a small business owner, were treated like a second-class citizen? Who can you turn to if a department-store employee called you a “mail-order bride”? Or if your family member was the target of random violence or a hate crime? This past year, the Asian American Institute has taken on these cases of discrimination to advance justice for all Asian Americans.

The Asian American Institute has been fighting against stereotypes of our community being divided and invisible. With you and our partner organizations, we have been winning—gaining more coverage in the media, creating a greater network of leaders, and changing unfair laws. With recent accomplishments, including the reinclusion of Asian Americans in Chicago’s public contracting program, the **Asian American Institute** (AAI) has built great momentum that needs your contribution to keep it going

Over the last year, AAI has continued not only to deliver high-quality programs, but also launch several new ones to create a much needed pipeline of Asian American leaders. The Impact Fellows Program trains young leaders, while the Catalyst for Responsive Civic Leadership (CRCL) will ignite and support executive-level civic leadership. We are also excited to have a new community organizer on staff, as well as to grow our Legal Advocacy Program. Both programs have added more muscle to our fight for justice.

Your continued commitment to empowering our community is vital. **Every contribution, of any size, makes a difference.** To make a gift, please complete and mail back your pledge card along with your credit card information or check. For faster giving, go online: www.aaaichicago.org/main_giving.html and use a Visa/MC credit card. And your employer matching program may leverage the value of your donation.

Thank you,

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PS. Join one of our **Club Levels** and receive a copy of our *Asian American Compass*. Also, *Save the Date* for our 16th Anniversary **Milestone Benefit Dinner** on **Wed. April 23, 2008**.