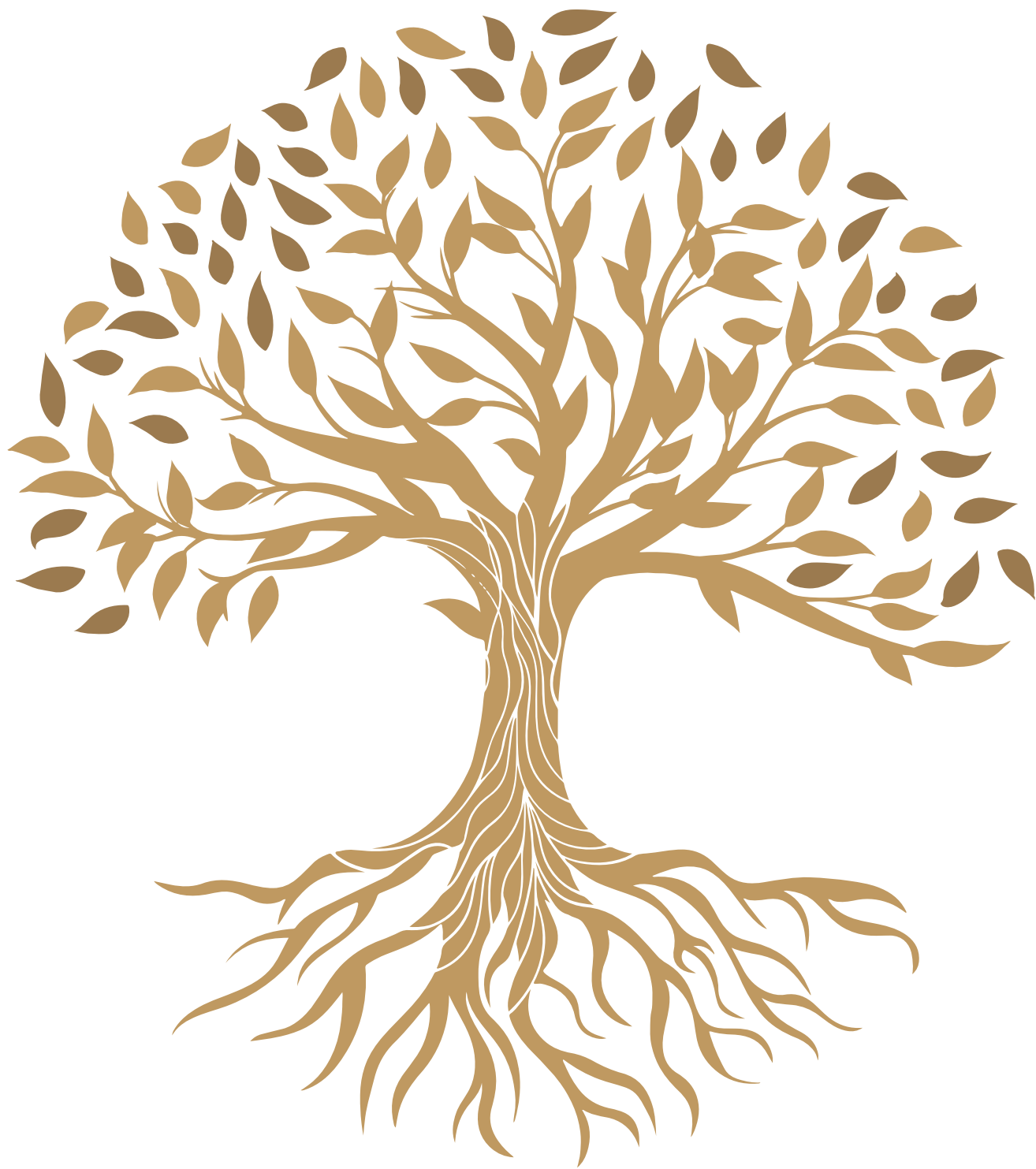


Unity & Resilience



31st Annual Gala
Indo-American Center
November 14th, 2021
Virtual Event | 6:00PM



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Syed Hussaini, IAC Board President

