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**The Honorable  
Congressman Danny K. Davis  
7th Congressional District, Illinois**



# 7TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

The 7th Congressional District in Illinois is one of the most exciting, interesting, diverse and dynamic places to live and work in the nation. It is a community with unlimited potential. It is also a district with great disparities and challenges.

The 7th District is wholly within Cook County and bordered on the east by Lake Michigan and extends to the western border of Cook County. The district is generally south of Armitage Avenue and has one arm which extends as far south as 57th Street. It includes much of the West Side of Chicago and parts of the suburban communities of Bellwood (all), Berkeley, Broadview, Forest Park, Hillside, Maywood, Oak Park (all), River Forest (all) and Westchester. In Chicago, the 7th District includes all or part of the community areas of Austin, China-town (Armour Square), Douglas, East Garfield Park, Englewood, Fuller Square, Bronzeville (Grand Boulevard), Humboldt Park, Kenwood, Loop, Near North Side, Near South Side, Near West Side, North Lawndale, Oakland, Washington Park, West Englewood, West Garfield Park and West Town.

The 7th District is home to a host of world class cultural, and 22 higher education institutions It is home to the Chicago Bears, Chicago Bulls, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Blackhawks. It is home to some of the best known and most colorful neighborhoods in Illinois including Chinatown and Greektown. The District’s suburban communities have long, rich histories and have amassed proud traditions.

The District includes downtown Chicago, home of Chicago’s financial exchanges (the Chicago Board of Trade, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Options Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and is one of the world’s great international financial centers.

The District includes twenty one hospitals:

- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital
- Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital
- Garfield Park Hospital
- Gottlieb Memorial Hospital
- Hartgrove Hospital
- Jesse Brown VA Medical Center
- John H Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County
- Lorretto Hospital
- Loyola University Medical Center- Loyola University
- MacNeal Health Care Center
- Mercy Hospital & Medical Center
- Mount Sinai Hospital
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- Norwegian American Hospital
- Prentice Women’s Hospital
- Rml Specialty Hospital
- Rush University Medical Center
- Saint Anthony Hospital
- Saint Elizabeth Hospital
- Shriners Hospitals for Children Chicago
- Westlake Hospital
- University of Illinois Medical Center
- West Suburban Medical Center

Some of the higher educational institutions in the 7th district:

- Chicago-Kent College of Law
- Columbia College
- Concordia University
- DePaul University
- John Marshall Law School
- Loyola University
- Keller Graduate School of Management
- Rush Medical College
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
- Stritch School of Medicine (Loyola University)
- University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine

Key Cultural Institutions in the 7th district:

- Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum
- Arie Crown Theater at McCormick Place
- Art Institute of Chicago
- Auditorium Theatre
- Chicago Center for Black Music Research Library
- Chicago Children’s Museum
- Navy Pier
- John G. Shedd Aquarium
- Field Museum of Art
- Grant Park Music Festivals

## **CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS - BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

Danny K. Davis was chosen by the people of the 7th Congressional District of Illinois as their Representative in Congress on November 5, 1996. He has been re-elected by large majorities to succeeding Congresses.



In the 116th Congress, Representative Davis serves on Oversight and Government Reform including subcommittees: Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs; Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements; and Subcommittee on Human Resources and the Committee on Ways and Means including the Subcommittee on Oversight.

Congressman Davis is a member of several Congressional Caucuses including the Congressional Black Caucus, the Progressive Caucus, the Urban Caucus, the Community Health Center's Caucus, and the Congressional Sugar Caucus.

Congressman Davis has distinguished himself as an articulate voice for his constituents and as an effective legislator able to move major bills to passage. He has developed a unique and energetic style of communication and interaction with his constituents setting up dozens of advisory task forces to consider significant questions of public policy. He hosts several weekly television and radio shows which feature audience call in and produces regular written reports to every household in the district. In addition, he maintains weekly office hours in the district and is widely sought after as a speaker at district events.

In the 116th Congress Representative Davis is resolutely committed to preserving our democracy, protecting social security, maintaining our nation's gains in civil and human rights, women's rights, voting rights, protection of the environment, consumer and labor protections, reducing inequality, and ensuring quality, affordable health care for all, while retaining his focus on issues of job creation, poverty, health care, education, youth and criminal justice reform.

Prior to his election to the Congress he served on the Cook County Board of Commissioners having been elected in November 1990 and reelected in November 1994. Previously, he served for eleven years as a member of the Chicago City Council as Alderman of the 29th Ward.

Before seeking public office Congressman Davis had productive careers as an educator, community organizer, health planner/administrator and civil rights advocate. He has received hundreds of awards and citations for outstanding work in the areas of health, education, human relations, politics and advocacy including six honorary Doctorate Degrees from well known Colleges and Universities. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States and has spent time in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and in South and Central America.

Born in Parkdale, Arkansas, on September 6, 1941, Congressman Davis moved to the Westside of Chicago in 1961, after having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Arkansas A.M. & N. College. He subsequently earned both Masters and Doctorate degrees respectively from Chicago State University and the Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He is married to Vera G. Davis, has two sons, Jonathan and Stacey, and is a member and Deacon of the New Galilee M.B. Church.



**The Honorable  
Congressman Jonathan Jackson  
1st Congressional District, Illinois**

## CONGRESSMAN JONATHAN JACKSON - BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Congressman Jonathan L. Jackson represents Illinois' First Congressional District. Born to civil rights leaders Rev. Jesse Jackson and Jacqueline Jackson, the fight for underrepresented people runs in Congressman Jackson's blood. He has long been an advocate for marginalized communities using his platform to fight for equity and civil rights.

Congressman Jackson's commitment to social justice and equality has been the driving force behind his activism. As the national spokesman for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Congressman Jackson raised awareness about innocence and juvenile justice issues. He was heavily involved in the Chicago Police Department's false confessions cases, such as those of Darrell Cannon, Oscar Walden, and Johnnie Lee Savory. He played a role in several high-profile human rights and social justice cases, including negotiations with Syrian President Hafez-Al-Assad for the release of captured American Navy Lieutenant Robert Goodman and with Fidel Castro for the release of 22 Americans held in Cuba.



Congressman Jackson values public education and fervently supports expanding opportunities to families regardless of income. In Chicago, he fought against the closure of Chicago Public Schools where he led public hearings and provided civic education training to preserve community memory and prevent closures and turnarounds by private companies. His efforts helped Guggenheim Elementary School come off the closure list in 2010 and saved other schools from the same fate.

Congressman Jackson grew up in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University and a Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business. Jackson has launched several telecom, distribution, and construction businesses. He has also taught finance and entrepreneurship at Chicago City Colleges and was a business professor at Chicago State University.

Congressman Jackson now brings his activism to Congress. He is committed to promoting policies that advance equality and justice, improving access to quality education and healthcare, and protecting the environment. He proudly serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and is dedicated to working with his colleagues to pass meaningful legislation that will benefit the people of IL-01 and the nation as a whole.



**The Honorable  
Congressman Bill Foster  
11st Congressional District, Illinois**

## CONGRESSMAN BILL FOSTER - BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Congressman Bill Foster is a scientist and businessman representing the 11th Congressional District of Illinois, a position he's held since 2013. He also represented the 14th Congressional District of Illinois from 2008 to 2011. He is the only PhD physicist in Congress.

Bill serves on the House Financial Services Committee where he advocates for consumer protections and an economy that works for everyone. In response to the Great Recession, he helped create several important reforms in the financial services and housing markets, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Bill serves as chairman of the Financial Services Committee's Task Force on Artificial Intelligence.



He also serves on the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee where he has fought for evidence-based policies and forward-thinking approaches to some of our country's most pressing issues, including climate change and energy innovation. He is a champion for sustained federal funding for scientific research.

Bill serves as the chairman of the Science Committee's Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee, which is empowered to investigate and oversee federal scientific research.

In the wake of the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, Bill was named to the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus. The Select Subcommittee is charged with examining the federal government's response to the COVID-19 crisis, including the use of taxpayer funds to mitigate the public health and economic consequences of the pandemic.

Bill's business career began at age 19 when he and his younger brother co-founded Electronic Theatre Controls, Inc., a company that now manufactures over half of the theater lighting equipment in the United States.

Before he became a Member of Congress, Bill worked as a high-energy physicist and particle accelerator designer at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab). He was a member of the team that discovered the top quark, the heaviest known form of matter. He also led the teams that designed and built several scientific facilities and detectors still in use today, including the Antiproton Recycler Ring, the latest of Fermilab's giant particle accelerators.

