

THE CATALYST FOR CHANGE AWARDS HONOR APA LEADERS WHO ARE A FORCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN THEIR FIELDS OF WORK. PLEASE JOIN US AS WE RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR HONOREES AT THE

CATALYST
for CHANGE



COALITION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN CHILDREN + FAMILIES
2019 CATALYST FOR CHANGE AWARDS GALA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

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PROGRAM, THE ASIAN AMERICAN
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(ASAP), ACTIVATES APA YOUTH
TO BE LIFE-LONG LEARNERS
AND CHANGE-MAKERS WHO:**

1. ARE PREPARED TO THRIVE IN
THE REAL WORLD AND TAKE ACTION

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2. KNOW THEIR SELF-WORTH,
UNDERSTAND THEIR COMMUNITIES,
AND FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING

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THAT TOUCH THE LIVES OF ALL
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DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of the board and staff of CACF, we thank you for joining us this evening for the third annual Catalyst for Change Awards Gala. We are excited to celebrate with you the contributions of our 2019 honorees as well as the successes CACF has had over the past year.

Our Catalyst for Change honorees have raised the consciousness of others, have trained our community leaders, and have implemented policies that impact hundreds of thousands of lives every day. **Jason DaSilva** through his films and his activism has told stories to expand our perspectives, challenge the status quo, and ensure we are lifting the stories of those who are often the most invisible amongst us. **Project by Project**, for over two decades has created the space for young Asian Pacific American professionals to build their leadership skills and understanding of our community's history and struggles, but also support local APA community organizations through philanthropy, volunteerism, and outreach. **Dr. Ram Raju** has dedicated his life to quality health care and ensuring that systems of care address the needs of the most vulnerable communities and work to eliminate health disparities.

Just like our honorees, CACF continues our fight for those in the APA community who are most marginalized. We listen to our community's stories, develop our next generation of leaders, and unite our diverse communities. We are committed to transforming our communities so that every child has the resources they need to reach their fullest potential. CACF knows we do not do this alone - with our members, young people, and allies, we are building a collective voice for the Asian Pacific American community. We believe that by working to improve the conditions of those struggling with poverty, linguistic and cultural barriers, and the myth of the model minority, we can improve the health and well-being of our children and families.

With your support, CACF will continue to build upon our successes to shape a world that can live up to our highest values.

CACF's **Invisible No More** campaign passed City and State legislation that requires the collection of more accurate demographic information on the APA community.

CACF's **15% and Growing** campaign continues to work with over 50 community based organizations to fight for City investments in culturally competent and language accessible services - over the years we've seen increasing City dollars supporting local groups.

CACF's **In-Person Navigator** collaborative will build upon 5 years of successfully supporting tens of thousands of families to enroll in health insurance with a new 5 year grant and more partners (10 partners, 13 sites) and more languages (19 languages).

We thank you again for being here with us this evening to celebrate community and our collective power for change.



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ERNABEL DEMILLO

REPORTER/HOST OF THE 7-TIME EMMY NOMINATED SHOW "ASIAN AMERICAN LIFE"
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER FOR "ARTS IN THE CITY" & "SIMPLY SCIENCE" CUNY-TV CHANNEL 75, 25.3
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CHAIR OF THE COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA CULTURE DEPARTMENT, SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY

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ACTOR/DIRECTOR,
SESAME STREET

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RAM RAJU, MD, MBA, FACHE

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND COMMUNITY HEALTH INVESTMENT OFFICER
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CATALYST FOR CHANGE AWARD PRESENTATION

PROJECT BY PROJECT

(ACCEPTED BY LILIANA CHEN, CO-FOUNDER)

DINNER

CATALYST FOR CHANGE AWARD PRESENTATION

JASON DaSILVA

FILM DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, WRITER
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER, AXS LAB

TESTIMONIAL

SADAF OMAR

SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER, NEIGHBORHOOD 360° SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES

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CATALYST for CHANGE AWARD HONOREE

RAM RAJU, MD, MBA, FACHE

Ram Raju, MD combines his executive leadership experience in healthcare with a deep commitment to achieving social equity to improve the health of communities in need.

As senior vice president and community health investment officer, he evaluates the needs of Northwell's most-vulnerable communities, and provides solutions for them by collaborating with community-based organizations. He's responsible for promoting, sustaining and advancing an environment that supports equity and diversity, and helping the health system eliminate health disparities.

