

AIWO Annual Report: January - December, 2022

Executive Committee: Chandana Nandi (President); Rambha Chaudhary (Vice-President); Kalpana Desai (Treasurer); Dr. Richa Pundey (Secretary)

Month/ Date	Activity
January - April	Began planning for “Color Me Holly 5K Run/Walk” event in collaboration with Bill Skokie, Race Director, 5K Run and Springfield Park District. The Planning Committee of seven met through Zoom twice a week.
January 27	Girls on the Run of Central Illinois was selected as a beneficiary for “Color Me Holi 5K Run/Walk” scheduled for April 23 at Washington Park.
January 31	To maintain not for profit status, the Form NFP 105.10/105.20 was submitted to the IL Secretary of State. The registered agent on the form was changed from Nilima Lad to Kalpana Desai with a \$5 fee.
February 5-9	Online registration for the April 23 event became live https://runsignup.com/Race?racelid=124298 Sponsorship package was finalized, printed and distributed.
February 10-11 March 12	Promotional articles for “AIWO Color Me Holi 5K Run/Walk” were submitted to the State Journal Register of Springfield and to Illinois Times. The event was also promoted through Springfieldmoms.org for a fee of \$314.
March 4	AIWO donated \$106 to Humanitarian Efforts in Ukraine Campaign
April 23	“AIWO Color Me Holi 5K Run/Walk” was a very successful event. A total of 285 people participated including 91 runners and 191 walkers from the local community and surrounding areas including Chicago. Channel 20 provided coverage on the local news. State Journal Register provided coverage with pictures before and after the event.
April 29	Annual report was submitted to the IL Secretary of State with a \$10 fee.
May 4	Tax for AIWO as a corporation was filed. A federal tax for \$96 and a state tax for \$75 were paid. A fee of \$375 was paid to Michelle Sergent for tax preparation and submission.
May 22	A \$17,000 check was presented to Girls on the Run of Central Illinois on May 22, 2022. Information regarding this event was submitted to WICS (channel 20) and the State Journal Register.
June 21	AIWO donated \$500 to the Food Bank of Central Illinois to participate in the Sinclair Cares: Summer Hunger Relief Fund . Almost 22 million kids rely on schools for their meals. But those meals can stop during summer months when school is not in session. Sinclair Broadcast Group partnered with Food Bank and Feeding America & raised funds for this cause.
June- July	AIWO bylaws were revised through a committee of 8 members and were

	approved by a 3/4th majority of votes on July 1, 2022.
July 8	An online 1023-EZ application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code was submitted to the IRS through pay.gov. A \$275 fee was paid through direct withdrawal from the AIWO bank account.
July 27	AIWO was approved as a tax exempt organization from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) . AIWO has been classified as a public charity.
August 20	A presentation on “Falls, Balance and Tricks’ was provided by Sonali Bhole, PT, AIBVS/CS at the Hindu temple of Greater Springfield. Discussions included: prevalence of falls, impact of falls on health, reasons for falls in elderly, human balance and fall prevention guides (tips, tricks & exercises). Over 50 people were in attendance.
August 25	Domain protection plan for the AIWO webpage was purchased for two years for a fee of \$23
September	AIWO webpage (“About Us” tag) was updated to include: 1) Revised bylaws; 2) Annual reports (2018-2021); 3) revised “Who We Are” page; and 4) “President’s Blog” page on “Color Me Holi 5K Run/Walk”- fundraising event to benefit Girls on The Run of Central Illinois. For details, please visit https://asianindianwomensorganization.com/
September 25	A celebration party with lunch and fun activities was held for members. There were 26 ladies in attendance including 3 ladies representing the Hindu Temple of Greater Springfield and India Association Executive Boards. The purpose was to celebrate AIWO's new status as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt public charity organization. A presentation on all the steps involved to accomplish this task was provided to the members.
October 1	AIWO participated in the Alzheimer’s Walk as an AIWO team led by Nilima Lad. Thirteen members were part of the team and raised \$1,498 for Alzheimer’s Association.
October 6	Evening meals (2 full pans of lasagna, 5 boxes of organic spring mix, 2, 24 oz bottle Ranch dressing, 60 bananas) were provided to 50 homeless adults. HyVee catering service was utilized. For the first time in its history, AIWO was deemed exempt from state tax of \$20 .
November19	A presentation on “Cancer Prevention: Knowledge is Power” was provided by Dr. Ruchika Goel at the Hindu temple of Greater Springfield. Discussion included, among others, topics such as: most common cancers, most common causes of death, risk factors & symptoms, reducing the burden of cancer and ten commandments of cancer prevention.
December	AIWO webpage was updated to include: 1) Annual Report: 2022 ; and 2) President’s Blog on “Becoming a 501(c)(3) Organization From a Nonprofit Corporation: Process, Benefits & Requirements”

