Celebrating 10 Years: A Ray of Hope Event Highlights

AshaKiran would like to thank everyone who helped organize and/or joined us for this year’s milestone A Ray of Hope Event 10th anniversary celebration!

AshaKiran commemorated ten years of service joined by over 550 volunteers, supporters and donors at our annual A Ray of Hope Event 2016 10th Anniversary Celebration on July 23rd at the North Hall of the Von Braun Center. AshaKiran could not have been more grateful for the overwhelming show of support and participation. The funds raised are vital to support our safe home, outreach programs and community services.

Upon arrival, guests enjoyed themselves to a small social and, with many dressed in beautiful sarees and semi-formal attire, had a blast at the photo station to capture the night. Many thanks to JJ MacCrimmon Photography for their efforts on the photos maintaining the photo booth area!

Thanks to ROH 2016 emcees, Mr. Kenneth Anderson and Ms. Eileen Burke, the evening festivities began with a welcome from speakers Honorary Troy Trulock and Thomas E. Jackson. A surprise 10th Anniversary artwork by artist Amita Bhakta, was unveiled revealing a compilation of leaves with words of inspiration written by the many people and volunteers involved with AshaKiran throughout the years. The “Tree of Life” artwork was presented in a lively auction which culminated in raising more funds for the shelter. Tommy Jackson, of Jackson Wealth Management & First Note Entertainment, won the one of a kind artwork and in an incredible gesture donated the artwork back to AshaKiran for all to enjoy!

Jackson shares, “Words could never express the importance of an organization like Ashakiran. Bhavani has been amazing at taking such an overlooked and important life issue as abuse and bring real hope to so many lives. To see this organization mature from just a few volunteers and a dream into a real value to the community has been simple a blessing. I hope and pray we never get tired of doing the right thing. Ashakiran is just touching the surface of what they can provide in the future. With us all working together this “Ray Of Hope” is starting to really shine. Thanks go to all who work behind the scenes, to the working members of the organization and to all who continue to support AshaKiran monetarily. Thank you to all of the brave lives that have had the courage to call in for help. Many just simply live a life of fear and hopelessness. Lastly, thank you Bhavani for the relentless hours to pursue a dream over the past ten years. You have led this organization to heights that most only dream about. May the next ten years be even greater.”

ROH 2016 chair Krishna Srikakolapu and co-chair Beth Richardson continued with special recognitions and an exciting video of featured testimonials covering 10 years of AshaKiran.
service. After a delicious dinner, ROH 2016 co-chair Butch Damson introduced our keynote speaker Dr. Ludy Green. Dr. Green touched many hearts with her own personal story of domestic violence growing up and was an inspiration to learn of her triumph over so many obstacles. We were honored to have Dr. Green compare AshaKiran’s work to all of those who had helped her in her life and place a spotlight on how we help people in the same way. Dr. Green was a relevant and inspiring speaker rising above such difficulty to place her efforts to help others and give reasons for the necessity for educational and financial empowerment.

AshaKiran Advisory Board member Mohammed Miran and active volunteer Prabha Sharma presented awards for outstanding volunteers as well as a special recognition of AshaKiran volunteers & donors.

Formal ceremonies included the City of Huntsville declaring Dr. Ludy Green, Tommy Jackson (Jackson Wealth MGT; First Note Entertainment) and international performing artist Jeffrey Iqbal as Honorary Citizens. In conclusion, the 2016 AshaKiran Dedicated and Exceptional Service Award to Manda Modi has dedicated countless hours with AshaKiran to help those in need and been a great support to AshaKiran almost from the very beginning! A Special acknowledgement was also given to AshaKiran President and Founder Bhavani Kakani for her outstanding work from AshaKiran’s inception to what it is today!

Live musical entertainment kicked off with First Note Entertainment artists Jamie Kent, Will Thompson, Anthony Peebles, Lindsey Thompson. The final performance of the evening from international music sensation Jeffrey Iqbal delivered an out of this world Bollywood performance with a wide range of traditional and new south Asian songs from the classics to today! People of all ages and backgrounds could not help but get up to dance the night away whether they understood the language or not.

This year’s A Ray of Hope Event met all expectations and truly was a celebration in many ways!
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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE ON THE 2016 A RAY OF HOPE EVENT COMMITTEES!

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AshaKiran would like to thank all of our 2016 ROH volunteers as well as ALL of the many volunteers that have donated their time with us over the years to help those in need. Our volunteers have helped shape AshaKiran to what it is today!

THANK YOU!
AshaKiran Latest News!

AshaKiran is growing! Of course we have grown so much since we began in 2006, but please join us in welcoming our new AshaKiran Victim Advocate Gloria Batts! We are very grateful to have her experience join us to help increase our efforts to expand across the state and each event.

Upcoming Events!

