



Welcome to the January edition of AAFSC's newsletter!



We hope that you enjoyed your holiday season. The new year brings exciting new opportunities. This month, Executive Director, Lena Alhusseini, will receive the Womensphere Global Award alongside Ambassador Melanne Verveer. Additionally, AAFSC was once again selected to participate in Womensphere's Impact Campaign, with a goal to raise \$5,000 for the agency. To help us reach our goal, [donate](#) to our

Crowdrise campaign.

We started our new round of classes this month for the Adult Education & Literacy Program and will begin a new cycle of Parenting classes in March. Additionally, the new women's craft circle will start in February. For more information on who to contact regarding these programs, please [visit our website](#).

As always, we would love to hear from you with any comments, suggestions or ideas. E-mail us at info@aafscny.org or call us at 718-643-8000. You can also connect with us on our [Facebook](#) page or via [Twitter](#).

Executive Director, Lena Alhusseini, Receives Womensphere Global Award

On January 19th, Executive Director, Lena Alhusseini, will receive the Womensphere Global Award at the [Emerging Leaders Global Summit](#). The Summit, which will be held at Columbia University, aims to create community among emerging women leaders at premier companies and organizations, from leading graduate programs, and from the top undergraduate colleges, as well as young women entrepreneurs and social entrepreneurs, in the United States and around the world.



Additionally, AAFSC has been selected to participate in Womensphere's Global Impact Campaign. The campaign centers on raising funds and visibility for a select number of non-profit organizations and social enterprises that specifically benefit women and girls or are led by exceptional women. AAFSC is one of 20 organizations selected for the Global Impact Campaign, which hopes to raise \$5,000 for each organization. To donate to our Impact Campaign, visit our [Crowdrise page](#).

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

On December 16, 2011, AAFSC held a special volunteer appreciation breakfast to thank the wonderful volunteers who assist with our programs all year round.

Members of AAFSC's Board of Directors and staff presented the volunteers with certificates and discussed upcoming volunteer opportunities for the new year. AAFSC is thankful for the hundreds of volunteers who give their time throughout the year. With their help, we continue to provide crucial services to the Arab American community of New York City.



If you would like to volunteer with AAFSC, visit our website to fill out our [volunteer application](#).

Walk-a-thon for Teen Dating Violence Awareness



Self-defense Class for Teen Girls



On December 13th, 2011, AAFSC's Girls' Club participated in a self-defense workshop facilitated by the Center for Anti-Violence Education's Gabriella Belfiglio and Samantha Mills. The hour and a half long workshop taught the girls how to protect and defend themselves in dangerous situations.

The girls were excited to participate and especially enjoyed role playing the role of the victim and the perpetrator to practice defending and protecting themselves in various situations. Many of the girls stated that it was their first time participating in such a workshop and that they had "so much fun."

AAFSC's Sexual Assault Program Expands Outreach to Faith Communities

As part of the Sexual Assault Program's continuous community outreach, AAFSC is now targeting faith centers, such as mosques and churches and requesting that faith



leaders work with us to provide sexual assault education to their community members. In addition, we are also providing direct services to sexual assault survivors, including crisis intervention and counseling. For more information, please contact, Cumar Husain, Sexual Assault Case Manager, at 718-643-8000 ext.14.

Save the Date!

17th Anniversary Benefit Gala: Artists Who Bridge Cultures

The girls club will be participating in a walk-a-thon for National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month on February 18th, 2012. The Walk-a-hon, which is sponsored by The Healing Center, will start at 10:00 AM on 47th St & 4th Ave in Brooklyn and will end at Ovington Ave & 4th Ave. If you would like to join AAFSC's team to raise awareness for this important cause, please contact Cumar Husain at 718-643-8000 ext. 14.

April 12, 2012
6:30 - 9:30 PM

Helen Mills
135 East 26th Street

Join AAFSC for our 17th Anniversary Benefit Gala as we honor and celebrate artists and arts-based organizations that create and utilize unique ways to engage communities and build bridges, including:

[Polyphony Foundation](#) &
[Alwan for the Arts](#)

For information on sponsorship and silent auction donations, please contact Sara Elghobashy at 718-643-8000 ext. 19 or sara@aafscny.org.

NYPD Donates Toys for Tots to AAFSC

On December 29th, Detective Ahmed Nasser of the NYPD's Community Affairs Office provided AAFSC's clients with a special gift for the holiday season. AAFSC's clients received toys from the Toys for Tots program, an annual tradition of the NYPD.



AAFSC would like to thank Detective Nasser and the NYPD for their generosity. The children enjoyed a fun day at AAFSC and their holidays were made a little brighter with their new gifts.

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The Arab-American Family Support Center is a non-profit organization that empowers new immigrants with the tools they need to successfully acclimate into the world around them and become active participants in their communities.

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