

## *An introduction. . .*



**What is a Giving Circle?** A Giving Circle is a group of like-minded individuals who pool their resources and contribute them to benefit their communities. Giving Circles strive to fundraise within their communities (family, friends, colleagues, others with similar interests), learn about local non-profit organizations doing important community work, and then make grants to those organizations.

**What is SAGC?** We are a Bay Area Giving Circle made of, by and for South Asians.

**How does the SAGC work?** SAGC is administered day to day by a central Board (listed below). In addition, we are always looking for a core of members who help, as their time allows, with donations, fundraising, learning about community organizations, grant-making and raising awareness of the organizations we ultimately support.

Engagement and learning is a key part of membership. Members will have the opportunity to learn about local South Asian-affiliated charitable organizations. After compiling a list of non-profits that benefit the local South Asian community (either by reaching out to organizations we discover, or taking grant applications from our website), members will collectively vote, *along with all donors*, on the allocation of our funds.

Everyone from the Board to the members and donors can contribute as much or as little as they're able. If you're interested in South Asia, our Bay Area community, charity, non-profits or building a network of likeminded individuals, SAGC is for you!

**Our Fundraising Goal:** Our anchor partner AAPIP has agreed to match SAGC contributions of up to \$25,000. We expect to raise a minimum of \$25,000 in 2009-2010, but would love to find other anchor partners and raise even more.

**Who will the SAGC donate to?** Our funds will be distributed to local (Bay Area) non-profits that are able to demonstrate a tie to South Asian culture or causes. Beyond that, we're very open and flexible in the types of organizations that can receive our grants. See our website for specific organizations that have caught our attention.

**How can you help?** We are very interested in finding core members! Having more members allows us to expand our reach and maximize the impact we can make in our local community. But if you don't have time to be a member, that's ok. A donation to the SAGC is a great way to help us; and you'll have a vote in where our funds will be allocated.

### **SAGC First-Year Timeline**

*April-July:* fundraise; determine terms of grants; reach out to potential grantees

*July - Oct:* solicit applications from non-profits for our grants; fundraise

*Oct-Nov:* select & interview finalists; fundraise

*Dec-Jan:* select grant recipients; fundraise

*Feb:* process grants to selected organizations; fundraise

*March:* Announce grants & process starts anew!

**Board of Directors** Swati Mylavarapu, Nik Ghandy, Aashish Patel, Himanshu Shah, Shyam Toprani, Suken Vakil