

Giving Back to the Springfield, IL Communities

Asian Indian Women's Organization (AIWO) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity organization **making a difference** in **communities** through volunteering, fundraising, and fostering cultural exchanges. AIWO is member **driven**, consisting of a group of over 40 hardworking, caring, and **amazing** women members.

These members organize fundraising events for charitable, nonprofit organizations. AIWO has raised over one-half million dollars to support worthy causes. It organizes a magnificent, fun-filled "India Night" to showcase Indian cultures and raise funds for charities. Members also participate and donate funds for the Food Bank, meals for homeless shelters and other community activities.

There are **four AIWO members** who received the **Women of Influence Award**:

1. **Chandana Nandi** in 2023 (President, in the second picture)
2. **Sammi Mander** in 2022 (Past president in the center)
3. **Aruna Mathur** in 2018 (Founder & past president in the left)
4. **Shipra Somani** in 2014 (Member in the right)

This **award** is given by **Security Bank** and the **Springfield Business Journal** to women who have made significant contributions to the Springfield community at large.

Humanitarian of the Year Award

In 2021, **AIWO** was a recipient of the **Humanitarian of the Year Award** by the **Greater Springfield Interfaith Association**. This award was given in recognition of its service to the Springfield community and for the humanitarian work done under the **Breath for India** campaign to provide financial and medical assistance in the battle of COVID-19 in India.



Women of Influence Award Recipients

