



In the first 6 months of 2008, Sakhi responded to 345 new requests for support while working with 50-60 survivors continuously.

Here's just one example of how your support makes journeys to safety and strength possible:

A survivor of human trafficking and domestic violence, Seema (whose name has been changed to protect her confidentiality), was referred by city police to Sakhi eight months ago after a violent incident provoked a neighbor to dial 911. Sakhi provided Seema services including:

- emotional support;
- connection to counseling services to recover from trauma;
- placement at a partner agency's emergency shelter;
- access to legal assistance to obtain a divorce and prosecute her husband for crimes of human trafficking and domestic violence; and,
- assistance securing immigration status independent of her husband through a visa for survivors of human trafficking.

Beyond her immediate needs, Sakhi supported Seema to rebuild her life and gain self-sufficiency. An accomplished nurse in her home country, Sakhi secured a grant for Seema to have her nursing degree certified and to register for English classes so she could begin working in this country. Within a month, through Sakhi's support in creating a resume, gaining job skills and interview training at a workforce center, and receiving donated professional clothing, Seema **obtained a job as a certified nursing assistant.**



In difficult times, we turn to family and friends for support. Women we serve confront violence where we are most vulnerable – in the home. On behalf of women we serve, **Sakhi for South Asian Women** is turning to you. Help us sustain our critical services for women in crisis. We all know private and public donations are shrinking. **But in this fragile economy, more people are reaching out to us for services and we need your support to keep our programs strong.**

Visit us at www.sakhi.org and click on the **Donate Now** button today or send a check to: **Sakhi, P.O. Box 20208, Greeley Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10001.**

Mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month with an investment that will never depreciate – invest in healthier, stronger families and communities by contributing to our programs to support survivors and end domestic violence.



With a steady income, Seema can finally begin planning for the future. Seema has found affordable housing with assistance from Sakhi and is working towards becoming a registered nurse. **Seema now hopes that one day, when she is ready, she can enter into a healthy, loving, supportive relationship.**

