

Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network Spring Newsletter



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Press Event for *A Book of Hope*



APIAHF was funded by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention to develop "A Book of Hope: Stories of Healing from Asian American and Pacific Islander Cancer Survivors", a publication created with the purpose of educating the AAPI community about cancer survivorship and to stir hope in patients and survivors about survivorship. On Friday, April 13th, 2007, a press conference was held at the APIAHF office in San Francisco, to unveil the release of *A Book of Hope*. Three courageous cancer survivors shared their survivorship stories at the press event. Lady Fabian, a Filipina breast cancer survivor and nurse shared her story of becoming diagnosed with cancer and her efforts in starting a cancer support group at Seton Medical



Center. Mai Tran, a Vietnamese cancer survivor discussed her story of deciding to have a mastectomy and breast reconstruction and later starting a Vietnamese cancer support group in San Jose, CA. Victoria Lin, a Chinese, nine year non-Hodgkins Lymphoma survivor talked about being diagnosed with cancer while in high school and the strength and support of her mother in dealing with her experience. Information on the increasing rate of cancer deaths and low screening rates among AAPIs was also shared at the press conference. A total of ten television and newspaper media were attendance including World Journal, Sing Tao, Chinese Radio, Ming Pao, China Press, ABS, KTSF, New America Media, KQED-Pacific Time and IchiBei Times.



Mentorship Program Updates

The goal of the mentorship program, which provides one-time funding of up to \$10,000, is to provide community based-organizations, health clinics, social service organizations, and cancer survivors/advocates with the opportunity to develop local AAPI specific cancer support groups. Awardees are assigned mentor organizations or support groups to assist in the development of the activities and to provide peer-to-peer support in developing the support group.

For more information regarding the Cancer Support Group Mentorship Program, please contact Roxanna Bautista at rbautista@apiahf.org or 415-568-3304.

Guam Communications Network

Guam Communications Network (GCN) has been working diligently in the recruitment and training of cancer support group facilitators in Guam. Three staff from GCN and Rose Manglona, a Chamorro breast cancer survivor from San Diego have traveled to Guam to promote the program and make contacts with survivors, care-givers, health providers and advocates. Pre-training workshops have been conducted in March and the support groups will convene from April to June. In April, GCN staff will fly to Guam to observe and monitor support group meetings, conduct additional training and conduct evaluation reviews with the newly trained facilitators.



Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc.

The Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc. (CPACS) has been conducting weekly cancer support groups in Atlanta, Georgia with the Korean community. The Wellness Community in Pasadena, California is serving as the mentor organization for CPACS in providing technical assistance for CPACS as they implement their support groups. To promote their program, they have placed ads in Korean newspapers. CPACS also intends in complementing their support groups services by creating community/family gatherings for the support group attendees. CPACS has been receiving many calls from people who are interested in joining their support groups.

Herald Cancer Association

The Herald Cancer Association are conducting cancer support groups for the Chinese community in Fort Bend County, Texas. Chinatown Public Health Center has played an integral role in providing technical assistance as their mentor organization from San Francisco, California. Sixteen cancer support group facilitators have been identified and trained to implement the support groups. HCS has been very successful in holding well attended (nearly 60 people have attended each one) cancer education seminars for Chinese cancer survivors, providers and caregivers.



Capacity Building Assistance & Trainings Available

In an effort to build the skills and capacity in Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities and programs offering cancer prevention, education, survivor support resources to AAPIs, APIAHF offers capacity building assistance (CBA) in specific cancer control related areas.

APIAHF provides CBA in the following areas:

- Health information and data on AAPIs and cancer and other chronic diseases
- APIAHF developed materials and publications
- AAPI language materials and resources
- Program development assistance (program planning, implementation, evaluation, grant writing, how to work with AAPI communities)
- Presentation requests
- Linkages and referrals to community members and community based organizations
- Letters of support
- Collaboration on specific activities
- Training requests

Local or regional trainings in the following areas:

- Grant Writing
- Program Development
- Organizational Development
- Policy Advocacy
- Media Spokesperson/Media Advocacy
- Cultural Competency

APIAHF provides CBA around cancer to health departments, community based organizations (CBOs), cancer support groups, voluntary health organizations, community members, AAPI serving cancer programs, health centers, and medical centers. To request a specific type of capacity building assistance, please contact Roxanna Bautista at rbautista@apiahf.org or at 415-568-3304.

Grant Writing Training

Saturday, June 9, 2007
10am – 1pm

St. Mary Medical Center- “Room A”
Health Enhancement Center
1055 Linden Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90813

To RSVP, please contact Edgar Ednacot at
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Intern Spotlight: Diana Austria

Diana Austria is currently a student at Stanford University and an intern in APIAHF’s Chronic Diseases Program. She is assisting the program in development of educational materials, promotional materials, and reports. The work of the APIAHF focuses on the last stage of the three-part focus of her Area of Concentration – health policy, research, and advocacy. Through this internship, she hopes to experience such fields through hands-on service-learning with a prominent advocacy organization that deals with important ethnic groups in the Bay Area, California, and beyond AAPI communities.

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The Health Forum is a national advocacy organization dedicated to promoting policy, program, and research efforts to improve the health and well-being of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. Founded in 1986, the Health Forum approaches activities with the philosophy of coalition-building and developing capacity within local AAPI communities. We advocate on health issues of significance to AAPI communities, conduct community-based technical assistance and training, provide health and U.S. Census data analysis and information dissemination, and convene regional and national conferences on AAPI health.

The APINCSN Online Cancer Resource Directory is a compilation of organizations that offer cancer services for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. The APINCSN Online Cancer Resource Directory provides detailed information about some of our network members, the AAPI communities they serve, and the types of cancer services they provide. Cancer patients, survivors, advocates, organizations and health care professionals have requested the development of this directory to assist in patient referrals to culturally and linguistically appropriate cancer services.

This online directory is comprised of a listing of network members and organizations who expressed interest in promoting their resources to the community through a listing in this guide. Each organizational listing includes the following information: contact information; cancer services; cancer/site served; language services; ethnicities served; regions covered; and fees for services.

This online directory is searchable by type of service, location, and languages spoken. If you find any errors in or would like to update your entry for the APINCSN Online Cancer Resource Directory, please contact us. We are open to suggestions to improve the usability of the online directory to best meet your needs.

If you would like to be included in the online directory in addition to becoming an APINCSN member, please contact Roxanna Bautista at 415-568-3304 or rbautista@apihaf.org.

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