Prior to Northwell, Dr. Raju served as president and CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals from January 2014-November 2016. NYC Health + Hospitals has 42,000 employees, 11 acute-care hospitals, five nursing homes, six diagnostic and treatment centers, more than 70 community-based health centers, a large home care agency and one of the region's largest providers of government-sponsored health insurance, MetroPlus Health Plan.

Dr. Raju also served as CEO for the Cook County Health and Hospitals System in Chicago, the nation's third largest public health system, where he improved cash flow by more than \$100 million and changed the system's financial health during his tenure from 2011-2014.

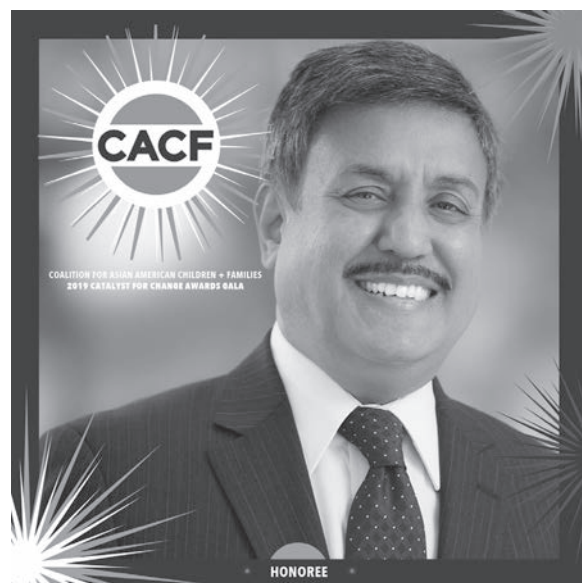
His medical career began at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn and he later served as chief operating officer and medical director at NYC Health + Hospitals' Coney Island Hospital. In

2006, Dr. Raju became the HHC chief medical officer, corporate chief operating officer and executive vice president. Under his leadership, HHC continued to improve quality, patient safety and health care data transparency.

Dr. Raju served as vice-chair of the Greater New York Hospital Association and currently sits on the boards of numerous city, state and national health care organizations, including the American Hospital

Association, the New York Academy of Medicine and the Asian Health Care Leaders Association. Among his numerous awards and accolades, Dr. Raju was selected to Modern Healthcare's "100 Most-Influential People in Healthcare." Modern Healthcare also named him one of the "Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare" and one of "50 Most-Influential Physician Executives in Healthcare." In 2013, he was named a Business Leader of Color by Chicago United.

Dr. Raju earned a medical diploma and Master of Surgery from Madras Medical College in India. He underwent further training in England, where he was elected as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. He later received an MBA from the University of Tennessee and CPE from the American College of Physician Executives.



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PROJECT BY PROJECT

Project by Project (PbP) was founded in 1998 by a group of young Asian American professionals motivated to empower the Asian American community by developing leaders through innovative philanthropy. Core to PbP's methodology is a three-pronged approach to enhancing volunteerism, awareness, and fundraising for issues uniquely affecting Asian America. Building upon those principles, PbP created a platform for annual thematic campaigns tackling different causes from year to year. From domestic violence, to immigration, to homelessness, PbP has become a gateway for young Asian Americans to explore civic engagement while exercising leadership skills.

Its signature event, Plate by Plate, brings together the best the culinary world for an astonishing tasting event celebrating Asian American achievements. Marking its 22nd year of service, PbP has partnered with over 50 non-profit organizations via its chapters in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Communications executive, **Liliana Chen**, is a co-founder of Project by Project and the only member to serve on the leadership team continuously for 22 years. Ms. Chen has shepherded PbP through expansions to 3 chapters in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, as well as guided its development into a leadership program with a focus on Asian American legacy. PbP boasts a leadership team of 100 active volunteers nationwide, many of whom serve multiple years on the Steering Committee. Under her stewardship, PbP's marquee event, Plate by Plate has become the premier annual tasting benefit for the Asian American community, featured in an episode of Bravo TV's "Top Chef."

Throughout the course of her career in communications, Ms. Chen has worked with various entrepreneurs, entertainers, journalists, and culinary personalities, many of whom are Asian American. Currently, she works in the luxury timepiece industry helping public relations in the US and Canada for Breguet, one of the most prestigious watch brands in the world.



