

## AIWO Annual Report: January - December 2024

Executive Committee (EC): Dr Richa Pandey (President), Dr Renu Govindaiah  
(Vice President), Daksha Patel (Treasurer), Purnima Brahma (Secretary)

Total Members= 51

Month	Activity
January-April	<p>-AIWO EC began planning for 'Color Me Holi - 5K Run/Walk' (CMH) event in Jan 2024 in collaboration with Race director Bill Stokes and Springfield Park District.</p> <p>-The remaining 2 India Night 2023 Auction Dinners were prepared by members &amp; delivered.</p> <p>-AIWO tax for 2023 was filed</p>
February 8	Share the Spirit Foundation was selected as the beneficiary for the CMH.
February 12	Online registration for the CMH event went live. The sponsorship package was finalized, printed, and distributed.
March 12	The CMH event was promoted on Radio on Sam Madonia's show and springfieldmoms.org for a fee of \$354.
April 25	An article for the CMH event was published in the State Journal-Register (SJR).
April 27	The CMH event was a huge success, attended by over 250 people including Senator Doris Turner. SJR provided coverage for the event before and after with pictures and an article. The Springfield area Art Council donated supplies for the Kids Art Corner. YMCA of Springfield partnered with AIWO and hosted a Healthy Kids' booth.
May	The annual Report was submitted to the Secretary of State for a fee of \$10.
May 29 & Oct. 26	Hot meals were donated to Helping Hands of Springfield to provide meals to 60 homeless people. Aiwo provided meals two times this year due to lack of meal providers at the homeless shelter.
June 6	A check for \$17,500 was presented to Share the Spirit Foundation, beneficiary of CMH.
July 28	AIWO annual picnic was held at the South Wind Park. Tee shirts were provided to all the members.

September 15	A presentation was provided to the members on Preventive Health by Dr Bhandari.
September 25	AIWO donated 200 lb of cereals to the Food Bank of Central IL for their "Back to School Cereal Drive".
September 28	Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease was attended. AIWO donated \$100 and members collected and donated \$2,605 to the Association.
November 1	AIWO sparks of joy Coat and Toy drive began.
November 3	Organized a fundraising event to benefit the Blind Foundation for India. Members collected and donated \$8,394 to the Foundation.
December 1	AIWO members participated in the Holiday Planter Decoration contest and decorated a peacock theme planter outside the Lincoln Library.
December 6	Five boxes of toys and 120 warm winter coats were donated to Contact Ministries.
<p>April 4</p> <p>April 25</p> <p>June 15</p> <p>July 11</p> <p>August 23</p> <p>September 15</p> <p>September 19</p> <p>October 5 &amp; 7</p> <p>November 9</p>	<p><u>Community Support &amp; Participation by AIWO Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women's Power Lunch, fundraising event, Simon Cancer Center</li> <li>- Power of Purse, fundraising event, MERCY Communities</li> <li>- Juneteenth Parade</li> <li>- Levitt AMP concert series</li> <li>- Little Black Dress Gala, fundraising event, Wooden It Be Lovely</li> <li>- Back to School Brunch, fundraising event, Compass for Kids</li> <li>- Opening Sequence Dance at 'Style of Hope'</li> <li>- Share the Spirit Foundation's shoe-shopping event</li> <li>- 5K Fall program event of Girls on The Run of Central Illinois</li> </ul>