

12th India Night to Benefit Wooden It Be Lovely

Dear Friends,

With profound gratitude, the Asian Indian Women's Organization (AIWO) extends its heartfelt appreciation to the team of 41 AIWO volunteers and the team representing Wooden It Be Lovely (WIBL). Their steadfast support and collaborative spirit have been integral to crafting the **flawless success of the 12th India Night**. It was held on September 16th, 2023, at Crowne Plaza, Springfield to benefit WIBL. On the evening of India Night, we collectively raised \$216,763. After expenses, net proceeds of \$180,500 were officially donated to WIBL during a check presentation ceremony on November 15, 2023.



WIBL is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization that helps women who are survivors of poverty, homelessness, addiction, abuse, and more. Women in these circumstances can run into difficulties finding employment or support systems to help change their lives. WIBL provides mentoring, recovery tools, education, networking skills, and safe housing to help them recover and heal. They are taught employment skills, life skills, and job interview skills. Women are given meaningful jobs. They work to refurbish donated furniture, sew, and make candles to sell. In 2022, WIBL started a residential housing program.

India Night celebrated the rich tapestry of Indian culture and heritage. Over 500 people attended this fundraising event, which included a bazaar, entertainment with dances and fashion shows, a live auction, a fund-a-project, and dinner. We were thrilled to see how our community came together to honor the beauty and diversity that India brings to our lives. May India Night be a source of inspiration and a reminder that our presence is an invaluable part of the Springfield community.

We are extremely grateful to the Springfield community for their generous contributions and active participation in the event. The 12th India Night's triumph stems from the collective dedication of the AIWO members, the WIBL team, sponsors, attendees, volunteers, and distinguished guests. Together, we have etched a masterpiece of success that will resonate for years.

Best wishes,

Chandana Nandi, President
Asian Indian Women's Organization (AIWO)