

## August e-newsletter

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### Dr. Jim Yong Kim announced as 2009 Gala Keynote Speaker

KACF is thrilled to announce Dr. Jim Yong Kim will be the Keynote Speaker at our Fourth Annual Building Bridges Gala on October 21!

Dr. Jim Yong Kim recently took office as the 17<sup>th</sup> President of Dartmouth College and is the first Asian American President of an Ivy League institution. Dr. Kim is an internationally recognized physician, a dedicated educator, and a humanitarian devoted to providing accessible medical treatment to victims of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and other diseases that disproportionately affects world's poorest people.

"We are delighted that an inspiring leader and humanitarian such as Dr. Jim Yong Kim, will be the keynote speaker at our upcoming Gala," says Kyung Yoon, Executive Director of KACF. "As a public health leader who has devoted his life to addressing global inequities, Dr. Kim exemplifies what it means to be a bridge builder."

Dr. Kim is co-founder of Partners in Health, a non-profit organization that supports health programs in poor communities worldwide, and a former senior official of the World Health Organization. Dr. Kim received a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant in 2003; was named one of America's 25 "Best Leaders" by *US News & World Report* in 2005; and was featured as one of TIME magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2006.

-Jane Yoon, KACF Intern

#### Message from Executive Director

Dear KACF Friends,

This is a special edition of the KACF e-newsletter which focuses exclusively on our upcoming Gala on October 21st. As you can see, planning is well underway and we have lots of news to report! Next month, we will revert to more news about why KACF works so hard to fundraise: to be a resource to our grantee partners in our shared work to help individuals and transform communities.

Happy reading and see you on October 21!



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*4th Annual*  
**BUILDING  
BRIDGES**  
*Gala*  
October 21, 2009  
Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers

Founded in 2002, the Korean American Community Foundation (KACF) has grown to become a trusted source of philanthropy within the Korean and Asian American communities. As of 2009, KACF has made more than 60 grants totaling \$1 million to 20 community-based non-profit organizations working to improve lives and transform communities.

Equally important, KACF is cultivating a culture of giving and community-building among Korean Americans of all generations. Our vision is a vibrant Korean American community engaged in strengthening our society through philanthropy, volunteerism, and compassionate leadership.



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## Juju Chang returns to emcee the 2009 KACF Building Bridges Gala!



*Juju Chang (center) with 2008 Gala Community Honoree, Ambassador Wonil Cho (left) and wife*

We are delighted to announce that **Juju Chang** will co-emcee the 2009 Building Bridges Gala. A recognized philanthropist and a co-founder of KACF, Ms. Chang brings unique passion and familiarity to this role.

Ms. Chang is an Emmy Award-winning correspondent for ABC News' "20/20" and "Good Morning America," occasionally anchoring for "ABC News Now" and "Good Morning America's" Weekend Edition. Her "20/20" stories have included a multipart examination of gender based on Noah Vincent's

book, *Self Made Man*, a profile of rock legend Jon Bon Jovi and an examination of the well-established pitfalls of mother-daughter relationships. Ms. Chang has won a Gracie Award for PBS "Now" story about judicial activism and a Freddie Award for another series that she hosted for PBS, "The Art of Women's Health."

-Brennan Gang

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## 2009 Gala Update

Fundraising for KACF's 4th annual Building Bridges Gala is well underway!

Drs. **Mun** and **Laura Hong**, long-time supporters of KACF, are returning as Gold Level sponsors of the Gala. **Citi**, **Goldman Sachs**, **Hansol** and **Hansot** have once again generously committed to Silver Level sponsorship, and KACF welcomes **Holy Name Hospital** as a first-time VIP sponsor this year. KACF is also pleased to announce that **James Wohn** is returning as a VIP Gala sponsor.



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If you would like to join this growing group of supporters answering the challenge and become a Benefit Committee member, please contact [gala@kacfny.org](mailto:gala@kacfny.org).

-Lucia Yoo

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## 2009 Building Bridges KACF Gala Co-Chairs Interview

KACF's fourth annual Building Bridges Gala is just around the corner on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Chelsea Piers. As the Korean American community is beginning to buzz with excitement, the three Gala Co-Chairs took a short break to tell us what they envision for the upcoming event.

1. It's a big commitment to be a Gala Co-Chair - fundraising and managing the event program. With your busy life, why did you decide to take on this role?

