

## AIWO Annual report: 2018

February 18	Members participated (a table of 8 for \$160) in Chai Tea, fundraiser for Jewish Federation of Springfield.
March	AIWO web page was developed. Facebook and web page have been managed and updated regularly by Upasana.
March 18	Annual complimentary lunch was held for its members.
April 26	Members participated (a table of 8 for \$210) in MERCY's Power of Purse, fundraiser and donated 2 purses.
April 29	Organized Rangeeli Shaam to raise funds for IAGS. The primary sponsor was Dr. Chaudhary family & \$8,000 was donated.
May	Aruna Mathur was a recipient of the 15th annual Security Bank's Women of Influence Award.
August 25	AIWO donated \$150 to the flood victims of Kerala.
September 22	AIWO members participated at the annual Alzheimer's Disease Association walk and donated \$500.
September 28	A sold out 11th India Night was held at Crowne Plaza with over 512 guests to benefit MERCY Communities.
November 1	AIWO provided a dinner to 50 homeless people at the Helping Hand of Springfield homeless shelter.
November 19	AIWO delivered 147 lbs. of food items and donated \$180 dollars (\$150 from AIWO funds) to the Central Illinois Food Bank.
November 18	AIWO donated \$100 to Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America- local group.
December 13	A check for \$130,500 was presented to MERCY Communities at their Board meeting/holiday gathering.
December 20	AIWO delivered 15 gift bags (~value of \$660) to homeless veterans from 5th Street Veterans Homeless Shelter.
December	AIWO donated \$250 to the Taylorville Tornado Assistance Fund set up by the US bank at Taylorville.
December	AIWO submitted an article regarding \$130,500 raised for MERCY Communities to India Abroad and was published in 1/2019 issue.

**Executive Committee:** Manjula Mehta, President; Sammi Mander, Vice-President; Chandana Nandi, Secretary; Nilima Lad, Treasurer; and Aruna Mathur, Founder/Past President