Cast Your Vote for
AARP’s Asian American & Pacific Islander Community Hero Awards
AARP Honors Individuals Who Serve AAPIs Age 50-plus

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 19, 2017 – Vote now for AARP’s 2nd Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Hero Awards to acknowledge the hard-working staff and volunteers of non-profit organizations serving AAPIs age 50-plus.

Visit facebook.com/AARPAAPI to cast your ballot. Voting ends on Friday, July 14, 2017 at 11:59pm ET. Three heroes and their organizations will each receive a $1,000 cash prize when the winners are announced at the end of July.

The ten AARP Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Hero Award finalists are:

- **Dilafroz Nargis Ahmed**, Desi Senior Center Director, [India Home](https://www.indiahome.com), Glen Oaks, NY
- **Adrienne Dillard**, Executive Director, [Kula no Poʻe Hawaii](https://www.kulanoophehawaii.org), Honolulu, HI
- **Shongchai Hang**, Outreach Worker, [South East Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition](https://www.seamac.org), Philadelphia, PA
- **Sharon Hartz**, Korean American Association of Greater Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- **Hyejoong Kim**, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Atlanta, GA
- **Linda Mayo**, Pan-American Concerned Citizens Action League Inc., Jersey City, NJ
- **Jane Kaʻalakahikina Pang**, Pacific Islander Health Partnership, Santa Ana, CA
- **Nor-Oghan Mimi Saito**, Asian Pacific Development Center, Aurora, CO
- **Tracy Wu**, Chinese Community Center Houston, TX
- **Dale Yamada**, Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley, Sacramento, CA
Sharon Hartz, Chair of Senior Citizens’ Welfare Committee, Korean American Association of Greater Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Hyeyoung Kim, Program Director, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Atlanta, GA

Linda Mayo, Founder and President Emeritus, Pan-American Concerned Citizens Action League, Jersey City, NJ

Jane Ka’alakahikina Pang, Secretary Program Manager, Pacific Islander Health Partnership, Santa Ana, CA

Nor-Oghan Mimi Saito, Community Navigator, Asian Pacific Development Center, Aurora, CO

Tracy Wu, Project Coordinator, Chinese Community Center, Houston, TX

Dale Yamada, ACC Rides Volunteer Driver, Asian Community Center of Sacramento Valley, Sacramento, CA

“AARP congratulates these 10 finalists who have been chosen by our selection committee from an amazing national pool of outstanding and dedicated group of nominees submitted for consideration by their colleagues,” said Daphne Kwok, AARP Vice President of Multicultural Leadership, Asian American and Pacific Islander Audience Strategy. “We invite you to demonstrate how important their contributions to serving our older adults have been by casting your vote now!”

The finalists were selected from the submissions AARP received from around the country including Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, and Washington, DC. The stellar nominees included executive directors, staff, and volunteers who work in healthcare, housing, social services, education, and media.

ABOUT AARP
AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With nearly 38 million members and offices in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, AARP works to strengthen communities and advocate for what matters most to families with a focus on health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the world’s largest circulation publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPAdvocates on social media.

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