Bill lives in Naperville with his wife Aesook, who is also a physicist. Bill has two grown children, Billy and Christine. Bill's father was a civil rights lawyer who wrote much of the enforcement language behind the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
**PROCLAMATION**

**12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL US CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS GALA RECOGNITION  
JUNE 17, 2023**

**WHEREAS,** American Multi Ethnic Coalition is a bipartisan grass root community organization that celebrates 38 ethnic communities of America. "Empowering Ethnic Minorities through Educational, Economic, Healthcare & Political Initiatives;" and

**WHEREAS,** the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. Congressional Awards Gala celebrating global community heroes by the American Multi Ethnic Coalition (AMEC) and the 7th Congressional Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force (MEATF) takes place at Yellow Box, Naperville, USA – June 17, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** this prestigious awards ceremony will feature 32 categories that pay tribute to individuals who have exemplified exceptional leadership, passion, and dedication in various fields; and

**WHEREAS,** will recognize those championing social causes to spearheading educational reforms. These individuals have leveraged their influence to bring about transformative change and empower communities worldwide.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Scott A. Wehri, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby recognize, the **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS GALA** being held on June 17, 2023 in the City of Naperville

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 17th day of June 2023.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Wehri", is written over a horizontal line.

Scott A. Wehri, Mayor

## **SCOTT A. WEHRLI MAYOR**

With decades of experience in business, community banking, law enforcement and public service, lifelong Naperville resident Scott A. Wehrli was first elected to the office of mayor in 2023. A community volunteer since he was 12 years old, Mayor Wehrli is aware of the decisions that made Naperville one of the greatest communities in the country in which to live, work, raise a family or retire. Mayor Wehrli's top priority is to listen to all of Naperville's residents and business owners. In his role as Mayor, Wehrli is focused on supporting economic development and a thriving local economy, implementing sound fiscal policies, and keeping Naperville one of the safest communities in America.



Adopted into a family with deep roots in Naperville, Mayor Wehrli grew up in the family construction business and continued working there full-time while he pursued his education at North Central College. He and his wife, Lynda, raised their two children, Sam and Hope, in Naperville.

Mayor Wehrli feels fortunate to have learned from mentors like former Mayor A. George Pradel, who taught him about servant leadership and how to foster a sense of community and inclusiveness. Mayor Wehrli has lived out these lessons through his community service, including being appointed at age 24 by former Mayor Sam Macrane as the youngest liquor commissioner in Naperville history. Mayor Wehrli led the City's creation of proactive policies to curb liquor-related nightlife crime and continued serving on the commission for 29 years until becoming Liquor Commissioner upon his election as mayor.

Professionally, Mayor Wehrli is principal owner and secretary-treasurer of Naperville-based DuKane Precast, which employs more than 200 people and produces custom precast concrete products for building projects. He has worked as a part-time Naperville Park District Police officer for over three decades, rising to the position of Lieutenant. His dedication to the community previously led him to co-organize a group of business leaders to create community banks that specialize in local lending. The company has since gone public and merged with another banking organization, and Mayor Wehrli remains a member of the bank board.

Mayor Wehrli serves on the boards of several nonprofit, economic development and educational organizations, including two decades spent on the Naperville Development Partnership board, where he was chairman for two years; North Central College, his alma matter; and Marmion Academy. In his spare time, he enjoys photography, biking, fishing and traveling.

Mayor Wehrli's experiences serving the public have taught him the importance of building upon the past to keep Naperville one of the greatest communities in the nation. As he guides the City, Mayor Wehrli provides locally focused leadership with an emphasis on policies to enhance Naperville's exceptional quality of life.

## AMEC NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S GREETINGS



American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. (AMEC) is a bipartisan Community grassroots Level Organization to empower multi ethnic communities through social, cultural, educational, health, economic & developmental initiatives. AMEC has established an inimitable and robust way of communication and interaction to consider significant options of public policy.

American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. (AMEC) was established in 2016 under the vibrant leadership of Dr. Vijay Prabhakar along with Multi Ethnic Task Force (MEATF) with the blessing of Congressman Danny Davis.

AMEC plays an active role in encouraging and protecting minorities. It is a think tank, and Advisory Group that also addresses the issues that affect all ethnic communities including but not limited to Voter Registration, Immigration, Healthcare, Racial Profiling and Employment Opportunities.

Our discussions and actions over the past several years have covered a wide spectrum of issues and concerns in professional and business arena. AMEC strongly believes that our development efforts must deal with the challenges of economic hardship.

I am confident that our deliberations and engagements have been very successful: a key indication of our success is our organization membership is growing under our leadership Council. Kudos to our AMEC & MEATF Gala Chair Naveen Karna.

Thank you, Dr. Prabhakar for your excellent leadership. To our valued members, I would like to seize this opportunity to publicly acknowledge your interest, support, and long hours of hard work as I have no doubt that you will continue to stand by us. Thank you for your dedication and commitment in furthering our vision.

My plea at this juncture is to request your support to make sure that American Multi Ethnic Coalition along with Multi Ethnic Task Force can demonstrate, implement, and achieve its goal to assist our community.

Cheers,

**Neal Patel**

**American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. USA**

**National Chairman**



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## Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Spotlight: Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar's Impact in Chicago and Beyond

**HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON**  
OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES  
*Wednesday, May 31, 2023*

As we close Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I rise to celebrate the remarkable contributions of Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar, a Chicago-based Asian American leader whose dedication to public health, community service, and multi-ethnic unity has enriched our society. The story of his achievements, from the earliest days of his career to the present day, underscores his commitment to our community and the global stage.

As we find ourselves not even midway through the year 2023, I find myself standing in awe of the staggering breadth of achievements already accrued by Dr. Prabhakar. His illustrious record of accomplishments this year alone puts into sharp relief a lifetime's work of many, reinforcing the fact that his relentless dedication and commitment to service is truly unparalleled.

Starting the year with strength and vision, on January 4, Dr. Prabhakar led the successful launch of the GSA India @75 Expo USA Metro Cities Sequel in Washington D.C. Together with esteemed colleagues including Congressman Danny K. Davis, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Delia Ramirez, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and myself, we are aiming to strengthen U.S.A - India relations across six major American cities in 2023.

Later that month, on January 28, I had the privilege to launch the Global Eye International Institute of Leadership in New York City. This institute, a brainchild of Dr. Prabhakar, offers short term leadership courses to ethnic minorities on a broad

range of subjects, preparing and empowering future minority leaders in America. On the very same day, the World Malayalee Council, New York Province recognized Dr. Prabhakar's efforts with a Distinguished Leadership Award.

In a further testament to his tireless dedication to community service, Dr. Prabhakar launched the Gandhi King Center for Non-Violence in the Englewood neighborhood of Chicago on February 1. This initiative, aimed at reducing gun violence through grassroots community participation, is yet another example of his innovative approach to problem-solving.

March brought a memorable celebration as Dr. Prabhakar organized the India Unity Day to commemorate the historic defeat of the Anti-India resolution in the City of Chicago.

His relentless efforts were recognized by the United Punjabi Association, USA, which honored him with the Distinguished Community Leader Award on April 15.

In May, Dr. Prabhakar represented our nation as a Special Guest of Honor at the dedication of Asia's largest Christian Church in Warangal District, India. His dedication to public service extended to the sports domain as he met with Mr. Jay Shah, Secretary, Board of Cricket Control of India, to discuss the launch of the North American Cricket Promotion Council in the U.S.A.

Most recently, Dr. Prabhakar was chosen as National Chairman of the Asian American Restaurants Association. This is yet another testament to his remarkable leadership within our Asian American community.

Mr. Speaker, I remind you that these are just a handful of the numerous accomplishments Dr. Prabhakar has achieved in the first few months of 2023. I could stand before you for days, recounting the breadth and depth of Dr. Prabhakar's work. His unwavering dedication to

service, community, and global unity is nothing short of inspiring.

His story, filled with resilience, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to the service of others, stands as a testament to the power of hard work and the impact of purposeful leadership. His achievements reflect not only his exceptional dedication but also his ceaseless drive for the betterment of our communities, both here in the USA and abroad.

Dr. Prabhakar's contributions reach beyond his professional sphere, extending to significant social causes and initiatives. His dedication to public health, community service, and multi-ethnic unity has enriched our society, and his influence continues to inspire countless individuals and communities. Dr. Prabhakar's remarkable journey is a shining example of what can be achieved when passion meets purpose, and when a relentless spirit of service guides every action.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest admiration for Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar and his extraordinary contributions. His unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others, his tireless advocacy for unity and inclusivity, and his ability to lead with compassion and integrity make him a true role model for us all.

As we celebrate the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we celebrate trailblazers like Dr. Prabhakar who serve as pillars of our society. It is individuals like him who enrich our community and fortify the spirit of unity and diversity in our great nation. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing and applauding the outstanding contributions of Dr. Prabhakar.

*These remarks have been entered into  
Congressional Record where they will be  
permanently placed in the Library of Congress.*

## MULTI ETHNIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Congratulations to each of you on your appointment to the 7th Congressional District's MULTI ETHNIC ADVISORY TASK FORCE (MEATF) EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL. U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis personally conveys his best wishes to each of you as you serve on this prestigious council for 2023-2024.



2022 has been a successful year for all of us. God is good as always. I am pleased that our Executive Leadership Council for 2023-2024 is complete with passionate volunteers who share Congressman Danny Davis's dream of empowering our multi ethnic communities. We have a good mix of seasoned leaders, diehard volunteers and young spirit in our 2023-2024 Council to forge ahead.