Event Against Domestic Violence! For the 2nd time, we have reached out to other Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) non-profit organizations throughout Alabama to request their partnership in coordinating their own human chain event in their own counties, on the same day, at the same time and repeat the same pledge making a stand against domestic violence. AshaKiran’s human chain event will start at 2pm at Big Spring Park on October 2nd 2016 and the public is welcome to join the diverse organizations from throughout the city that have gathered to support and make a stand against domestic violence. This is a free event with a planned live performance and flash dance mob. For those interested in participating this years’ Human Chain Event flash dance mob can learn the steps to the dance at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRU1xmBwUeA

AshaKiran has focused their efforts to coordinate one of the biggest human chain events in Alabama, the State-Wide Human Chain

Want to partner with AshaKiran for your event? Please contact us: asha117@ashakiranonline.org

AshaKiran Outreach!

We’ve had another record busy past few months!

We completed CCAT’s at: Penelope House, The Lighthouse, Montgomery Co DHR, Free 2 Be, Kelly’s Rainbow UAHuntsville Police Department & Crisis Ctr of Russell Co.

We conducted AK shelter trainings at DVIC. Family Sunshine Center & House of Ruth. We participated and/or joined the following events: Global Ties AL Reception for Ukraine (6/14), Colour Sisterhood Luncheon (6/18), Decatur Rotary Awards Ceremony (6/27), Wheelchair Wash (7/20), Drake State Community College Panel (8/1), our new 2 Day Language Advocacy Workshop (812-8/13), ACADV Symposium (8/15-8/17), NACH Board of Directors Open House (8/16), UAHuntsville’s Cultural Fest (8/18) and HSV Chamber of Commerce Workshop: Strategic Innovations: Social Media Strategy.

AshaKiran Lookback!

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A few events already took place at the beginning of September: 2016 North AL Health & Wellness Fair (9/10), Hampton Cove Middle School Career Fair (9/7) and a presentation to the EOSL Teachers of HSV City Schools (9/9).

Besides the 2016 Human Chain Event, and the exciting new event that we just mentioned, the Annual International Festival of North Alabama iFest7’ (9/17) is one of our favorite events of the year and FREE! Country booth displays, children’s activities, a parade of nations, food, music & more!

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How Can YOU Help?

**VOLUNTEER:** Volunteer your **TIME** at our next big EVENT! You can choose your preferred area and available times to help us set up displays, work with entertainment, coordinate volunteers, etc.!

**Volunteer your EXPERIENCE!** Can you speak another language? Are you a practicing attorney, a doctor, accountant, etc.? Are you known as the event organizer within your family and friends?

**GET INVOLVED:** There are SO many areas and ways in which our help—no matter how big or small — will make a world of a difference to someone experiencing a crisis! Perhaps it might be more difficult to physically get out and help due to schedules, transportation, etc. — but you still want help? GREAT! One of the biggest barriers to foreign born individuals NOT reaching out for help is simply not being aware that there is an organization out there that can provide assistance along with culturally sensitive services. Therefore, we always need help spreading the word about AshaKiran services and events in your community, online and beyond — and there are various ways you can help us do that right from your own home, computer, phone, etc.

— trust us, if you want to help, there’s a way!

For more information about AshaKiran volunteer opportunities go to: https://uwhsv.galaxydigital.com/agency/detail?agency_id=35427

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**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.**

**HAVE ANY ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE?**

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**Wish List**

- Coat Stands — 2
- Booster Seat — 1
- Sink Water Filter — 1
- Surge Protectors — 6
- Washer (for Shelter) — 1
- Dryer (for Shelter) — 1
- Food Items: snacks, water, etc.
- Personal Hygiene Items: tissues, toothpaste, feminine products, antibacterial gel, soap, etc.
- Book Shelf — 1
- Twin Sheet Sets
- Computer — 1
- Dolly — 1

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**For more information and/or questions, please contact us:**

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**FREE DONATION PICK UP SERVICE**

If you would like to donate items that won’t fit in your vehicle, or don’t have time to come to us — once your donation pick up is scheduled, our truck will come to YOU!

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_AshaKiran_ is a 501(c)3 non profit organization and will provide a donation receipt for tax purposes.
Become an AshaKiran Supporter Today!

Your Gift Could Provide:

- $25: 2-3 days of baby items for one infant (i.e. diapers, formula)
- $50: A week of food for a pregnant individual.
- $50: A week of transportation to work for individuals and/or families.
- $100: A room to a family for one night in our emergency shelter or hotel.
- $250: A month of medical visit co pays for one individual.
- $500: A month of therapeutic services for one individual.
- $1,000: 1st month/deposits for individual/family (i.e. apartment, utilities).
- $1,500: Shelter to a family for one month.

A little goes a LONG way...and often provides the support to those trying to leave dangerous environments for themselves and their children to make that crucial step - perhaps even their very first step - to building abuse-free lives.

Make your donation as a gift 'In Honor Of' a special person to commemorate important life milestones such as a birthday, wedding anniversary, retirement, etc. or even 'In Memory Of' for a loved one whom has passed.

Tax Deductible Donations Are Welcome!

OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AshaKiran
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For more information about donations to AshaKiran:
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If so, chose AshaKiran as your selected charity and Amazon will donate .05% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases!
To get that set up takes less than a minute, click HERE.

Thank you to the organizations that provided grants to AshaKiran in 2016!

