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Dear Friends at Midori Kai,

Thank you again for your generous donation to Asian Women's Shelter of \$1,500. We were very proud to stand with the other three agencies and receive the award at your Boutique. Seeing so many vendors, supporters, and community members really brought into focus the wonderful work that you do to support agencies and the various Asian communities in the Bay Area.

Your contribution is important to us, and it will be put to good use. We often have emergency needs for survivors—medical emergencies, housing crises, lack of transportation, and support for establishing new households—and your gift will contribute to our emergency fund.

We have been reflecting on some of our successes lately, and we would like to share with you. One of our former residents learned basic financial management skills and participated in a job readiness program. With her advocate at her side, she was able to visit a local bank, consolidate credit card debt, reduce the exorbitant interest rate to something she could manage, and look forward to a stronger financial future. Having found a new job, she has been able to pay off her credit cards (all student loans), and she is preparing for a new career. AWS coached another former resident—a survivor of both domestic violence and human trafficking—through the legal process to secure permanent residence in the US, reunite with the daughter from whom she had been forcibly separated, and find affordable housing in one of the San Francisco low-income housing programs. When she moved into her new apartment, where she had her first private bathroom and functioning kitchen—she told her advocate that it was a dream come true. Through your contribution to our programs, Midori Kai has been a part of making those dreams come true.

We are in the process of refreshing our communication with donors, and we want to make sure that our friends at Midori Kai receive our e-newsletters and other communication. If there are members not yet receiving our newsletter, we would appreciate receiving their online registration or email address, which can be sent to me directly at elizabeth@sfaws.org.

Thank you from all of us,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Kirton', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Elizabeth Kirton
Executive Director