2023 marks the 13th Year of our Task force having been founded in 2010. I would like to salute our previous Chairpersons 2010-2012: Dr. Muhammad Zahid (Pakistani American), 2013-2015 : Dr. Tapas Dasgupta (Indian American), and 2016-2019 : Kishor Mehta (Indian American). In early 2020, I an Indonesian American took pride to take over as the Fourth Chairman of this vibrant empowerment and advocacy organization which has significantly impacted the social, economic and political landscape of our State of Illinois.

The growth of this organization from strength to strength can be singularly credited to the passionate dedication, creative mindset, sustained hard work, and inspiring leadership of Dr. VGP, the Founder. Dr. VGP's inclusive leadership style to unite 38 different ethnic communities, is today a national model and has given birth to American Multi Ethnic Coalition, Inc. AMEC.

Our priorities for 2022 -2023 are as follows 1. Health Care 2. International Education Connect 3. International Women's Day Gala - Women's Empowerment , 4. Global Community Oscars -Ethnic Empowerment 5. Citizen's Action Alliance For Behavior Health - Mental Health and 6. Homelessness Collaborative.

MEATF is a think tank and an advocacy group that also addresses the issues that affect the different ethnic communities including but not limited to Voter Registration, Immigration, Racial Profiling-Asian American Violence and Employment opportunities.

We welcome each of you and trust that all of an together will forge ahead to empower the different ethnic communities.

**Martino Tangkar**  
**Chairman**

**Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis 7th Congressional District  
Chicago, Illinois**



**American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc.**  
**12th Annual Global Community Oscars Gala - June 17, 2023**



**Dr Zenobia Sowell**

Award Jury Chair

AMEC & MEATF 12th Congressional Global Community Oscars Gala

## AMEC LT. GOVERNOR MESSAGE



I have faith that sees the invisible, expects the incredible, receives the impossible. Faith that can conquer anything. These are prophetic and powerful words during this lifetime, The Coronavirus, the pandemic and beyond.

It was this prayer, mantra, and constant vigil the drove my belief that this too shall pass, and we would come out of the unknown at the inception of this crisis on the other side. Wise and Steadfast. Because of our tenacity and resilience, it was manifested in our drive to survive.

Faith is believing in things we cannot always see, not understand. From the inception of the lockdown and the pervasive spread of the coronavirus. We strongly believe that God gives us the strength and hope that was path out country had not travel before overcame.

Our founder Dr VGP was the conduit to reach out to members and went into action in support of all the members, the fragile, vulnerable, and disconnected to ensure that their families were okay that someone was there for them in this time of uncertainty.

Dr. VGP kept the lines of communications, giving all the hope, and reminding us that we had to continue keep our heads up and make sure we reached out to others whether it was through email, texts, or other forms of social media. This was the thread to pray, support and help one another in any capacity possible.

AMEC spearheaded the Roundtable Summit of Behavioral Health providers with Managed Care Providers in a historic meet hosted by Citizens Action Alliance for Behavioral Health in April 2023. AMEC under the visionary leadership of Dr. VGP launched the Gandhi King, Center for Non-Violence in Englewood, Chicago to commemorate Black History Month.

AMEC Successfully hosted the 11th International Women's Day at Capitol Hill, Washington DC in March 2023. AMEC celebrated India Unity Day for third year in succession on March 24th, 2023. AMEC is proud to announce that we facilitated the opening of a Robotic facility in Rockford, Illinois. AMEC is forging ahead with a vibrant commission and active leadership council members.

**Join AMEC!!!, Victory is Yours!!!**

**Manne Lingaiah**

Lt. Governor

American Multi Ethnic Coalition

**AMEC SECRETARY GENERAL'S GREETINGS !**  
**BY SHREE GURUSAMY**



Greetings & Welcome !

This past year has been one of great challenge, change, loss & uncertainty. It has also been a year of reflection, blessings, opportunity and hope. The fact that we are still here in the land of the living should give each one of us a true sense of gratefulness for life, family, loved ones and friendships.

American Multi Ethnic Community Coalition(AMEC) is in the forefront of several community initiatives. AMEC has evolved into a national organization under the robust guidance of U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis and our multi-faceted leader Dr Vijay G Prabhakar. AMEC now has chapters in New York, Texas, Arizona, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, California and Virginia.

Our discussions over the past several year have covered a wide spectrum of issues and concerns in professional and business arena. It is indeed gratifying that during all of our discussions, U.S. Congressman Danny K Davis is in the forefront of reminding us that we need to constantly understand how our development efforts would deal with the challenges of economic hardship and changing political landscape.

I am confident that our deliberations and engagements have been very successful: a key indication of our success is that our AMEC membership is growing. Thank You, Congressman Davis and Dr Prabhakar for your excellent leadership. To our valued members, I would like to seize this opportunity to publicly acknowledge your interest, support and long hours of hard work as I have no doubt that you will continue to stand by us.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment in furthering Congressman Danny Davis's vision. My plea at this time is to request your support to make sure that our American Multi Ethnic Coalition can continue to demonstrate, implement and achieve its goals to assist our communities.

**Shree Gurusamy**  
**Secretary General**  
**American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc.**

## AMEC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREETINGS



**MEATF-** Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force is a think tank and advocacy group established by Congressman Danny K. Davis in 2010 to empower the different ethnic communities of Chicago by integrating them with the African American Community to share and serve the residents of City of Chicago.

**AMEC** - American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc. is a bipartisan state wide grassroots level organization representing 38 different ethnic communities.

Multi Ethnic people from all walks of life have been the foundation of the City of Chicago and this great country, the United States of America. The 12th Annual MEATF & AMEC Global Community Oscars recognizes individuals who have excelled in serving us by leveraging their leadership to enlighten and empower us.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Awards Jury headed by Dr. Zenobia Sowell and the members of the jury for their efforts to select our 2023 Community & International Heroes. This is the largest Multi-Ethnic Festival in Chicagoland. Our media Partner is The Global Eye - World-Wide Digital Monthly that reaches 42 million households.

13 years is a milestone for an organization like MEATF where 38 different ethnic communities come together. The COVID pandemic tested our resilience as a coalition and also channeled our resources to reach out to those who were in need. All worked in unison and rose together on the occasion.

MEATF and AMEC is a movement under the leadership of Congressman Danny K. Davis, founded by Dr. Vijay G Prabhakar that works for our ethnic communities and for our overall development. Our visionary Congressman Danny K. Davis fights for transparency in government, strong economic structure and integrated development at all levels in his 7th Congressional district-IL and beyond.

Let me take this opportunity to Congratulate all the Awardees and the Presenters for their outstanding work. My Prayer to all of you is to continue to do your best and together all of us can forge ahead.

**We must all stay united now and always to succeed.**

**Naveen Karna**  
**AMEC Executive Director**  
**Naperville, IL**



## **GALA CO-CHAIR ACKNOWLEDGES**

It has been a wonderful experience working and organizing the 12th U.S. Congressional Global Community Oscars Gala. I would like to express my appreciation to the Gala Co-Chair Naveen Karna and to the whole team for working together to make this a mega success. Our inspirational and visionary leader Dr. Vijay Prabhakar with his relentless energy and creative ideas kept us on our toes. I would like to thank our living legend U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis, our Poster boy U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi our poster boy, the young turk in the U.S. Congress Congressman Jonathan Jackson and my very own Congressman Bill Foster from Naperville for Anchoring this 12th U.S. Congressional Awards Gala. Our Appreciation goes out to:

Ann Smith and Mike Tjaarda of Naperville Yellow Box Christian Community Church for their unstinted cooperation, tireless work and enlightening spirit which took the Global Community Oscars to another level. To our MEATF dynamic leadership Governor Dr. Zenobia Sowell, MEATF Chairman Martino Thangkar and all our Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs, For the Wonderful work in unison which empowered us to make this a night to remember. We would like to thank the different entertainment groups who mesmerized us during the "Around the world in 60 minutes". We would like to salute the Chicago Curry House and its CEO Bala Ghimire, the professional caterers for the 12th community Oscars for the excellent dinner served at our Banquet. We salute the Banquet co-chairs Jerome Athistham, Kathy Thorat and Sandeep George and the host of volunteers for the extraordinary arrangements for the dinner at the banquet. We would like to thank Arlington Rentals for their support. We would like to thank "Endpoint Graphics", Mr. Nagendar Sripada, our printing partner we would like to record their precision from our back office for the countless hours of extraordinary excellent work, Mr. Anil Pulla and his team at Design Cubes, Hyderabad.

We would like to thank our sponsors Medstar and its CEO Neal Patel, Wells Real Estate Investment, our AMEC Global Ambassador at Windfall Group and the GSA Global Eye Magazine Congratulations to all the award winners and wishing you all every success as you continue to climb the ladder of success. We also would like to appreciate our distinguished presenters for taking the time to be with us and adding the extra sparkle to our global community Oscars. A special word of gratitude to Ras boutique, Gazala Khan and her exotic models for an evening in Paris. Of Course our Showstopper of the evening, the impeccable dance performance by our very own Vijay Muralidharan and Subhash George, the replica of the Oscar award winning lyricist Nattu Nattu with such high energy reveals the remarkable innate talent of our leaders.