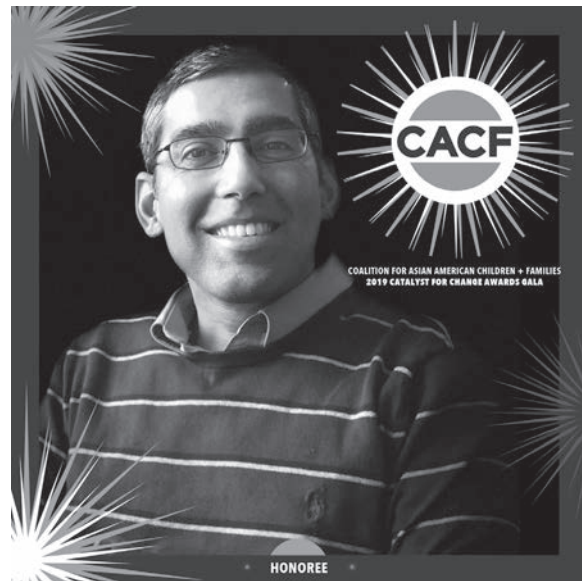
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JASON DASILVA

Jason Dasilva is a director, producer, writer and disability rights activist best known for the Emmy Award winning documentary, *When I Walk*, the first film in a documentary trilogy. The documentary follows his diagnosis of primary progressive multiple sclerosis for seven years as he progresses from cane to walker to wheelchair. Following the success of *When I Walk*, Jason released the second film in the trilogy, *When We Walk*. *When We Walk* follows his life as he deals with his MS and fights to stay close with his son. The film is based on his New York Times Op-Ed article, *Mapping the Disability Trap*. In 2019, the film premiered at the Hot Docs Film Festival, won best documentary at the Center for Asian American Media's CAAMFest, and had its New York debut at the Human Rights Watch Film Festival. The final film, *When They Walk*, is currently in production.

Jason DaSilva is also the President and Founder of AXS Lab, a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving a voice to people with disabilities through film, media and technology. As the President of AXS Lab, Jason is the key creative and strategic

voice of the organization, providing insight to necessities in disability activism and facilitating AXS Lab's work with the United Nations and partner organizations around the world. AXS Map, a crowd sourced Google map based platform which rates the accessibility of businesses, is the primary technology branch of AXS Lab, the largest online database in North America for accessibility. In 2015, Jason had the opportunity to share his AXS Map on a disability panel at the White House. AXS Map serves as an active tool for change alongside his films.



In 2014, Jason won three awards: the American Association of Persons with Disabilities (AAPD) Paul G. Hearn Leadership Award, the New Mobility

Magazine: Person of the Year Award, and the Christopher Award for Excellence in Film. This year, he is being awarded the Top 40 Trailblazers Award from the Community Resource Exchange, an award for leaders who are driving meaningful change in their communities and the larger world.

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EMCEE

ERNABEL DEMILLO



Ernabel Demillo is a veteran New York City broadcaster and journalism educator. For 10 years, she worked as a reporter and anchor on the Emmy-award winning FOX morning news show, "Good Day New York."

Before coming to New York, she was a reporter for the Orange County Newschannel and the CBS-affiliate in Sacramento.

She currently hosts and reports for CUNY-TV's 7-time Emmy-nominated program "Asian American Life" <http://www.cuny.tv/show/asianamericanlife>, a magazine-style show focusing on the tri-state's Asian American community. Her stories have focused on hard-hitting AAPI issues from the growing political influence of AAPIs to Asian American parents and their LGBTQ children. Her stories have also focused on diversity in theater, Hollywood and children's/YA literature. And she has interviewed and profiled innovators, leaders and rising stars in business, technology, entertainment and the arts.

In addition, Ernabel is a contributing reporter for several CUNY-TV-produced programs, including "Arts in the City" and "Simply Science". In 2019, 2017 and 2013, she was honored with an individual Emmy nomination for her reporting on Cambodians in the Bronx, Filipinos in New York City and Best Environment Program for her story on a group of musicians who turn trash into musical instruments.

She is an award-winning journalist, cited by the Governor of New York for her service and contributions to the Asian American Community and was honored with a Folio Award for Best

Environmental Reporting. She also made BuzzFeed's list of 34 Epic Filipinos in the United States for her work as a journalist and educator and was featured in the recent book: *Filipinos in New York*. Ernabel was also featured in The Limited's New Look of Leadership Campaign.