**Mun K. Hong:** My wife, Laura, and I have been supporters of KACF for several years and we really believe in its cause - to help our fellow neighbors in time of need. Although I didn't feel mentally prepared, I knew emotionally I was ready to contribute in a more personally meaningful way to the success of KACF. In addition, I was encouraged by the fact that I would be surrounded by many experienced and equally committed volunteers. I am certain that regardless of the result, collectively we will have given our best efforts for the success of the Gala.

2. What is your vision of a successful Gala?

**Sarah Chung:** Our vision for the Gala this year is to bring the community together in a celebration of the outstanding contributions of individuals, the courageous work of our grantee organizations and engage supporters in the ongoing work of our Foundation.

3. What impact would you like to have on the community with the Gala?

**Tony W. Lee:** We have several goals for this year's KACF Gala. First of all, we'd like to continue the successful fundraising tradition and raise as much money as possible. The needs of current and future grantee partners in the greater New York area are more acute than ever due to the direct and indirect effects of the economic downturn. The funds that we raise this year will have an impact more than ever.

Second, we'd like to continue raising awareness - awareness that there are many in the greater New York area, including Korean Americans, who lack resources and opportunities; that there are great organizations that are working within the community to provide real solutions; and awareness of KACF and its ability to bridge between the Korean American community and all the other communities for the greater good.

Finally, we hope that the Gala can instill both a philanthropic mindset and a giving habit as well as pride in the Korean American community and all that we have and are able to accomplish.



*2009 Gala Co-Chairs (from left to right): Tony W. Lee, Sarah Chung, and Dr. Mun K. Hong*

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## Upcoming Grantee Partner events...

1) The American Cancer Society Asian Initiatives office is hosting a brunch to kickoff its "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk.

The walk is on Saturday, August 22, 2009, 11AM at the Korea Village Basement (150-24 Northern Boulevard, Flushing NY). It's an opportunity to hear American Cancer Society's life-saving work in the Korean/Asian community through research education, advocacy and services and how to participate in the Walk. Light refreshments will be served at the kickoff. To RSVP for the brunch, please contact Hanna Ryu at [hanna.ryu@cancer.org](mailto:hanna.ryu@cancer.org) or 718-886-8990 ext.17.

2) Korean American Family Service Center celebrates Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October:

September 26 - October 31

Six Saturdays - 24hr Hotline Volunteer Training, please join us if you wish to volunteer at the Center

Thursday, October 1st - 7pm

An Evening of Classical Song with Kathleen Kim, soprano & Andrew Gangestad, bass @ Merkin Concert Hall at Kaufman Center

Friday, October 9th - 5:30pm

Annual Silent March Against Domestic Violence in Flushing

October TBA

Golf Tournament to support KAFSC - stay tuned

For more info, call 718 460 3801 X 14 or visit [www.kafsc.org](http://www.kafsc.org).

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## Upcoming community events and announcements...

Korean American Family Service Center, a leading not-for-profit organization assisting women, children and families in the New York tri-state area to recognize and eliminate relationship violence and abuse, has three full-time job openings available.

- **Program Director** - oversees all program activities and manage clinical staff

- **Clinical Counselor**- works with case manager to provide individual and group counseling and advocacy services for adults and seniors

For more information, please visit [http://www.kafsc.org/main\\_en.html](http://www.kafsc.org/main_en.html). To apply, send resume, cover letter and 3-5 page writing sample to [gyoon@kafsc.org](mailto:gyoon@kafsc.org).

**Donghwa Cultural Foundation, Inc. "American Youth Calligraphy/Korean Brush Painting Competition 2009"**

Donghwa Cultural Foundation is pleased to present "American Youth Calligraphy/Korean Brush Painting Competition 2009" on August 15, 2009.

The competition is opened to all children and students between 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The three prizes (the Gold, Silver and Bronze prizes) will be presented to the winners of each category of calligraphy and Korean Brush Painting with \$300 scholarship for the Gold prize winners. An opportunity of four day exhibition from August 19 to August 22, 2009 at Donghwa will be provided to all winners to share their work and excellence with families, friends and community members.

For more information, please contact Donghwa Cultural Foundation, Inc. at [www.donghwaculture.org](http://www.donghwaculture.org) or [donghwaculture@gmail.com](mailto:donghwaculture@gmail.com)

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