We would like to thank the Cook county board President Toni Precwinkle. We would like to thank Our Mayor Scott Wehrli for being the Gala Czar and issuing the Special proclamation from the City of Naperville honoring the 12th Congressional Global Oscars. We would like to acknowledge the divine presence of Prophet Reverend Paulson Raj Sangala, the founder of Society for Christ who has traveled all the way from Warrangal, India, the Young woman of the year Roopashi Khatri from Bengaluru, India, the international Rising Sports star of the Year Ulhas Koravi Satyanaran from New Delhi, India, the rising Star of the Year U.S. Congressman Shri Thanedar from our neighboring state Michigan, the humanitarian of the year Poonam Dhatta, founder of Sewa Atlanta and Little Angel Chen our youngest awardee from ChinaTown.

We thank the Media for the extraordinary ABC7 TV, Chicago StreetWise, The Crusader, The Global Eye Magazine, Desitalk, Hi India, India Post, AsiaNet, Flowers TV, and Chinatown News.

Thanks to Megha Bala for being creative in writing the Emcee scripts and the Presenter Scripts

A Big thank you to the on-Stage and Back Stage team led by Swapnil Sahu, along with Abitha Dhanaraj, Vibha Rajput, Siddharth Jai and Robert York.

Last but not the least, Thanks to our Emcees Vincent Gray, Seeta Bala and Shree Gurusamy.

**YES TOGETHER WE SHINE BETTER!!!**

**Alli Dhanaraj  
Gala Co-Chair  
12th U.S. Congressional Awards Gala**



## AMEC MARCHES ON .....

An acclaimed motivational speaker Sally Coach once said, “Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day.” I was able to relate to this saying quite frequently when I became a part of the American Multi Ethnic Coalition (AMEC) and actively participated in the multi-faceted activities that embody the organizational mission. Just a couple of years ago, I started as a volunteer helping backstage with the entertainment part of programs and operations. The experience, comradery, and leadership skills I gained during this time were extremely valuable and this inspired and motivated me to become a bigger part of AMEC.



I am grateful to the Founder and President, Dr. Vijay Prabhakar for inviting me play a leadership role in this growing organization. I am glad that I am able to lend my creativity in areas ranging from concept to implementation involving nitty gritty details of engaging people from all walks of life, planning and staging events, recognize special talent, dedication, and even promise and potential. It has been such a great pleasure to execute events such as the 2022 GSA Expo during the months of September and December of that year. The Expo showcased India’s transformation in growth and development as one of the top global economies. In addition, for the first time ever in the United States, 18 young achievers across America were honored nationally to embrace and enlighten the Indian American youth as part of #75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations in the USA.

In January 2023, a GSA sequel was held in D.C. at the request of Congressman Danny K. Davis which was a huge success and in February 2023, the Global Eye International Institute of Leadership was launched in New York, NY. In March 2023, we also hosted two events to celebrate International Women’s Day, one held in Chicago recognizing the top 20 Chicagoland women of excellence and another recognizing the top 20 global women of excellence held in Washington D.C. A couple of other notable initiatives were the launch of the Gandhi King Center for Non-Violence and followed by the historic roundtable with CEO’s of MCO’s and behavioral health providers in March 2023.

The creative vision and positive leadership of Dr. Vijay G. Prabhakar (VGP) continues to inspire us to believe in our vision and mission. His innovative ideas in developing partnerships, collaborations and focus on people and causes that unite us globally are both challenging and exciting. Several individuals have been vocal in praising AMEC initiatives as they believe that they were motivated to become positive contributors under helpful friendly guidance to foster community in our shared world. AMEC membership continues to grow rapidly as more people find joy and fulfillment in serving their communities. Engaging and challenging our young talent in the Americas, Asia and other parts of the world is just one great example.

I thank all the members of the AMEC executive and working teams for stretching themselves through hard work to help accomplish our organizational goals. Their dedication and unwavering support are growing rapidly, and I am thrilled that many are starting to experience the same fulfillment as I do. Being a part of AMEC started as volunteer work and it has now matured into being an integral part of my life. Let us bring more friendships, partnerships and togetherness as we journey through our lives and focus on working to make this world a better and happier place.

**Seeta Bala**  
**Vice President , AMEC USA**

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Vibha Rajput

**12th CONGRESSIONAL GLOBAL COMMUNITY OSCARS 2023**

**5.00 PM : BANQUET PROGRAM**

- Welcome** : **Anu Malhotra, Host Chair**
- Prelude** : **Christianna Gray**
- Institution of the President**  
**Toni Preckwinkle**
- Student of Excellence Award** : **DR VGP**
- Presenter** : **Dr Ajit Pant**
- Awardee** : **Nisha Panthee**  
*Prospect High School, Mt. Prospect, IL*

**President Toni Preckwinkle Remarks**

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**NISHA PANTHEE**

*Prospect High School, Mt. Prospect, IL*

Nisha Panthee is the daughter of Nepali immigrants who have made a new life in the United States of America. She is currently a rising sophomore at Prospect High School in Mt. Prospect, Illinois where her academic prowess are shown as her role as a Honors student. Academics is not all that she excels at, since childhood, she has been active in the community, actively volunteering for multiple organizations, two of standouts for her are the Education Foundation of Nepal and the Arlington Heights Farmers' market. She spends the weekends there to truly make an impact and make her an invaluable contributor for the organizations.



# Global Community Oscars 2023

## PROGRAM

**Anchor : Vincent Gray**

**Emcees : Shree Gurusamy & Seeta Bala**

<b>5.55PM :</b>	Greetings	:	Dr Twin Green, AMEC Special Events Chair
	Musical Ensemble	:	Femi Ogebule & The Royal Voices
	Russian Dance	:	Kalinka Group
	Chinese Dance	:	Chicago Grangzhou Association
	Mexican Dance	:	Ballet Folkorico Quetzalcoat
	African Dance	:	African Soul Company
	Indonesian Dance	:	Indonesian Consulate & Indonesian Dance Group of IL
	Polish Dance	:	Polish Dance Ensemble
	Soloist	:	Bianca Newton
	Indian Dance	:	Ghunguru Dance Group
	Spoken Word	:	Christiana Gray

<b>7.03PM :</b>	COLOR GUARDS	:	Great Lakes Naval Center
	American National Anthem	:	Bianca Newton

**Processional Heralding U.S. Rep Danny Davis, Rep Bill Foster & Rep Jonathan Jackson**

- Our Emcees Seetha Bala & Shree Guruswamy
- Naveen Karna, Gala Chair & Alli Dhanaraj Gala Co –Chair
- Award Jury Chair Martino Tangkar & Jury Co Chair Gladys Folorunsho
- AMEC Governor Dr Zenobia Sowell & Lt. Governor Manne Lingaiah
- AMEC Vice Presidents Dr. Mercedes Martinez & Sam Ma
- AMEC Global Ambassador Eddie Ni & Mayor of Naperville Scott Wehrlic
- AMEC National Chair Neal Patel & U.S. Rep Jonathan Jackson
- U.S. Rep Bill Foster & AMEC President Dr.VGP escorts Congressman Danny K Davis.

INVOCATION : Dr. Zenobia Sowell, AMEC Governor

Word Of Welcome: Alli Dhanaraj, Gala Co Chair

Greetings : Neal Patel, AMEC National Chair

**Dr. VGP Introduces AMEC Executive Leadership Team**

<b>7.08PM :</b>	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Outstanding Child of the Year	: Aryan Khot
	Child Prodigy of the Year	: Christiana Gray
	Lifetime Achievement Award	: Commissioner Mildred Harris
	Journalist of the year	: Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi
	Outstanding Student of the year	: Alderman Nicole Lee
	Youth of the Year	: Supt. Leonard B. Dixon
	Brand Photographer of the year	: Neelam Dwivedi
	Corporate of the Year	: Dr. Mohammad Wasiullah Khan
	Healthcare Administrator of the Year	: Dr. Tariq Butt
	DANNY K DAVIS Peace Prize 2023	: Rev Steve & Melodye Munsey
	Community Leadership Award	: Dr Tapas Das Gupta & Consul General Zhao Jian
	Young Women of the Year	: Alderman Pat Dowell

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Couple of the Year	:	Al Salvi & Kathy Salvi
Outstanding Physician of the Year	:	Melanie Fernando
Entrepreneur of the Year	:	Anu Malhotra
Humanitarian of the Year	:	Dr Lonnie J Edwards
Business Leadership Award	:	Tom Hakim
Young Entrepreneur of the Year	:	Chenna Kesavalu