Along with her work as a journalist, Ernabel managed to find success in a second career. She is a tenured Journalism professor at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City, N.J. and currently serves as faculty chair of the Department of Communication and Media Culture. She started the Journalism program in 2008 and served as the faculty adviser to the school newspaper, the *Pauw Wow*, which was named one of the Top 10 college newspapers in the country.

Ernabel is also quite active in the Asian American community. Along with emceeding numerous events, she has served on the boards of several organizations including: Vice President of Broadcast for AAJA, board member for Apex for Youth, an AAPI mentoring organization and a board member for the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) for almost two decades. CACF is the largest pan-Asian advocacy group in the country. She recently joined the board for Advancement for Rural Kids (ARK), a non-profit helping build schools and empowering communities in developing countries.

Ernabel grew up in San Francisco, California. She received her B.A. in Journalism and International Relations from the University of Southern California and her M.S. in Broadcast Journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. She lives on the Jersey Shore with her husband, John Muller, an anchor for PIX11News and their 16-year-old daughter. Follow her on Twitter @ErnabelD.

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EMCEE

ALAN MURAOKA



Alan Muraoka is most recognizable for his role in the Emmy-winning series, *Sesame Street*, where he has played Alan, the proprietor of Hooper's Store for 21 seasons. With

Sesame Street Alan has performed at the White House (for President Obama and the First Lady Michelle Obama), the Pentagon, Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, the NY Public Library, and with the Boston Pops, Alan has appeared in 7 Broadway shows; Disney's *Aladdin*, the Roundabout Theatre revival of *Pacific Overtures*, *The King and I*, *My Favorite Year*, *Shogun*, the Musical, *Mail*, and most notably *Miss Saigon*, where he played the lead role of the Engineer. He is featured in the films, *It Could Happen to You*, and *Day of Independence*. Other television credits include *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Louie*, *30 Rock*, *Brotherhood*, *Late Night With David Letterman*, and *The Tonight Show*, as well as numerous commercials.

As a director, Mr. Muraoka received critical praise for his Off-Broadway revival of *Falsettoland* (National Asian American Theater Company). Other New York credits include: *The Report* (NY Fringe

Festival), *Kung Fu* (Signature Theatre-Assistant Director), *Ann Harada: American Songbook* (Lincoln Center), *Awesomer & Awesomer!!!* (Triad Theatre), *Telly Leung: Playlist and What Makes a Man?* (54 Below), *Grand Hotel* (NYU/Cap 21), *John Tartaglia AD-LiBerty* (Joe's Pub), & *Christmas Eve With Christmas Eve* (BC/EFA Benefits). For the past 2 years he has been a director for the ABC Talent Showcase, Regionally: *Gold Mountain* (Eccles Theatre Salt Lake City & Peery's Egyptian Theatre in Ogden) *South Pacific* (Olney Theatre), *Once On This Island* (Olney Theatre), *At the Lyric Theatre in Oklahoma City: The King and I*, *Xanadu*, *Disney's High School Musical* and *Disney's High School Musical 2*. Other regional credits include *Disney's High School Musical* (MUNY, Casa Manana), *Urinetown* (Trinity University), and *Associate Director for Up In The Air* (Kennedy Center). Television: Alan has directed for *Sesame Street* and for the *Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade* on NBC.

Mr. Muraoka is a graduate of UCLA, where he received the Carol Burnett Musical Comedy Award for performance. He was also the 2004 recipient of the APEX Inspiration Award and the FCC's 2007 Role Model of the Year Award. Please visit his website at: www.alanmuraoka.tv. You can also follow him on Instagram @alanathoopers.

AUCTIONEER

CHARLES ANTIN



Charles Antin is a Senior Wine Specialist and Auctioneer at Zachys, and was both a commercial auctioneer and charity auctioneer at Christie's for close to a decade. He auctioneered

hundreds of benefits including the Jackson Hole Wine Auction, Seth Rogen's Hilarity for Charity, Autism Speaks, Teach for China (Hong Kong), the Brady Center for the Prevention of Gun Violence,

the Friends of Acadia auction, Pairings Nashville and auctions benefiting the Boston Symphony and the Nantucket Wine Festival. He was also a NY State licensed commercial auctioneer at Christie's, at the time of licensing the youngest at the firm, bringing down the gavel on thousands of lots, and tens of millions of dollars of wine, watches, Post War & Contemporary art, Asian art, and single-owner collections, such as the collections of Robert H. Ellsworth and Huguette Clark. He holds an MFA in fiction from NYU, a commercial pilot's license, and his essays and fiction have appeared in *Food & Wine*, the *New York Times*, the *VQR* and elsewhere.