Master of Ceremonies



Ravi Baichwal



Ravi Baichwal co-anchors the ABC 7 Weekend News at 5 and 10 p.m. He also reports for ABC 7's newscasts. In 2008, he won the Emmy award for best anchor in the Chicago/Midwest region of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Before joining ABC 7 Chicago in 2006, Baichwal was an integral part of CTV News, Canada's number one news organization. During his tenure, Baichwal gained national reputation for seamless coverage of live, breaking news. He covered the fast changing world of politics and served as host of two award-winning election night specials. Other historically significant stories he has covered include the terrorist attacks on the London Underground system, the discovery of fugitive former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein by U.S. soldiers and the death of Pope John Paul II. Baichwal began his journalism career with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, starting out as a researcher in Calgary in 1996. He moved up successively to associate producer, reporter and anchor positions with business programs on CBC Newsworld.

In Chicago, Baichwal volunteers with various charities dedicated to children, health and diversity issues. He is married to award-winning broadcaster Sonja Nordahl and they have two children.

Keynote Speaker



Eboo Patel



“Eboo Patel is a widely acclaimed civic leader who believes that religious diversity is an essential and inspiring dimension of American democracy.”

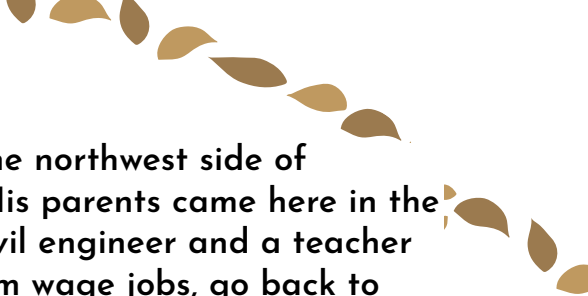
Named “one of America’s best leaders” by US News and World Report, Eboo is Founder and President of IFYC, the leading interfaith organization in the United States. Under his leadership, IFYC has worked with governments, universities, private companies, and civic organizations to make faith a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division. He served on President Obama’s Inaugural Faith Council, has given hundreds of keynote addresses, and has written five books, including “We Need to Build: Fieldnotes for Diverse Democracy” which will be published in March 2022. He is an Ashoka Fellow and holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship. Eboo lives in Chicago with his wife, Shehnaz, and two sons.

Eboo’s contributions include the books Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation; Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America; Interfaith Leadership: A Primer; and Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise. His forthcoming book is entitled: We Need To Build: Field Notes for Diverse Democracy.

Special Guest



Senator Ram Villivalam



State Senator Ram Villivalam was raised on the northwest side of Chicago. He is the son of Indian Immigrants. His parents came here in the 1970s. Though his father and mother were a civil engineer and a teacher in India respectively, they had to work minimum wage jobs, go back to school, and work their way to more than 25 years each of public service.

Senator Villivalam will always remember their struggles and the middle class values he grew up with.

Prior to being sworn into the Illinois General Assembly, Senator Villivalam spent four years advocating on behalf of home care for seniors and people with disabilities, child care for working families, Medicaid for those in need.

Senator Villivalam also worked at the federal level of government for U.S. Congressman Brad Schneider as his Outreach Director. In this role, he was responsible for outreach on a variety of policy issues and had duties that ranged from signing people up for the Affordable Care Act to organizing Job Fairs.

Senator Villivalam is honored to be an effective, proactive, and progressive voice for the people of the 8th District. He has and will continue to be focused on issues such as income equality, reducing gun violence, providing a quality education to children regardless of the zip code they reside in, and advancing immigrant, LGBTQ, and women's rights.

Additionally, he is incredibly proud to be the first Asian American elected to the Illinois State Senate and the first Indian American elected to the Illinois General Assembly. He is currently the Chair of the Transportation Committee and also sits on the Energy and Public Utilities, Health Care Access and Availability, Human Rights, Licensed Activities and Pensions Committees.


Senator Villivalam serves his community in other roles that include being a past President of the Indo-American Democratic Organization (IADO) and previous Director on the Board of Gun Violence Prevention PAC.