**8.05PM : An Evening in Paris - Fashion Show : Global Fashion Icon Ghazala Khan, Raaz Couture**

**8:20PM : 2023 Oscar Award winning Lyric's dance number NATTU NATTU  
by Vijay Murlidaran and Subash George**

8.24PM	AWARD	PRESENTER
	Women of the Year	Samar Patel
	Man of the Year	Mohita Sukumar
	Rising Star of the Year	Dr. Kiros Tewolde Gabreal
	Golden Eagle Award	Councilman Paul Leong
	Senior Citizen of the Year	Nancy Chen
	Lincon Service of Excellence Award	Mustafa Ajmeri
	Rising Young Sport Star of the Year	Amal McCaskill
	President John F Kennedy Award	Dr Twin Green
	Community Activist of the Year	Kathy Thorat
	Innovator of the Year	Dr. S Hyderi
	Civic Leadership Award	Dr Rania Agha
	Entertainer of the Year	Sunil Shah
	International Rising Sports Star of the Year	Mukesh Patel
	Distinguished Leadership Award	Dr Vasavi Chakka
	Mir Ali Ethnic Singer of the Year Award	Archana & Sudhir Agarwal
	Inter Faith Business Leader of the Year	Vinita Gulabani
	Volunteer of the Year	Supreme Sheikh Kenu Bey
	Lady of Love Lily Prabhakar Changemaker Award	Gloria Holland
	Organization of the Year	Dr Sriram Sonty & Dr Sarada Sonty

**9.20pm : Felicitations** : Scott Wehrli, Mayor of Naperville  
Congressman Bill Foster  
Congressman Jonathan Jackson  
Congressman Danny K Davis

**9.30pm : Group photo of the awardees and Presenters along with AMEC Commission Executives**

**9.35pm - 11pm : Grand Finale : A Galaxy of Popular Singers**  
Bianca Newton, Ejires Dollars, Robert H. York, Sanika Sahu, Ajay Shah, Swapnil Sahu,  
Manmeet Kaur, Ravi Shankar, Nitya Nair



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## MISS ANGEL CHEN

*St. Theres School China Town*

Angel Chen is 6 years old,, she is a bubbly young girl who excels in doing little things well. A student of St. Therese Chinese Catholic School in Chicago. Awarded the Best Outgoing student from Kindergarten of St. Therese Chinese Catholic School earlier this year. Angel Chen is an avid reader; she is learning Chinese dance and boxing. An all rounder equally happy to play and SPend time with friends and teachers alike. Energetic with a highly positive outlook and eager to build a helping mindset. Angel Chen is daughter of Mr & Mrs. Frankie Chen



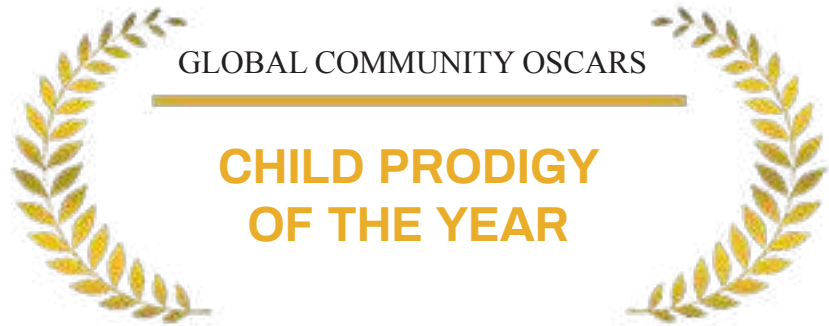
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## **AARAV KARNA**

*6th Grade, JFK Middle School. Plainfield, IL*

Aarav Karna, an honors student at John F Kennedy Middle School, Plainfield, is interested in exploring space technologies and wants to make multi-planet travel affordable. He is a Student Council and journalism club member, focusing on live and print media. He also frequently writes technology-related articles for GLObalEye magazine's youth section.

He is also working on starting a new club focused on robotics (STEAM) by next year.

Aarav is also a student of Stemshala, and he participated in FIRST® LEGO® League Season Challenges in Dec 2022 and went up to the state-level competition.

In sports, he is pursuing cricket and Chess. He is a student of CMCE Sports Academy.

Additionally, He is spending most of his time exploring rocket technologies and space programs. He is a big follower of Elon Musk and follows SpaceX programs daily. His curiosity about flying machines makes him engage with people to know more about them. At the age of 6, He spent more than 30 min time with United Airlines pilots to get answers to his curiosity about flying during one of his vacations.



## DR. PRAKASAM TATA

Dr. Prakasam Tata has more than six decades of teaching, research, and professional experience in the field of environmental science and engineering. He obtained his Ph.D. from Rutgers University. He served as a faculty member of Cornell University for 8 years. Subsequently, he served at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Grtr. Chicago with ~30 years and retired as its Assistant Director and Head of the Environmental Research and Monitoring Division. He is certified by the American Academy of Environmental Scientists and Engineers as a Board-Certified Environmental Scientist (BCES) by eminence and is the recipient of its Edward Cleary Award. He received many other awards including a few Lifetime Achievement awards and the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He consulted with various national and international organizations such as UNDP, USAID, World Bank, National Academy of Sciences, etc. He served on various committees of the Water Environment Federation, USA, and he was also honored as its Fellow. He also serves as the Executive Director and President of two nonprofit organizations, Center for the Transformation of Waste Technology and Bharathi Theertha, respectively. He is recently appointed as an Honorary Professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences, Engineering, and Management of Andhra University, India. He is an active Rotarian and a Member of the Water and Sanitation (WASH) and Environmental Sustainability (ESRAG) Rotary Action Groups. He is instrumental in doing several humanitarian projects to help the poor in the fields of education, environment, and health.



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**JOURNALIST  
OF THE YEAR**

## **CATHLEEN CAUGUIRAN**

*ABC 7 TV Eyewitness News Team, Chicago, IL*

Award-winning journalist Cate Cauguiran joined Chicago's top news station, ABC 7, as a general assignment reporter in 2017.

As a member of the ABC 7 Eyewitness News Team, Cauguiran has covered important local stories including the tragic death of Chicago Police Commander Paul Bauer, the arrest of a Northwestern professor wanted in the death of a Chicago man, and a firefighter who died while in the line of duty.

Prior to joining ABC 7, Cauguiran worked as a general assignment reporter and fill-in anchor at KPIX-TV, the CBS station in San Francisco. During her tenure in San Francisco, she was awarded multiple Emmys for her reporting on the deadly warehouse fire in Oakland, and for her coverage during Super Bowl 50. Before joining KPIX-TV, Cauguiran was a morning anchor in Medford, Oregon where she also worked as a reporter and producer.

She is a graduate of the University of Southern California, where she double majored in journalism and international relations, and got her master's degree in communication management.

Cauguiran grew up in a military family on Marine Corps and Naval bases in Japan. Her father is a retired Senior Chief in the Navy.

Cauguiran currently volunteers her time with the Filipino American National Historical Society and Philippine American Cultural Foundation.

Her honors include multiple Emmy awards and later this year she will receive the Golden Legacy Award for her Outstanding Achievements in Journalism.

Cauguiran was married in January 2019 in her parents' hometown in the Philippines, and will have a second ceremony in her husband's hometown of Madison, Wisconsin, in the fall of 2019.



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**OUTSTANDING  
STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

**VISHAL GHIMIRE** *Depaul University*

My name is Vishal Ghimire, and I am currently a Junior at DePaul University, majoring in Accounting in the Strobel Honors Accounting Program. I work part-time as a manager at Chicago Curry House and Nepal House and plan on graduating this quarter. I have worked in the hospitality industry for six years and had a tax internship with Plante Moran this past winter. With this experience comes my exceptional attention to detail, organization skills, communication skills, and ability to lead others. I have an immense passion for helping others and leaving clients and guests with the highest form of satisfaction. My goal is to become a CPA alongside attaining my J.D. I hope to use the knowledge gained from education to expand my business further and create a brand name recognized throughout the world.



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**SENIOR CITIZEN  
OF THE YEAR**

**SHASHI TANDON**

Mrs Shashi Tandon has been serving the Indian Community as a Female Priestess since 1984. She was published in the front page of NATIONAL PAPER Chicago Tribune for her Wedding Ceremonies. She was invited to conduct the interfaith prayers in New York representing Hindu Religion during the 911 attack. She is one of the founder members of Arya Samaj Of Chicagoland. She is very well respected and loved by the Indian Community for her extra-ordinary way of conducting Religious services in her melodious voice. She has served extensively, performed prayer services at one in every 10 Indian homes and has helped to keep our Ancient Culture alive here in the USA. She has also served at several Temples of Chicago including Hari Om Mandir, Hindu Satsang & Arya Samaj Of Chicagoland. She is highly regarded by the Indian Community for her Knowledge of Vedas, her positive & vibrant personality. She has also taught her Children, Grandchildren and Great Grand children Vedic Mantras. Her Daughter Anu Malhotra is now carrying her torch as a well known Hindu Priestess & a Yoga/ Meditation Teacher. She has received several awards by several local organizations for her community service.



