

## Korean American Community Foundation Newsletter - October 2011



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### Message From Executive Director

Dear Friends,

A big thank you to everyone who braved the rain to come and support KACF and our Annual Gala last Wednesday! It was a night to remember with 1000+ guests gathered around the common purpose of helping our neighbors and empowering our community. We were inspired by all our speakers - Corporate Honoree Higgin Kim, Keynote Speaker Dr. Howard Koh and our grantee speaker Jason Lee, a program participant from the MinKwon Center – who all touched eloquently on the theme of looking beyond individual achievements and working towards community success. The [New York Times Style section](#) featured our Gala in their Sunday edition! We are compiling all the memorable photos and you can look forward to a full wrap up of Gala 2011 in our next newsletter in November.

More immediately, please come out and participate in the Town Hall meeting with NYC Mayor Bloomberg and City Commissioners today at Flushing Public Library. This is a first for the Korean American community of New York and we would love to see a strong turnout. The event is open to the public and I hope to see you there!

Best regards,

Kyung B. Yoon  
Executive Director

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### KACF Hosts Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Michael Bloomberg

**Wednesday, October 26**

**5:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Flushing Public Library**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg and City Commissioners will be addressing the Korean American community in Town Hall meeting tomorrow at Flushing Public Library. It is an opportunity to have a meaningful exchange with Mayor and Commissioners about issues of importance to Korean American community members, and to help e

the visibility and voice of our community. This is a first for the community, reflecting our growing presence and influence, and KACF is honored to be hosting this milestone event.

Please come out today and participate!

If you have any questions about the Town Hall, please contact Brennan Gang at [brennan@kacfny.org](mailto:brennan@kacfny.org) or 212.300.2144.

*\*It is imperative that all who are interested in attending arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting, which will promptly begin at 5:30pm.*

*\*\*The Town Hall Meeting at Flushing Library: Located on 41-17 Main St. 7 train to Main Street, or LIRR on Port Washington line (from Penn Station to Flushing-Main St). The Library is across the street from the LIRR station approximate travel time is 20 minutes*

## Two 2011 KACF Special Projects Grants Awarded

**Organizations that are making a difference: *KoreanAmericanStory.org* and *SAKHI for South Asian Women***

Through the Special Projects Grants, KACF funds projects that address emerging issues that are not currently prioritized by the Foundation. We also prioritize projects that seek to engage both Korean and non-Korean communities to promote positive social change, and those that explore issues of Korean identity, culture and diaspora. For more information please [click here](#).



### **[KoreanAmericanStory.org \(KAS\)](#)**

**KACF Grant: \$5000**

The mission of the KoreanAmericanStory.org is to present and preserve the full range of Korean American experiences to create a rich historical and cultural legacy for future generations. It pursues its mission by supporting and promoting the creation of art in all media that explores and reflects the ever-evolving Korean American story. KACF is pleased to support KAS as it seeks to archive Korean American stories and build a narrative of not only our immigrant experiences but also our contributions to America. Furthermore, KAS is a vital platform for raising cultural awareness and voicing the Korean American community.

### **[Sakhi for South Asian Women](#)**

**KACF Grant: \$5000**

Sakhi, meaning "woman friend," is an organization that advocates the end to violence against women by address

domestic violence through a culturally-sensitive, language-specific place that is informative and supportive of South Asian women facing abuse. KACF is delighted to have supported the "Preventing Violence, Promoting Justice" conference which explored the relations between the domestic violence movement and other movements for social justice across communities.

## Team KACF Prepares for the ING New York City Marathon, November 6



We had the chance to ask Team KACF runner Jennifer Choi for her thoughts on the upcoming event.

**We're thrilled for Team KACF to take part in the ING NYC Marathon this year. In the eyes of the individual runner, what is it that makes you interested in participating in the marathon?**

Completing a marathon is always a monumental task. The NYC marathon is perhaps the ultimate athletic achievement in my mind with its technical course for wheelchair participants, my own continuing personal struggles with neuropathic pain, and general dislike for long-distance wheelchair pushing. As anyone who knows me well would understand, the very fact that it is amazingly difficult makes participating in the NYC marathon enticing for me. I've never been shy away from a challenge.

