



ARIANA MAE HATAMI FOUNDATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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We are striving in our mission to change lives..

This month marks the second anniversary of AMHF! As we step into the third year, our goals keep multiplying in our efforts to wipe out domestic violence. It is very exciting to share our progress with you all!



In partnership with the Radiant Youth program, we are so looking forward to celebrate with you at our Foster Care Faire on Sunday, May 19th at Peninsula Covenant Church, RWC in celebration of Foster month. Help us spread awareness as we bring opportunities for all to get involved!

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Judiciary Goals. AMHF is working on a couple of judiciary statutes that focuses on the victims of domestic violence and then on the perpetrator of the abuse and crime. Leading the way is our board member Joe Goethals, Deputy DA who is directly involved in the domestic violence unit in San Mateo County. The first initiative is to mandate a training class (to increase awareness & prevention) for victims who are in the cycles of violence. Often times the victim will want to modify or drop the restraining order against a defendant because the victim wants to have contact with the defendant; they tend to “fall for the apologies”. Before a restraining order can be modified, the victim will be given the opportunity to take this training. The content will

contain data from the experts in the community; impactful information that can be transformative for the individual if she is willing to take the steps so that she no longer has to be a victim of DV.

The second initiative has to do with domestic violence defendants in the court system. They are known to have a mental illness diagnosis, have a history of DV (repeat offenders with escalating violence), who violate restraining orders and are obviously a high threat thus, should be contained at once before any bail motion is considered. A comprehensive risk assessment [CRA] by a psychiatrist should be performed. The CRA would be used as a tool by prosecutors that would uphold the argument that bail should be raised or support the decision that the defendant should not be released from custody; that the psychiatric diagnosis means that they are less likely to be amenable to probation and for that reason, should stay in jail. The results from a CRA could quite possibly be a barrier for a defendant to get out on bail and then go fatally hurt someone.

These initiatives are sound in their applicability and we aim to make them a reality in the next 12 months. Friends and family are welcome to contact us and comment should you have insight or experience on these topics in our legal system.



LET HIM ASK IN FAITH WITHOUT DOUBTING, FOR THE DOUBTER IS LIKE THE SURGING SEA DRIVEN AND TOSSED BY THE WIND JAMES 1:6

As I journey forward I saw a little blue orb dancing on the waves of Galilee and captured it on video. In stunned bliss, I imagined my Ariana twirling and dipping on the shimmering light. Later I remembered song lyrics from long ago... "Cold hearted orb that rules the night, removes the colors from our sight.. But we decide which is right, and which is an illusion". A lens flare may be an illusion but I will embrace the little blue orb as an answered prayer.

Video Production Goal. Our next venture at AMHF is in the planning stages as well and we are very excited. A video production about domestic violence (awareness & prevention) will be created. This idea emerged from a conversation that took place last year between Farzin and the former VP of SFSU Foundation, Robert Nava. We have him as well as Dr. LuoLuo Hong also of SFSU to thank in setting the wheels in motion.

The video is intended for academic audiences such as, college freshman and junior transfer students as an integral part of their orientation package. Currently, we are in new discussions with the staff at SFSU (Dept. of Student Affairs). A consensus has been reached that AMHF and the Dept. of Health Promotion & Wellness would partner in developing the content, production, and distribution of this video. HP & W would also assist in engaging the School of Cinema as appropriate as well as connecting our Foundation with students. We are hopeful that at the end of next quarter, we will have taken more concrete steps in getting this video off the ground.



It may be apparent that this newsletter and others in the past, have a bit of personal tone to it and not all business. Yes, it is intentional. Ariana's spirit helps me create this newsletter and keep me moving forward as a mother and the Secretary of AMHF. So if I see something that moves me closer to her, I'm compelled to express it. The essence of her is alive like these gorgeous roses. She use to wear a dress with these exact same colors.

Charitable Giving Goal. Through grants, fundraising events, individual contributions received, the 2019 Foundation Giving Plan is prepared to financially support those programs that are aligned with our mission. We've met some wonderful people through the Radiant Youth program, CORA in San Mateo and Next Door Solutions in Santa Clara. We seek attentive, reciprocal relationships to achieve our goals in reducing and eliminating domestic violence in our communities. No doubters here but some of the challenges can be daunting therefore, I ask everyone to keep asking in faith that we at AMHF will reach our goals... and beyond.

**Turning a heart shattering tragedy into hope
for victims of violence**

All of these endeavors would not be possible without your generous contributions to AMHF. Thank you.

The enormous pain of losing Ariana has become our inspiration to make this foundation a healing site for survivors. On that note, we would like to update you and report our progress on a quarterly basis. If you choose to opt out, please notify the sender and we'll discontinue your newsletter.

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