Senator Villivalam lives with his wife, Elizabeth, and his sons, Rohan and Lokesh, in the North Mayfair neighborhood in the City of Chicago.

Entertainment



Ashwaty Chennat




Ashwaty Chennat is a dancer, choreographer and teaching artist, based in Chicago. From her mother's womb, Ashwaty began her Bharatanatyam training with Smt. Sudha Chandrasekhar in Detroit, Michigan. As soon as she could hold her aramandalam, Ashwaty joined the classroom learning the graceful, preserved Thanjavur tradition of Sri Rajarajeshwari School in Bombay, with the guidance of the late Mahalingam Pillai and Kalyanasundaram Pillai. Following years of rigorous training, Ashwaty completed her Arangetram in 2008. Currently, Ashwaty continues her understanding and love for Bharatanatyam with Pranita Nayar.

While she persevered in the style of Bharatanatyam, Ashwaty trained intensively in ballet (Cecchetti method), jazz, and tap with Deena Fournier and Lisa Holland (Ann Arbor, MI). She also spent summers learning Mohiniyattam in Cochin, Bangalore, and in Detroit, and has learned South Asian forms including Sri Lankan dance, folk, and Bollywood. Ashwaty is trained in vocal music (Carnatic and Classica/Choral), acting, improvisational theatre, and consistently performs whenever she gets the opportunity! She incorporates all of her performance experiences into the classroom and in her work.

Ashwaty has directed and choreographed large-scale productions for classical Indian dance and its modern interpretations at prestigious venues throughout Michigan and Illinois. Some highlights include: Hill Auditorium (Ann Arbor), McCormick Place, the Logan Center for the Arts, and the Art Institute of Chicago. In 2016, she collaborated with renowned international cellist, Mauro Valli, to set Bharatanatyam to the suites of Bach.

Ashwaty continues to learn and observe from Bharatanatyam practitioners, dance artists, and creators of all forms, including musicians and filmmakers (Ashwaty holds a BA in film from the University of Michigan). Ashwaty is honored to share the joy of endlessly shaping tradition.





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Message from the President



Syed Hussaini



Dear Friends,

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you all to the Indo-American Center (IAC) 31st annual celebration.

The IAC was founded in 1990 by a group of South Asian immigrants to combat barriers, reduce disparities, and fulfill the community's most pressing needs. What initially began as a one-room office providing immigration assistance to the West Ridge community, has now become a comprehensive multi-service agency, offering public benefits connection, immigration legal services, citizenship test preparation, ESL classes, health education, civic engagement and community organizing, and a seniors program.

The growth that the center has experienced over the years is truly incredible. It has been amazing to see the founder's vision become a reality: holistic services, robust staff and volunteers, and, most importantly, a sense of community. At its core, IAC is an organization for the community by the community, and it remains a welcoming and safe space for all, regardless of their background, beliefs, or country of origin. The Indo-American Center is a true reflection of our strength and diversity.

I wish to thank each and every one of you for the support and contributions you have made towards IAC's ongoing efforts and success, especially as we make our way through the challenges of the pandemic. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank Eboo Patel, our keynote speaker, for joining us this evening.

I am incredibly proud to be a part of the Indo-American Center and I am so glad that you are here by my side. Thank you for joining us, today and everyday, as we strengthen the foundation on which our community stands.

With warmest regards,
Syed Hussaini
President, Board of Directors





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Public Benefits Associate
Supervisory Attorney
Lead Community Navigator
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Receptionist
Adult Education Manager
Community Navigator Program Manager
Adult Literacy Volunteer Coordinator



Celebrating

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History

The Indo-American Center (IAC) is a community-based, 501c3 non-profit organization located at the heart of "Little India" along Devon Avenue in Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood. The center was established in 1990 by a diverse group of Indian immigrants seeking to respond to the wide range of needs of the growing South Asian immigrant population. Initially, the center began as a small office, providing immigration application assistance for the local community. Over time, IAC expanded service and reach, providing the broad range of support that its founders had once envisioned.

IAC operates 6 core service departments of public benefits, immigration and citizenship, adult literacy, health education, civic engagement, and a seniors program and a broad range of programs and services. Even through the COVID-19 pandemic, IAC continued to provide these vital services while adjusting and attending to a new set of needs that arose from the pandemic.