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TESTIMONIAL

SADAF OMAR



Sadaf Omar is currently the Senior Program Manager for the Neighborhood 360° Fellows Program under the Neighborhood Development Division at the New York City Department of Small

Businesses. She oversees the Neighborhood 360° Fellows, who help community-based organizations complete commercial revitalization projects and connect local stakeholders to City resources. The Fellows Program aims to build a network of leaders prepared with commercial revitalization expertise and experience in New York City neighborhoods.

Prior to joining SBS she served as a Community Coordinator at the New York City Mayor's Center for Faith and Community Partnerships housed under the Community Affairs Unit, connecting NYC houses of worship to City resources. She has also served as the Deputy Director of Scheduling for former City Council Speaker Honorable Melissa Mark-Viverito, the first Latina to hold a citywide office.

In addition to her community organizing roles, Sadaf served on the Board of the Muslim Writers Collective (MWC), a grassroots national initiative dedicated to reclaiming the Muslim narrative through storytelling. Muslim Writers Collective has been featured in *Vice*, *The Guardian*, *Buzzfeed*, *The Daily Beast*, and many more media publications. MWC has active chapters in seven cities across the country, and has been credited with providing "a space for young Muslims to honor their humanity" by *Vice*. She shared her own stories at open mics across New York City, and has been a featured performer at Subdrift Open Mic. Sadaf has brought writers and storytellers all across the country together to create an unbreakable community, often hosting rapid response townhalls for communities in need to share and heal together.

Sadaf is a graduate of the JCRC-NY "We are All New York" Fellowship, a 10-month leadership development program dedicated to advancing the next generation of New York City's diverse leaders and helping them become change agents to strengthen our city.

Sadaf is a political strategist, community organizer, mentor, storyteller and event planner who aims to create unity among the diverse and complex communities of New York City. She hopes to infuse the culture of inclusion everywhere she goes. Sadaf immigrated to New York City from Calcutta, India at the age of three with her parents. She is multi-lingual and enjoys traveling all over the world. Sadaf began her journey in politics and community relations as a youth leader and advocate when she joined the second cohort of the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families' Asian American Student Advocacy Project (ASAP). Since then, she has remained actively involved with CACF. Sadaf truly believes that "change begins with me."

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2018

Hari Kondabolu, Comedian & Writer
Larry Lee, Executive Director, Womankind
Ayesha Vera-Yu, CEO & Co-Founder, ARK, Ruralkids.org

2017

Vishaan Chakrabarti, Author; Founder, Practice for Architecture and Urbanism
Lisa Ling, Award-Winning Journalist and TV Presenter
Suyin So, Founder and Executive Director, Central Queens Academy Charter School
The New American Leaders Project (accepted by Sayu Bhojwani, Founder and President)

PAST CARING FOR CHILDREN AWARD HONOREES

2016

The Lee Family – Chester Lee, Board Member, First American International Bank; Board Member, NYU Lutheran Augustana Center for Extended Care and Rehabilitation; Diana Lee, Senior Counsel, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP; Board Member, The Brooklyn Charter School; Former Co-Chair and Board Member, YWCA of Brooklyn, Inc.; Michael Lee, Executive Director, Apex for Youth

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Dr. Raymond Fong, President, Chinatown Health Clinic Foundation; Past President, Chinese American Medical Society and Dr. Danny Fong, Immediate Past President, Chinese American Medical Society

Anurima Bhargava, Former Chief, Educational Opportunities Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Leadership in Government Fellow, Open Society Foundation

2015

Samidh Guha, Partner, Jones Day
Kathy Ko Chin, President and Chief Executive Officer, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Fatima Shama, Executive Director, Fresh Air Fund

2014

LaRay Brown, Senior Vice President, Corporate Planning, Community Health & Intergovernmental Relations New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation

Rachael Chong, Founder and CEO, Catchafire
Joy Lierberthal Rho, Social Worker; Adoptee Community Advocate

2013

Joyce Moy Executive Director, Asian American/Asian Research Institute of the City University of New York

Beesham A. Seecharan Managing Director and Associate General Counsel, Goldman Sachs & Co.