**ING NYC has over 200 participating charities registered to run for many different causes. What made you choose KACF?**

KACF is like a family to me, with so many family friends taking an active role within the organization. I've admired it from afar as my parents have been active participants, but when the opportunity presented itself to be a member of Team KACF, I couldn't resist. In particular, I love how KACF focuses on community formation and strives to positively impact the communities of NYC. It's an awesome mission and I know that KACF is a good steward of their resources to maximize its impact.

**If you had any words of encouragement to share with Team KACF and other runners, what would they be?**

Now that we're less than two weeks away, I'm starting to feel the butterflies in my stomach. This is definitely the exciting part, where I try to harness all this nervous energy into every stroke of the wheelchair. Heck, if I can do this, then my fellow runners will be able to as well.

It is truly an exciting time for KACF to participate with the objective of spreading the mission to strengthen the neighborhoods of the Korean American community. For any questions regarding Team KACF's participation in the ING New York City Marathon, please e-mail [nycmarathon@kacfny.org](mailto:nycmarathon@kacfny.org).

If you would like to sponsor Jennifer or one of our Team KACF's runners, please click the name of the runner you wish to support:

[Charles Chon](#)  
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## Join us at KACF's Pre-Marathon Lunch!



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Please join us as we enjoy a pre-marathon lunch with Team KACF runners, that has been generously sponsored by KangSuh Korea Restaurant, Amore Pacific, and Missha.

**Date:** Saturday, November 5, 2011

**Time:** 12:00PM - 2:00PM

**Location:** 1250 Broadway

**Info:** \$30 minimum donation per non-runner.

Due to limited space, please e-mail your RSVP [here](#).

## KACF Walks in the Korean Day Parade

KACF participated in the 31st Annual Korean Day Parade on Saturday, October 1. The parade took place on Sixth Avenue, and was a great chance for New Yorkers to get a closer view of Korean culture through traditional music, costume, and Taekwondo (Korean martial arts). KACF would like to thank those who took part in the festivities and marched with the KACF banner.



## Community Events

**Art of Korean Embroidery**



Young Yang Chung at work

photo: John Byrd for KACF

Meet renowned embroiderer and textile historian Dr. Young Yang Chung and master artisan Kim Tae-ja in the Open Studios at MAD. This is a rare opportunity to see how two of Korea's top fiber artists create such subtle visual illusions as light bouncing off glassware and the brilliance of fall foliage working with only needle and thread and supreme skill. Together, for two days only, these masters will offer demonstrations of traditional and contemporary Korean embroidery techniques in the Open Studios on the sixth floor of the Museum of Arts and Design. Don't miss this rare opportunity to learn more about the art of Korean embroidery with two of its greatest living practitioners in conjunction with Korean Eye: Energy and Matter, on view November 1.

### Event Information

**When:** November 4-5, 2011

**Where:** Museum of Arts & De

[Click here for more informatio  
Arts of Korean Embroidery](#)

### Fashion Diaspora: Wearing Your Culture on Your Sleeve



The Fashion Diaspora Committee cordially invites you to an International Fashion Gala celebrating "Unity in Diversity" and NY's diverse culture through fashion. This is a celebration of the world's rich traditions, histories and cultures through fashion, attire and adornment. The goal of the Fashion Diaspora is to foster appreciation of the various cultures that make up NYC's rich diverse population and the cross-cultural influences of these ethnicities expressed through fashion.

### Event Information

**When:** November 11, 2011

**Where:** Yale Club of NYC

[Click here for more informatio  
Fashion Diaspora](#)

**Black-tie optional. If you would like more information on this event, please contact [info@kacfny.org](mailto:info@kacfny.org)**

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