Today, IAC stands as the oldest South Asian oriented social service organization in Chicago with an annual budget of over \$1 million. This long history and strategic location in a port of entry neighborhood enables IAC to effectively and efficiently serve this diverse and underserved community.

Mission

The mission of the Indo-American Center is to address the needs and promote the well-being of South Asian immigrants through services that facilitate their adjustment, integration and friendship with the wider society, nurture their sense of community, and foster appreciation for the diversity of their heritage and culture.

Years of Service

Community

IAC's primary client demographic includes an often overlooked and underserved segment of the South Asian population consisting of low to extremely low-income immigrants. IAC's clients and community members are faced with universal immigrant struggles including limited English proficiency and cultural differences that lead to challenges in obtaining: safe and affordable housing and healthcare, access to transportation, and secure employment opportunities. While the majority of clients live in close proximity to the center in the West Ridge, Albany Park, and Rogers Park neighborhoods of Chicago, IAC's reach extends across the Chicago metropolitan area into the northwest and southwest suburbs where a growing number of South Asians have settled.

Diversity

IAC serves approximately 125 people each and every day. While the center is designed to culturally and linguistically serve low-income immigrants of South Asian origin, IAC serves over 5,000 clients each year from over 35 different countries, including an increasing number of clients from Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. Additionally, IAC makes over 30,000 community contacts annually. Our staff reflects the vast diversity of our clients and community, speaking 14 languages: English, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Gujarati, Bangla, Arabic, Nepali, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Farsi, Spanish, and French.


Programs & Services

Adult Literacy Program

Offers three levels of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes three hours a day, four days a week on a quarterly basis. These three levels (Basic, Beginner, Intermediate) correspond to learners' a broad range of needs and goals. Whether they want to become citizens, speak with healthcare providers, help their children with homework, improve employability, or if they have no English proficiency at all, the primary goal of this program is to equip learners with appropriate and relevant English language skills. Community activities, extracurriculars, and field trips supplement classroom instruction.

Immigration & Citizenship Program

Offers legal services to assist with applying for U.S. citizenship and family-based immigration services, as well as adjustment of status, Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and VAWA. On-site staff, including a licensed immigration attorney, provide information and assistance regarding immigration forms and procedures for nominal fees. The center also offers free citizenship classes for clients preparing for the U.S. Naturalization exam. IAC's citizenship students have a 98% interview pass rate. Classes are offered 4 times a week for 2 hours each day throughout the year. Mock interviews and targeted English language skills are incorporated in addition to civic education. Class instruction is supplemented by community events and field trips.



Civic Engagement Program

Integrates voter registration, mobilization, and participation with community and individual power building and empowerment. This approach emphasizes the importance of voting, census participation, and advocacy in immigrant communities. During election cycles, IAC encourages voter participation through door-to-door canvassing and phone banking, hosts events on voting rights, and encourages increased language access at the polls. IAC advocates for increased immigrant rights and South Asian representation, recently advocating for the passing of the TEAACH Act in Illinois Public Schools. Participants take part in rallies, trips to the capitol in Springfield, meetings with elected officials, testimonials, and more.

Community Navigator Program

The Community Navigator Program, which began in 2017, recruits community members to provide direct outreach, education, and service to hard to reach community members. Due to their longstanding relationships, cultural competence, and language skills, they are uniquely positioned to serve as trusted messengers, liaisons, and leaders. Navigators adapt in real-time to meet the needs of the community by taking information and repackaging it to be more accessible to the underserved members of the community. All Navigators are trained in the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL) and on topics including: Know Your Rights, Immigration, Covid-19 Response Public Charge, Emergency Family Planning, Eviction Prevention/Tenants Rights. Navigators also refer clients for general IAC services and offer accompaniments such as translation, appointment scheduling, and documentation preparation. Currently, IAC has a team of 16 Community Navigators, who promote the well-being of immigrant families while developing their own leadership skills.