Preeti Sriratana, CoFounder/COO, Sweeten.com; Founder, AU; and President/Chairman, Apex for Youth

2012

Deep Ghosh, Director of Youth Development, Child Center of New York

Sarah BJ Sung, Chair, Korean American Family Service Center; Public Affairs Manager, Consolidated Edison Co.

Lily Din Woo, Principal, PS 130: Manhattan Hernando de Soto

2011

Rocky Chin, Civil Rights Attorney and Community Activist/Organizer

Jeremy Kohomban, Ph.D., President and CEO, The Children's Village

Suki Terada Ports, Founder and Executive Director, Family Health Project

2010

Mallika Dutt, Executive Director, Breakthrough

Nancy Eng, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Associate Professor, CUNY Hunter College

Carol Enseki, Executive Director, Brooklyn Children's Museum

2009

Loretta Au, M.D., Director of Pediatrics, Charles B. Wang Community Health Center

Amardeep Singh, Esq., Director of Programs, The Sikh Coalition

Kyung Yoon, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Korean American Community Foundation

2008

Saru Jayaraman, Executive Director, Restaurant Opportunities Center United

Julian Liao, Executive Director, JP Morgan Securities

Tara Tran Nguyen, Fiscal Director, Mayor's Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator

2007

Agnelo Dias, Director, Asian Outreach Clinic, The Child Center of New York

Ruby Takinishi, President and CEO, Foundation for Child Development

S.J. Jung, President, Young Korean American Service and Education Center

2006

Tuhina De O'Connor, Executive Director, New York Asian Women's Center

June Jee, Community Affairs Director, Verizon Foundation

Grace Lyu-Volckhausen, Commissioner, New York Human Rights Commission

2005

Quang Bao, Executive Director, Asian American Writers' Workshop

Mary Ann Lee, M.D., Medical Director for the Chinatown Clinic; Deputy Director of Physician Services in the Department of Community Medicine, St. Vincent's Hospital

Theresa Thanjan, Filmmaker & Director of Youth Solutions, Citizens for NYC

2004

apl.de.ap, Founding Member, Grammy-

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nominated Black Eyed Peas

Michael Dadap and Yeou-Cheng Ma, M.D., Directors, Children's Orchestra Society

Lois Lee, Director, Queens School Age Day Care Center at P.S. 20, Chinese-American Planning Council

S. Mitra Kalita, Education Reporter, The Washington Post; Former President, South Asian Journalists Association

Chang S. Suh, M.D., President, Korean American Behavioral Health Association

Newsday New York City, Newspaper

2003

Leena Doshi, M.D., President, Doshi Diagnostic Imaging Services and Foundation, Doshi Difference

Virginia Kee, Founder and Board Member, Chinese-American Planning Council

Yung Duk Kim, Ph.D., Board President, Asian American Federation of New York

Harlem Lee, 2003 Winner, Fame, NBC

Carmen Ramos-Bonoan, M.D., F.A.A.P., Former Assistant Commissioner of Child and Adolescent Health, New York City Department of Health

Scholastic, Children's publishing and media company

2002

Julie Azuma, Community Advocate

Sayu V. Bhojwani, Former Commissioner, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and Founder, Former Executive Director, South Asian Youth Action

Aiyong Choi, Former Chair, Korean American Family Service Center

Cathy Bank

The Staff and Faculty of Chinatown Schools

2001

Joon Bang, M.D., President, Korean American Youth Foundation

Smiti Khanna, President, Indian Advisory Board, Queens Child Guidance Center and Co-host of Bharat Vani

Cao K. O, Executive Director, Asian American Federation of New York

Glenda Villajuan, Former Deputy Director, Infant Child Health Assessment Program, Medical & Health Research Association of NYC

Campaign for Fiscal Equity and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, LLP

2000

In Sook Hong, Founder and Former Executive Director, Flushing YWCA

Sabitha S. Rao, M.D., Pediatrician, Children and Family Health Services

Angel Velasco Shaw, Filmmaker, Author, Professor, and Community Activist

Alexander Tsui, M.D., Founder and President, Asian Professional Extension, Inc.