## AKSHITA BODDAPU

*Austin, Texas*

Akshita Boddapu is a Chief Marketing Officer for Arytic Inc, A Next-Gen Artificial Intelligence Predictive Hiring Platform. She is also a Co-Founder of the Non-Profit Blessing Account, which transforms philanthropic work and social impact through its technology. Her career began with a passion for giving back to others and creating opportunities where others deemed there to be none. Akshita holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and international business from the renowned Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. Throughout her years at the Kelley School, she has served on the executive board as president of the organization Women & Company. Akshita's work in the organization has allowed her to grow the organization to one of the largest professional communities on campus, and she has personally mentored over 200 young female business students during her time there. In addition, Akshita believes culture and tradition are essential as a first-generation Indian American. She has 15+ years of professional training in the Indian classical art forms of Kuchupudi and Bharatnatyam and has performed for international cultural organizations. She has graduated in her art form, taught workshops, performed ballets, and motivated young students to use dance to connect to India's cultures and promote the classical art form. Akshita believes that her values of culture, mentorship, resilience, and hard work have put her on the path toward making her dreams a reality.



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### TOMMY BANKS III

*Naperville, IL*

Tommie Banks III was born in Rochester, NY. Tommie has traveled many places to capture some great memories. He does photography for all occasions. He's been in the business for over 29yrs. He has excellent Photographic skills, He possesses an extraordinary creative mind, with techniques to capture moments with an eye for detail which are second to none. His work has been published in several magazines and a few personal books.

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## **BRIJ SHARMA**

*Power Volt Inc, Addison, IL*

Electrical Engineer from Punjab Engineering College Chandigarh, India.

After finishing Engineering in 1969 moved to Germany and then to Brazil.

After 10 years working in upper management of Siemens in Brazil moved to the USA in July 1983.

Started PowerVolt in 1986 from the basement manufacturing DC Power Supplies.

In 1991 acquired a transformer manufacturing company in Galina/IL

Moved the manufacturing to Chicagoland area in 1996.

Acquired ECC in 1997, Wabash in 2007, Ensign in 2008, ITI in 2016, Prem Magnetics in 2021 and more coming.

Currently The PowerVolt Group has 2 plants in the USA, 2 plants in Mexico and a few vendor partners in China.

The Group employes 150 people at present and aiming at 500 soon.

PowerVolt is a sole supplier to many Fortune 100 companies.

Brij was selected “Jewel of Punjab in 2019” and “Jewel of India in 2023” by Maneesh Media.

PowerVolt was selected among the Top 10 Power Electronics Solutions Providers for 2022 by Manufacturing Technology Insights Magazine

PowerVolt selected Most Trusted Transformers Solutions Provider-2023 by Enterprise World Magazine.

Brij is entrepreneur, philanthropist and community leader actively involved with various community organizations.

Currently Chairman of Hari Om Mandir, Patron Member of Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago, former chairman of UPA – United Punjabis of America.



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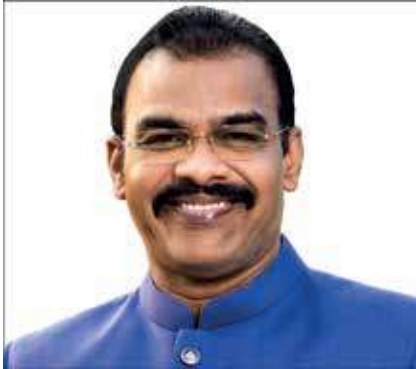
**HEALTHCARE  
ADMINISTRATOR  
OF THE YEAR****ISRAEL ROCHA JR***CEO, Cook County Health, Chicago, IL*

Israel Rocha Jr. became the Chief Executive Officer of Cook County Health (CCH) in December 2020, overseeing a healthcare system with a rich 185-year history of providing care to all patients, regardless of income, insurance, or immigration status. CCH comprises two hospitals, including the largest trauma center in the Midwest, over a dozen community health centers, Cermak Health Services at the Cook County jail and Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, the Cook County Department of Public Health, and CountyCare, the largest Medicaid managed care plan in Cook County. With an annual budget of \$3.8 billion, CCH serves over 500,000 individuals annually.

Prior to joining CCH, Rocha held leadership positions in the New York City Health + Hospitals (NYC Health + Hospitals) system, including Vice President and CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals Elmhurst and Queens hospitals. NYC Health + Hospitals is the largest public health system in the United States, with an annual budget exceeding \$8 billion. Rocha's experience in managing the COVID-19 pandemic in New York City equipped him with valuable insights, and he quickly established himself as a hands-on and visionary leader at CCH during the ongoing public health crisis.

In addition to managing COVID-19 patients, Rocha challenged the CCH team to create one of the nation's largest community mass vaccination programs. This involved repurposing various venues, such as big box stores, convention centers, and community colleges, and collaborating with partners throughout the county. The goal is to administer 1 million doses of the vaccine, and as of November 21, 2021, CCH had already administered over 910,000 doses.

Throughout his career, Rocha has demonstrated a track record of success. At Elmhurst Hospital, he implemented an improvement plan that turned around financial performance, increased patient revenue, and improved operational efficiency. At Queens, he spearheaded the development of a Sickle Cell Center of Excellence, initiated a Hip and Knee Joint Replacement Program, and launched a new Primary Stroke Center.



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**DANNY K DAVIS**  
**PEACE PRIZE 2023**

## **REV. DR. PAULSON RAJ SANGALA**

*Founder & President, Society of Christ, Karunapuram, Telangana, India*

Sangala Paulson Raj was born into a Christian family in Bheemaram village, Telangana State, India, on March 7th, 1973. Despite facing poverty and personal challenges, his spiritual zeal and faith in Christ Jesus remained steadfast. After a miraculous healing experience, Paulson committed himself to serving God. He started his ministry in 1991 in a small hut in Karunapuram, where he witnessed remarkable healings and a growing number of people accepting Jesus Christ as their savior.

In 2004, due to doctrinal dissensions, Paulson established his own ministry. With unwavering faith, he laid the foundation for a church in 2016, despite having no money. Through the inspiration and contributions of dedicated individuals, the church began to take shape. The church features a CST dome from Texas, an acoustically treated interior, a Nexo sound system imported from France, and a flooring of Colonial gold, Colonial white, and Sivakasi granite.

The church, inaugurated on May 4th, 2023, has become a sensation, attracting thousands of visitors and receiving government support. Paulson's ministry has commissioned over a thousand pastors, prepared thousands of prayer warriors, and reached millions of people through prayer services, media broadcasts, and evangelism efforts. The organization also runs a Bible college and operates 500 churches with permanent pastors and sisters engaged in ministry work. Paulson has been honored with an honorary doctorate of divinity for his remarkable contributions. All the glory is attributed to the grace and strength provided by the Lord Jesus Christ.



## GARY CHEN

*President of Hong Kong Association & Park to Shop Supermarket, Chicago, IL*

I am Jian Ming Chen. I immigrated to the United States more than 30 years ago. I work earnestly and responsibly, persist through hardships, and easily adapt to various environments. Through my continuous efforts, I have achieved considerable results in my career.

I am currently president of the Chicago Hong Kong Club and chairman for PTS Hong Kong Supermarket Group, Jacky Chen Restaurant Group, and Starway International Food Group in the United States. My companies' businesses mainly involve supermarket chains, restaurant chains, international food distribution, real estate development, and so on. The extent of my businesses has expanded throughout the United States from Cleveland, Ohio to Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York City.

In addition to being an enthusiastic and hard-worker while possessing strong team spirit, I also play an active role in my local community. I assist with coordinating and participating in neighborhood events for the elderly, providing assistance to students, and caring for the disabled. I am receptive to feedback and make suggestions for the development and growth of the China Association which contribute to the continuous improvements for the Chinese community. My contributions to economic and social development have been recognized and supported by the local and overseas Chinese governments.



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## **ROOPASHI KHATRI**

*Bengaluru, India*

Roopashi Khatri is a leading board member of the CMR Gandhi Public School, an eminent institution of primary and secondary education in the Silicon Valley of India (Bengaluru). Her efforts have helped build an innovative and exciting curriculum for students to hone their skills in problem solving, digital literacy and creative expression.

She is an alumna of National Law School of India University, Bengaluru and holds a Master of Law (International Taxation) from King's College London. She has advised numerous individual and corporate clients on the legal aspects of domestic and cross-border transactions (including mergers and acquisitions) and constitutional law. She has also taught and lectured at prestigious law universities in India.

She has dedicated her efforts to pioneering policy reform in India and has previously advised the Government of India on its tax policies. At present, she is the Senior Associate of the Legal and Regulatory Function at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements - an academic, research and practice institution dedicated to the urban transformation of India, that works with grantors such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the International Labour Organization and United Nations.

She is a prolific writer and has published various articles in law reviews and national newspapers. She has appeared as a regular panellist in international conferences, as well as on prime-time televised debates concerning legal and policy issues.