Programs & Services

Health Education Program

Promotes community and individual health through education, nutrition training, and social support in order to improve access to care and increase health literacy and autonomy. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the program has played an integral role in distributing important public health information, which was unavailable due to limited language access, to the underserved in 5 key languages. The health program utilizes a Community Health Worker (CHW) model to address the social determinants of health that affect the low-income South Asian immigrant community, lack of insurance, language barriers, food insecurity, and fear of formal health settings. CHWs serve as trusted resource guides and promote general wellness, health empowerment, improve chronic disease management, and encourage positive behavioral changes through community outreach, peer-to-peer communication, and referrals to primary and specialist care. IAC's targeted health campaigns address COVID-19, influenza, diabetes, heart disease, and hepatitis B.

Public Benefits Program

Assists clients in applying for government benefits and various forms of public assistance, including Medicaid/Medicare, SNAP, Disability, Emergency funds, Rental Assistance, and more. The program combats the three most common barriers clients face in ensuring their welfare: complicated procedures required to receive benefits, limited ability to communicate in English, and stigma and misinformation related to public assistance. Beyond this, the program acts as a comprehensive case management service, staff assesses clients' circumstances then coordinates and connects them to services to address their needs.



Seniors Program

The Seniors Program helps South Asian immigrant seniors fully adjust to their new community and supports their desire to lead more independent lives through education, participation in group activities, and hands-on learning. The program offers a sense of community and is an effective way to combat social isolation among senior immigrants. Every week, seniors enjoy educational workshops, yoga and light exercise, dance, karaoke, movies, games, and art therapy. Additionally, they also participate in fairs and program related field trips. The program also offers a free, daily hot lunch program. Meals are cooked on-site and delivered or picked-up by over 75 seniors every single day.

Cyriac D. Kappil Legal Clinic

Is offered every month was established in honor of Cyriac D. Kappil, as a free, pro-bono legal clinic. Clients have a wide variety of legal concerns, and the legal clinic allows IAC to expand its legal services to address a broader scope of issues in the South Asian community. As a partnership with IAC, the South Asian Bar Association (SABA Chicago) and the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS), the clinic connects legal professionals to clients in need of legal assistance but without the financial capacity to afford such services. The clinic is staffed by volunteer members recruited by SABA from a variety of legal backgrounds to serve low-income clients and community members with legal concerns regarding immigration, citizenship, family matters (divorce/custody), housing, and more.

Jan Schakowsky
9th District
Illinois



Member of Congress
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November 14, 2021

Indo-American Center
6328 N California Avenue
Chicago, IL 60659

Dear Friends:

I am honored to send a warm welcome to all those gathered this evening to celebrate at the Indo-American Center's 31st Annual Gala! This important event gives us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions IAC has made, and continues to make, in the broader community.

Founded in 1990 by a diverse group of Indian immigrants, the IAC serves thousands of individuals, including South Asian immigrants and those from over 35 countries. The center has served as a critical resource for the many arriving in the United States and adjusting to their new homes, providing a variety of programs to address the broad range of needs in the community through citizenship preparation, legal service and advice, benefit connections, community mobilization, health education, ESL classes, and more. The center aids people of all backgrounds, origins, and beliefs, helping them to build stronger futures. The quality and compassionate services that IAC provides are so important, and they truly help improve people's lives and enrich the community.

I am so proud to represent such a rich, diverse community. Now more than ever, we must embrace our differences to create a more inclusive society and strengthen our shared community.

On behalf of the people of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, please accept my sincerest congratulations to the Indo-American Center for its outstanding work and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

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Jan Schakowsky
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November 10, 2021

Indo-American Center
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Greetings!

I am pleased to welcome you to the Indo-American Center's 31st Annual Gala: Unity & Resilience.

The Indo-American Center's work is an empowering force in the South Asian immigrant and Indo-American communities, providing resources and guidance to ensure recent immigrants find stable footing as they begin the next chapter of their lives in Illinois. By including South Asians of all faiths and cultures and prioritizing unity over historic divisions, the Indo-American Center is strengthening the South Asian community and ensuring its continued success.