Sesame Workshop

1999

Elaine Choy Lee, M.D.

Eric Sin-Kam Poon, M.D.

Sundar Ramaswamy, M.D.

Thelma M. Reyes, M.D.

CACF is building a community too powerful to ignore.

CACF LISTENS

so we can identify our community's needs

CACF TRAINS

the next generation of leaders for our community

CACF UNITES

our diverse community

CACF FIGHTS

for equal access to funding and service for our community

Our vision is for all children and families, including Asian Pacific Americans (APAs), in New York City to be safe, healthy, and able to reach their full potential in life.

Our Impact

<p>—CACF— CONVENES AND TRAINS 50+ MEMBERS & PARTNERS</p>	<p>—CACF— HAS TRAINED 250+ APA YOUTH TO BE LEADERS IN BUILDING UP THEIR COMMUNITIES</p>	<p>—CACF— HAS ADMINISTERED OVER \$2.5M IN CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS TO APA NONPROFITS</p>
<p>—CACF— ADVOCACY RESULTED IN 11 APA ORGS RECEIVING \$800,000 FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS</p>	<p>—CACF— LEADS A COLLABORATIVE THAT HAS ENROLLED 30,000+ APA NYERS IN ACCESSING HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT</p>	
<p>—CACF CAMPAIGNS—</p>		
<p>PASSED LAWS IN NYC TO BETTER CAPTURE DATA ON NEEDY APA AND IMMIGRANT FAMILIES</p>	<p>REALIZED A THREE-FOLD INCREASE IN NY CITY COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO APA ORGANIZATIONS</p>	<p>RESULTED IN NYC'S ADOPTION OF FRED T. KOREMATSU DAY OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE CONSTITUTION</p>

Contrary to the model minority myth, too many Asian Pacific American (APA) families and children continue to struggle to succeed.

ALMOST A QUARTER OF APAs
LIVE IN POVERTY
IN NEW YORK CITY.

WE HAVE THE **HIGHEST POVERTY RATE** OF ALL RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS IN NYC.

40% OF THE APA POPULATION IN NYC **RECEIVES MEDICAID.**

40% OF NYC APA YOUTH **ARE NOT COLLEGE READY** UPON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENTS REPORT THE **HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF RACIAL HARASSMENT AMONG ALL RACIAL GROUPS.**

MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE **NOT FLUENT** IN ENGLISH AND **STRUGGLE** APPROACHING SYSTEMS & SERVICES.

IN FACT
78% OF THE COMMUNITY IS FOREIGN-BORN & **42%** OF HOMES ARE LINGUISTICALLY ISOLATED WITH NO ONE OVER THE AGE OF 14 SPEAKING ENGLISH WELL.

CACF speaks up so our community's voices are heard!

There is power in numbers.

The Asian Pacific American (APA) population, over 1.3 million people, comprises over 15% of New York City – the same size of the entire population of Dallas. Yet, the needs of the APA community are often overlooked, misunderstood, and uncounted by decision-makers and those in power in New York City and State. The APA community must have alliances and coalitions that represent them.

CACF activates a coalition of almost 50 member organizations to identify and speak out on common challenges and needs across the APA community.

We must speak up and be invisible no more.

Our communities' problems remain invisible to those in power. This means our communities and the organizations that serve them lack resources to provide critical services for those in need.

Without CACF

APA youth and families risk continued prejudice, marginalization, and oppression. The organizations that serve the APA community risk losing funding, resources, and political power – hindering their ability to help those in need.



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

November 4, 2019

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to join the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families in welcoming everyone to its 2019 Catalyst for Change Awards Gala

My administration remains steadfast in our efforts to promote the wellbeing and inclusion of Asian Pacific New Yorkers, and we are grateful to CACF for its commitment to ensuring that members of this community are equipped with the resources that will help them reach their fullest potential. For 32 years, this organization has listened carefully to the needs of the diverse population it serves in order to effectively advocate for high impact legislation, combat prejudice, increase health care coverage, and train the next generation of leaders passionate about Asian Pacific American issues. Tonight's event offers a wonderful opportunity to applaud CACF's staff and supporters for their efforts to build a brighter, more inclusive tomorrow for our residents, and I look forward to everything that the organization will accomplish in the years ahead.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to tonight's honorees. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill de Blasio
Mayor



OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE
FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK
JUMAANE D. WILLIAMS

November 4, 2019

To the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families,

On behalf of the City of New York, I would like to offer you my congratulations and well-wishes as you celebrate Catalyst for Change Awards Gala. The CACF has long been committed to its mission of advocating for equity and opportunity for marginalized Asian Pacific American (APA) children and families, I offer you my gratitude for your tireless efforts.