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ALABAMA COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Family Violence Prevention and Services Program (FVPSA)

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

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Decatur Rotary Club
Community Grant 2016

Empowering Foreign Born Communities through Education, Empathy & Empowerment
About AshaKiran

Can YOU imagine experiencing a crisis...in another country?
AshaKiran fills a need in the community that mainstream agencies may not be able to address adequately and unfortunately individuals with foreign born origins — when faced with challenges such as abuse, violence, emotional trauma, loneliness or depression — have a difficult time reaching out for help leading to dangerous silence.

Through a variety of community and individual based confidential culturally sensitive programs and initiatives, AshaKiran provides a “ray of hope” towards building a more healthy and harmonious community.

Established in 2006 and headquartered in Huntsville, AL, AshaKiran, which translates to "a ray of hope," is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to serving individuals of South Asian and other foreign born origins dealing with crises, such as domestic violence and sexual assault, by providing specific culturally sensitive services within our emergency shelter, our 24 HR crisis AshaLine “Hope-Line” as well as our training workshops and presentations for other shelters and first responders throughout Alabama.

AshaKiran volunteers come from many countries and backgrounds, catering to more than 36+ languages and 100 dialects to overcome additional barriers individuals with foreign origins are faced with such as cultural, religious and language stigmas.

MISSION: AshaKiran is committed to educate, empathize and empower persons of South Asian and other foreign-born origins while providing culturally sensitive and confidential services to people experiencing traumatic/stressful situations.

VISION: AshaKiran aspires to be “a ray of hope” towards building a healthy and harmonious community.

ASHAKIRAN IS A MEMBER
ALABAMA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
NATIONAL COALITION OF SOUTH ASIAN ORGANIZATIONS
NORTH ALABAMA COALITION AGAINST HOMELESSNESS

ASHAKIRAN HAS BEEN AWARDED:
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ASHAKIRAN IS ENDORSED BY:
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Empowering Foreign Born Communities through Education, Empathy & Empowerment
Did You Know...

Just like Domestic Violence, foreign born individuals with developmental disabilities are faced with additional barriers and issues...so what are Developmental Disabilities?

Developmental Disabilities encompass a broad range of conditions that result from cognitive and/or physical impairments. They are identified before the age of 22 and usually last throughout a person’s lifetime. These disabilities include intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, Down syndrome, language and learning disorders, cerebral palsy, vision impairment, and hearing loss. Developmental disabilities occur in people of all racial, ethnic, educational, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Approximately 17% of children under the age of 18 are affected. The most common developmental disorder is intellectual disability. According to the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, intellectual disabilities are characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in adaptive behavior, which covers a range of everyday social and practical skills. This type of disability originates before the age of 18.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than one out of every 100 school children in the United States has some form of intellectual disability. Cerebral palsy is the second most common developmental disorder, followed by autism spectrum disorders.

According to First Signs, Inc., other developmental disorders include:

- Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Angelman Syndrome
- Bipolar Disorder
- Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD)
- Down Syndrome
- Expressive Language Disorder
- Fragile X Syndrome
- IsoDicentric 15
- Landau-Kleffner Syndrome
- Learning Disabilities (LD)
- Neural Tube Defects
- Phenylketonuria (PKU)
- Prader-Willi Syndrome

According to the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities...

5.4 million Americans have developmental disabilities.

For more information on developmental disabilities, go to the Alabama Council for Developmental Disabilities (ACDD) website: www.acdd.org
AshaKiran has come a long way in ten years...

2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

NUMBERS:

- **Total Ashaline Calls**: 1,544
- **Shelter Bed Nights**: 2,012
- **Counseling Sessions**: 322
- **Total Accompaniments**: 281
- **Total Rides Given**: 1,214
- **Total Cross-Cultural Trainings**: 24 CCAT’s & 687 Attendees
- **Total Volunteers**: 150
- **162 Victims Served**

2015 MILESTONES:

- 1st State-Wide Human Chain Event Against Domestic Violence
- $350,000+ in new grants received (ADECA, ACDD, Boeing)
- Cross-Cultural Awareness Trainings throughout Alabama for the 1st time.
- New privacy fence completed through received grants
- Emergency Safe Home has full-time coverage for the 1st time
- New member of national organization South Asians Leading Together (SAALT)
- New Social Media Presence: AshaKiran profile pages on Facebook & Twitter
- New multipassenger van purchased through grants.

Empowering Foreign Born Communities through Education, Empathy & Empowerment
Take a look at what we accomplished in 2015!

**2015 FUNDING SOURCES**

- 49.49% Government & Other Grants
- 44.59% Events
- 1.92% Individuals
- 2.93% Other
- 1.07% Organizations

**2015 DONATIONS & GRANTS**

**NOTABLE GOVERNMENT GRANTS**
- Family Violence Prevention & Services Act (FVPSA)
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- AL Council on Developmental Disabilities (ACDD)

**2015 EVENTS**

- Tax Update
- Community Kite Festival
- A Ray of Hope Event
- AK CCCI Workshop: Latino Community
- North Al Health & Wellness Fair
- 1st State-Wide Human Chain Event

**2015 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

- 188 Total Collaborations with other Organizations
- 150 Total Volunteers
- 20 Total Events
- 93 Total Activities