As one of the most multicultural states in the union, Illinois' diversity is one of our greatest strengths. Alongside the Indo-American Center's efforts, I pledge to support the rich tapestry of immigrant communities in Illinois through empowering unity and community.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker", written in a stylized, cursive script.

Governor JB Pritzker



OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER
MICHAEL W. FRERICHS

November 12, 2021

Indo-American Center
6328 N. California Avenue
Chicago, IL 60659

Dear Members of the Indo-American Center,

I would like to offer my congratulations to you on the Indo-American Center's 31st Annual Gala: Unity and Resilience, and greetings to your members, and guest speakers, Senator Ram Villivalam and Eboo Patel.

As a two-time recipient of the State Treasurer's Charitable Trust grant award, I know first-hand that IAC is one of the premier non-profit organizations in the state, providing essentials services to refugees and immigrants in West Ridge, and across the north side of Chicago. The Indo-American Center has been playing a key role since its founding in 1990, and never has the organization been as essential as it is now, serving a diverse population in the midst of a global pandemic, and serving communities hit particularly hard by the economic crisis exacerbated by the pandemic. The center continues to serve as a vital resource for thousands of individuals, hoping to live out the American dream, and adjusting to their new lives, regardless of their background, language, or religion.

IAC serves as a vital community hub by offering assistance to immigrants, including citizenship classes, workforce development, and strengthening civic engagement in West Ridge. I applaud IAC's dedication to building a stronger, more inclusive community. I know the Indo-American Center will continue its great work, and I am proud to partner with the organization through our Charitable Trust grant program. Congratulations to the Indo-American Center on 31 years of service and we know many more years of success will follow.

Sincerely,

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LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

November 14, 2021

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to welcome all those gathered for the Indo-American Center's 31st Annual Gala.

Since its founding in 1990, the Indo-American Center (IAC) has worked to provide vital resources and services for the South Asian immigrant population. For 31 years, IAC has assisted those who have come to Chicago from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives through programs such as Citizenship and Immigration Assistance, the Adult Literacy Program, the Youth Development Program, the Workforce Development Program, and more.

This year's gala, themed "Unity & Resilience," presents the opportunity to come together to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year while also looking ahead to the future. This important event also helps IAC to raise the vital funding needed to continue to raise awareness, garner support, and offer much needed programming for South Asian immigrants and communities. I commend the Indo-American Center for their ongoing efforts to uplift, strengthen, and empower our vibrant South Asian communities.

I hope your event is memorable and enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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Senator Ram Villivalam

*Illinois State Senate
8th Legislative District*

November 14, 2021

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Chicago, IL 60659

Dear Neighbors,

It gives me great joy to congratulate the Indo-American Center on 31 years of community service as you hold the 2021 Annual Gala: Unity and Resilience.

IAC is a valuable organization for the immigrant and refugee population in West Ridge and surrounding areas and has played an important role in providing essential resources to those in need of service, regardless of race, religion, or origin. Since its founding in 1990, the center has served as a critical resource for countless immigrants, addressing a variety of challenges facing immigrants as they adjust to a new home. IAC's vital work includes immigration assistance, citizenship preparation, adult literacy classes, public benefits connection, health education, civic engagement, and a senior's program.

I commend IAC's commitment to creating a strong, empowered, connected, and flourishing community. Thank you for your tireless efforts in improving the South Asian American and immigrant experience. All my best for a successful evening and your continued success.

Sincerely,

Senator Ram Villivalam

Ram Villivalam
State Senator (D-08)



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November 14, 2021

Dear Neighbor,

Congratulations to the Indo-American Center (IAC) on another year of service to Chicagoland's South Asian community. Since its founding in 1990, the center has served as a vital resource for the many thousands of individuals arriving in the United States and adjusting to their new homes. I am proud to support IAC in helping this wonderful community.

The 50th Ward is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the City of Chicago and has a large and vibrant South Asian population. IAC has helped provide immigration assistance, citizenship preparation, adult literacy classes, health education, civic engagement, and community building efforts. The contributions of the IAC and the South Asian community to our society do not go unnoticed.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success, and a special thank you to IAC for including me. I hope you will all join me in wishing IAC continued success in this upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Debra Silverstein
Alderman, 50th Ward



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