## **BOB & ANN BETTINARDI**

*Tinley Park, IL*

Bettinardi Golf was founded in 1998 by manufacturer, designer, and entrepreneur Robert J. Bettinardi. In 1991, Robert took his passion for golf and turned the putter industry upside down and into what it is today by crafting a putter from a solid block of metal. He coined the term “one-piece technology” where at the time other manufacturers used castings, forgings, and welding's to create putters. Robert became the go-to for all the top OEM's in the golf industry after his manufacturing breakthrough, which was born from a tenacious effort to make an average putter obtain added confidence and greatness on the greens. The unrivaled combination of Robert J. Bettinardi's talent as an innovative club designer, in addition to his state-of-the-art machining methods, has proven to be the pure formula for success at Bettinardi in the USA and worldwide.

In 2012, Robert's son, Sam Bettinardi, joined the company to lead the marketing and sales division, and to expand E-commerce to better serve the growing B2C side of the business. Today, Sam currently serves as President, taking a key role in putter designs and player development alongside his father. Of the major golf OEMs, Bettinardi is one of the only father-son operated businesses. Bettinardi Golf has amassed over 98 worldwide Tour wins since 1998, Bettinardi putters continue to prove their distinction and find their ways into the game's best golfers hands around the globe.

Ann Bettinardi, wife of Founder/CEO Robert Bettinardi

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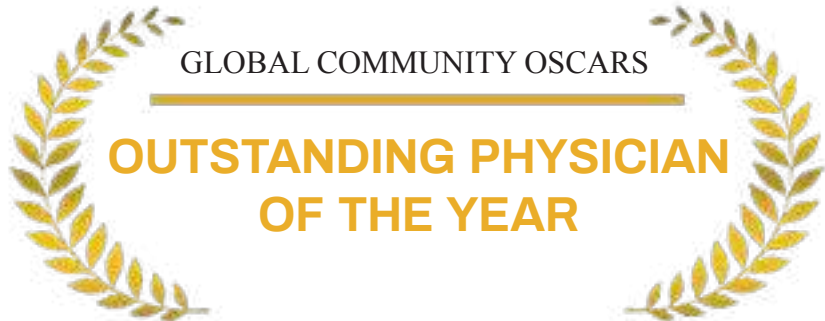
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## **DR. RAJIV KANDAL**

*Jackson Park Hospital, 7531 S. Stoney Island, Chicago, IL 60619.*

Rajiv Kandala is a highly qualified and accomplished medical professional with extensive experience in family medicine, medical management, and leadership roles. He holds an M.D. degree from SABA University School of Medicine and an MBA from Keller School of Management. He is board certified in family medicine, medical direction, and hospice and palliative medicine.

Dr. Kandala's professional experience includes serving as a faculty physician at Jackson Park Hospital and as an assistant professor at Chicago Medical School. He has also held positions as a teacher of family medicine at various institutions and served as the Chairman of Family Medicine at Windsor University School of Medicine and Hospital Chairman at Windsor University School of Medicine.

In terms of leadership roles, Dr. Kandala has been the President of the medical staff at South Shore Hospital and the Chairman of the Department of Medicine at South Shore Hospital. He has also held treasurer positions at South Shore Hospital and Jackson Park Hospital. Additionally, he has served as a medical director in several organizations, including Capital Hospice, Sanctuary Hospice, Alden/Infinity/Renaissance/Nucare, Passages Hospice, and Odyssey Hospice.

Dr. Kandala is an active member of professional organizations such as the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the Hospice and Palliative Medicine AAHPM, and the American Medical Director Association AMDA. He has received numerous honors and awards for his contributions to the field of medicine.

His community involvement includes volunteer work for charitable foundations such as IMA and the Sri Satya Sai Volunteer Organization.

Dr. Kandala is licensed to practice medicine in the state of Illinois. He is married, in good health, and a citizen of the United States.



## **JANALIE BINGAM**

*Founder & CEO , Wells Real Estate Investment LLC, Florida*

Ms. Janalie Bingham, CEO of Wells Real Estate Investment, is an accomplished real estate investor with experience in real estate acquisition, non-traditional financing, asset-based lending, development and asset management. Ms. Bingham has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from BYU-Hawaii, and after graduating worked abroad in Taiwan and Thailand before settling in South Florida where she currently resides and manages Wells Real Estate Investment portfolio with her capable team.

Ms. Bingham speaks fluent Spanish from living in Ecuador as a missionary and is also fluent in French, which she learned while working for a real estate investment fund in France. Ms. Bingham has been involved in multiple commercial and residential real estate transactions over the past 15 years, both nationally and globally and has successfully built a strong current portfolio totaling over \$100 Million.

Through partnerships with city governments, Wells works to build communities and families by creating job opportunities across the United States and abroad through their many development and construction projects that incorporate sustainable and environmentally friendly building, and development initiatives.

Within the framework of their flagship brand, the Asset to Income Program, they focus on building communities one investment at a time by allowing families and individuals to participate as lenders on their projects, thereby increasing their net worth and forging a path to financial security.

Simultaneously, their asset maximization program breathes new life into low-performing communities, making them modern, vibrant, and affordable. They take pride in actively shaping the landscapes they work in and create environments that foster community, growth, and prosperity.

Ms. Bingham has built a remarkable team, diverse in backgrounds and united by their shared passion for bettering communities. Together, they bring a dynamic energy to their endeavors, enabling them to make a tangible and lasting impact.



## **POONAM DATTA**

*CFO, Seva Adult Day Care and Home Care, Norcross, Georgia*

Poonam Datta is the esteemed Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Seva Adult Care, an expanding senior care organization that she established in January 2017. Her visionary approach stems from her lifelong ambition to serve and enhance the quality of life for the elderly within her community. Her passionate commitment to this cause has been instrumental in creating a nurturing environment where seniors receive high-quality care while experiencing happiness and a sense of belonging.

Under her expert leadership, her son Chirag joined the organization in 2019, leading to the establishment of Seva Home Care and Seva Family Caregiver services. These initiatives include a notable Structured Family Program designed to assist low-income families earn an income while providing care for their loved ones at home. With the onset of the pandemic, Seva has also been committed to running Telehealth programs, demonstrating its adaptability in continuing vital services such as online daycare and food delivery for seniors. Poonam holds an impressive academic background, with a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Tech. Following a successful 21-year career working for multinational corporations, she made the bold decision to leave the corporate sector to realize her enduring dream of serving seniors.

In addition to her role at Seva Adult Care, Poonam also dedicates herself to volunteer work, particularly with the Art of Living Foundation. Her contributions range from service projects, such as 'Care For Children' and 'Gift A Smile', aimed at bringing joy to seniors in nursing homes. Recognizing the importance of holistic wellbeing, Poonam became a SKY Breath Meditation teacher in 2019 to help individuals manage stress and improve their quality of life. She is also enthusiastically involved in planning the World Cultural Festival, which is set to take place in Washington DC in September 2023. Poonam Datta's unwavering dedication to improving the lives of seniors, combined with her formidable professional and academic credentials, make her a prominent figure in the field of senior care. Her compassionate leadership and commitment to service continue to inspire and positively impact those around her.



## LINDA BI

*CEO, Chicago Export Importers, Batavia, IL*

Linda Bi is the President of Chicago Expert Importers (CEI). Born in Henan, China, she immigrated to U.S. 30 years ago. She and her husband started CEI as a sourcing company of mainly RV/mobile home parts. In 2000, her husband suddenly passed, and Linda became the President and sole owner of the company. After 20 years of diligent perseverance, she advanced the company from a single casting line to a variety of 10+ product lines. Her supplier base increased to 40+ in Asia-Pacific, customer base increased nationwide, including Fortune 500 companies. Her 120,000 square foot warehouse with customs-bonded area is located in Batavia, IL, ready to assist clients with e-commerce, warehousing and distribution projects.

With many years of accomplishments in sourcing, logistics, and distribution field, Linda gained rich experience in international business. She is always happy to share her experiences and lessons with anyone interested in developing businesses in this area. Through global business transactions, her hope is to give people an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of each other. Her desire is to open communication and aid in bringing positivity to globalization. After all, every culture and heritage should be shared and appreciated, so we can embrace the differences, benefit and learn from each other. She believes people need to openly communicate with positivity and humility, so we can live together in a civilized, peaceful, and better world.

Personally, Linda has been actively involved in her passion to serve local communities. She is the honorable President of Chicago Chinese American Women Chamber of Commerce, board member of Women Entrepreneurs Grow Global, board member of Chinese American Association at Greater Chicago, Vice Chairman of The Midwest Henan Fellows Association Vice Chairman, and an active participant of local Batavia Chamber of Commerce. Life can be difficult at times, but she is grateful of her blessings and eager to contribute to the communities and those around her. She is dedicated to philanthropy, offering her time, financial support and anything needed to give back and help make the world a greater place.



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## BHATT FOUNDATION

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The Bhatt Foundation, Inc, founded under the leadership of Hitesh and Kim Bhatt in 2015 . 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization centered on providing innovative technology and education solutions to the disadvantaged peoples of the world. Our vision is simple; we are passionate about “Improving Global Healthcare and Education through Innovation”. We believe that education is key to guiding children to a better future than they can currently see, and that healthcare is critical to enabling students to learn Projects today in the United States, India, Honduras, Africa, Ethiopia and many more countries.