I would like to offer particular congratulations to this evening's honorees:

- Jason DaSilva, *President of AXS Lab and founder of AXS Map*
- Ram Raju, *SVP and Community Health Investment Officer, Northwell Health*
- Project by Project New York

As Public Advocate, I know the importance of voices and organizations serving as catalysts for transformational change. I support your work to mobilize communities and share information to impact policy and reform systems, and appreciate your successes over the years. I hope that you celebrate today and continue that work tomorrow. Congratulations on your achievements, and I wish you success for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Jumaane D. Williams
Public Advocate for the City of New York



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
SCOTT M. STRINGER



November 4, 2019

Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
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New York, NY 10004

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend best wishes to all attending the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families' Catalyst for Change 2019 Awards Gala.

For more than three decades, the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families (CACF) has advocated on behalf of Asian Pacific American children and families across the five boroughs. CACF is committed to increasing representation of our City's Asian Pacific communities, while expanding access to critical healthcare resources and social services. In addition, CACF provides leadership training and mobilizes members around important policy issues. I am confident CACF will continue to make a positive impact on our City's Asian Pacific communities for years to come.

Congratulations to tonight's honorees: Jason Dasilva, Ram Raju, M.D., and Project by Project. Their commitment to the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families' mission is evident in all they do.

Thank you to the Coalition for Asian American Children and Families for bringing us together tonight to celebrate community and service. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Stringer
New York City Comptroller



COREY JOHNSON
SPEAKER



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November 4, 2019

Dear Friends:

As the Speaker of the New York City Council, I am delighted to extend my personal greetings to everyone gathered here tonight at the Coalition for Asian American Children+Families' (CACF) 2019 Catalyst for Change Awards Gala!

For centuries, people from all across the world have come to this great city of ours to pursue their dreams of a better life for themselves and their families. And by working hard, overcoming daunting challenges, and achieving personal triumphs, they have helped to make New York one of the greatest cities in the world.

Through it all, various traditions and cultural practices have also found a home here, weaving their way into the fabric of our communities and city.

That's why the New York City Council and I are fighting to keep New York the welcoming place that it has always been. We recognize that New York City's diversity is one of our greatest strengths – something that has made us truly unique and a beacon of hope and opportunity to so many.

As they celebrate their awards gala tonight, I would like to thank the CACF and its dedicated team for the important work that they are doing to help support and strengthen the lives of our city's vibrant Asian Pacific American community.

Congratulations as well to tonight's honorees.

I hope everyone has a wonderful time tonight. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

COREY JOHNSON
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November 4, 2019

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to the Coalition of Asian Children + Families (CACF) on the occasion of their 2019 Awards Gala.

For 30 years, CACF has fought for Asian Pacific American children and families. CACF has become a leader in advancing equity and fairness for New York City's fastest growing population. From advancing legislation that helps service providers and policymakers understand the nuances between different API ethnic groups to establishing the first Fred T. Korematsu Day in City of New York, it has been a pleasure to work alongside CACF to advocate for our city's API communities. Together we have also fought to ensure that these New Yorkers receive their fair share of city dollars. In the immigrant communities I represent and throughout the City, CACF has had a tremendous impact on the lives of children from diverse backgrounds.

As a New York City Council Member representing the communities of Jackson Heights and Elmhurst, I thank CACF for faithfully serving our city's immigrant families, and wish them many more years of success.

Sincerely,

Daniel Dromm
New York City Council Member, 25th District

*Saluting the Coalition for Asian
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- Barbara Turvett and Edward Pauly

Thank you, CACF, for all the wonderful work you do!

We look forward to reading the next chapter!

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We applaud their ongoing commitment to ensuring the long-term health and well-being of children and families, as well as mobilizing a coalition of partners to fight for system and policy changes.

Congratulations to this year's honorees:

Jason DaSilva

Project by Project

And our very own Ram Raju, MD

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