**Hitesh & Kim Bhatt :** Mr. Hitesh Bhatt is a successful entrepreneur who founded and currently serves as the Founder of The Bhatt Foundation Inc. He provided expert advice to multiple large organizations as a C-Suite advisor. Inspired by his father's philanthropic spirit, Mr. Bhatt has dedicated his mission to revolutionizing healthcare with technology. Mr. Bhatt and his wife, Kim Bhatt, strongly advocate for education as a way to break the cycle of poverty. In addition to his role, Mr. Bhatt serves as a board member for various organizations; Suri Foundation in Maryland, USA, giantsteps, Serving the Autism Community in Chicago, FIA Chicago as an advisory committee and many more. His tireless work and community service have been honored by many organizations, including the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Passaic, and the Governor of the Bay Islands, Honduras, who appointed him as a Goodwill Ambassador at Large in Innovative Healthcare and Education. Mr. Bhatt worked in healthcare industry his entire life including RUSH university, Chicago, Hackensack Univerisy Medical Center, NJ, Hackensack Meridian Health, NJ. Mr. Bhatt received an Honorary Degree of "Doctor of Advanced Studies (DAS) "Humanities" in 2020 from North American University. He resides in North Haledon, New Jersey, with his wife Kim and their two daughters, Haley and Amy. Kim Serves as a president of Bhatt foundation focusing on education. Kim attended universities in India and United States. In October 2019 Kim was honored by the UK Parliament in London, England and awarded the 2019 Global Gandhi Award for her vast community service efforts in health and education. In May 2019 Kim was honored by NJ Senator Nellie Pou during Women’s History Month. This honor acknowledges outstanding women from throughout the 35th Legislative District, highlighting their leadership and unsung contributions to the community. Noted Senator Pou “(these women) have provided excellent service to the community and are excellent role models for our youth and for all women”.



## **DONNA MILLER**

*Cook County Commissioner, 6th District, Chicago, IL*

Donna Miller is currently the Cook County Commissioner of the 6th District and serves as Vice Chair of Contract Compliance, Workforce Development & Veterans Committees, and Chairman of the Forest Preserve District Contract Compliance Committee. She has a background as a healthcare consultant working with leading pharmaceutical and biotech companies. Donna has tremendous experience in sales, training and development, and bringing together collaborations for new business with healthcare companies. Over her career, she has had responsibility for large volume accounts and led many cross-functional projects over a wide-range of courses, including webcasts, week long programs, workshops and online training. Her training experience includes: Consultative Selling Skills, Negotiation and Presentation Skills. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her professional accomplishments.

Donna has been involved with community, civic and political activities throughout her life, including an internship on Capitol Hill, Red Cross Volunteer and working in communities disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS and Sickle Cell. Notably, she was instrumental in bringing together government, providers and advocate stakeholders to include Cystic Fibrosis in newborn screening in Illinois. Commissioner Miller's political involvement includes membership on the League of Women Voters, serving on the Board of Planned Parenthood of Illinois, 2nd Vice-President of Illinois Democratic Women and former President of Democratic Women of the South Suburbs. She was a candidate for State Senator 2012.

During the 2016 Presidential Election, Donna was part of the Illinois Delegation during the Democratic National Convention serving on the Rules Committee in Philadelphia, PA. She is also a member: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated-Lambda Tau Omega Chapter. Donna is also often asked to speak to students as a mentor and role model and is truly passionate about empowering the youth to realize a significant future. She is married to the Honorable Dr. David E. Miller and has two boys.



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**MAN OF THE YEAR**

## **STATE REP LA SHAWN FORD**

*Illinois State Representative, 8th District*

Elected in 2007 to the Illinois House of Representatives representing the 8th District, Rep. Ford is an outspoken advocate for his constituents. Rep. Ford is focused on social justice and disparities in employment, education, and the healthcare system. He has also worked to increase opportunities for ex-offenders, foster small business development, improve access to affordable housing, expand protections for our veterans, safeguard our environment and address our state's fiscal health.

La Shawn is a firm believer in the power of responsible parenting and established the Council on Responsible Fatherhood, which aims to support fathers and help them to become more responsible and present. La Shawn consistently advocates for increased access to financial resources and institutions for marginalized communities and promotes the value of education among students in his district.

State Rep La Shawn Ford is a respected political figure known for his role as a representative in the state government. With a commitment to serving his constituents, Ford has worked diligently to advocate for community empowerment, education reform, and criminal justice reform. He is recognized for his dedication to addressing pressing social issues and improving the lives of those he represents.



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**RISING STAR  
OF THE YEAR**

## **U. S. CONGRESSMAN SHRI THANEDAR**

*13th Congressional District, Michigan*

Congressman Shri Thanedar represents Michigan's 13th Congressional District, including areas like Wayne County, Detroit, Grosse Pointe, and Downriver. He is dedicated to improving the lives of hardworking families in the metro-Detroit region. Before his election to Congress in 2022, Thanedar served in the Michigan House of Representatives, where he played a role in passing the largest increase in per-pupil funding for Michigan Public Schools in state history.

Thanedar's personal experiences have shaped his perspective. He grew up in Southern India, facing poverty and its associated challenges. He pursued higher education and came to the United States in 1979 to earn his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of Akron. While studying, he worked as a janitor and sometimes slept in his car. Later, as an entrepreneur, he founded successful companies that contributed to the development of life-saving pharmaceutical drugs.

After retiring from business, Thanedar entered public service. In 2018, he ran for Governor of Michigan and subsequently ran for the Michigan Legislature in 2020. Throughout his political career, he has advocated for working families, focusing on issues such as universal healthcare, raising the minimum wage, and improving infrastructure.

Congressman Thanedar's commitment to addressing poverty and supporting Michigan families drives his efforts to secure more education and job training resources, a higher minimum wage, universal healthcare, and initiatives to foster entrepreneurship in marginalized communities. By implementing these measures, he aims to close the racial wealth gap and promote the prosperity of families in southeast Michigan. Thanedar resides in Detroit's Palmer Woods neighborhood with his wife, Shashi, and is a proud father and grandfather.



## **HUMBOLDT PARK HEALTH**

*1044 N. Francisco Ave, Chicago, IL 60622*

José R. Sánchez, President and Chief Executive Officer of HUMBOLDT PARK HEALTH (HPH), is a senior health care executive with over 40 years of experience in operational, strategic and fiscal management of multi-faceted health care systems, and currently Chicago's only Latino CEO of a hospital. Under his leadership, HPH has maintained financial stability and growth throughout his tenure. Besides consistently exceeding benchmarks in quality, safety and patient satisfaction, Mr. Sánchez successfully orchestrated the hospital's preparation for its accreditation survey by The Joint Commission three times. Moreover, the hospital was surveyed and successfully accredited by DNV•GL Healthcare in 2019 and 2020. A major \$7M renovation of the hospital was also completed in June 2020, which offers patients, visitors and employees a more vibrant and welcoming experience. Most recently, the hospital completed a major re-branding initiative in January 2021. Renaming the hospital, HUMBOLDT PARK HEALTH, to reflect the diverse and inclusive community it serves along with the tagline, "Advancing Health Equity" to emphasize the importance of this objective and HPH's renewed commitment to ensuring all members of the community have fair and just opportunities to be as healthy as possible, regardless of their race, ethnicity, or zip code.

In 2019, Mr. Sánchez was conferred his second Honorary Doctorate degree from St. George's University School of Medicine for his contributions to medicine, education and public health. In 2002, he was conferred an Honorary Doctorate degree from the New York College of Podiatric Medicine in recognition of his immeasurable accomplishments and steadfast commitment to improving the health care outcomes for some of the poorest and most disadvantaged populations in New York City.

Mr. Sánchez also proudly holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the City College of New York and a Master of Social Work from Adelphi University.



## DARSHAN THOMAS

Kelvyn Darshan Thomas, known as DARSHAN with love, is 16 yrs. old & has been playing basketball since the age of 5. He is a student-athlete attending Fenwick High School in Oak Park, IL class of 2024, a rising Senior.

Darshan currently plays for the famous Ronnie Fields' Elite basketball team aau/travel club. Basketball is a sport which Darshan is passionate about & enjoys playing with his peers. He trains 5 to 6 times a week to better his skills and improve his speed and agility in this sport.

Darshan has played for many teams during the last 10 years starting with Bensenville Park District & Bensenville Bombers, a DuPage County Youth Travel Basketball League. The teams which he has played with have won many championships locally & nationally and have been recognized for their victories.

Along with Basketball, Darshan played Volleyball and enjoys Golf. He also plays Alto Saxophone which he learned during 5th thru 7th grade in middle school where he joined the school's music band. Math is one of his favorite subjects which he excels in along with Science, English & P.E. In February of 2023, Darshan was accepted in the National Honor Society for his academic excellence.

Darshan has played basketball since he was in kindergarten and has never stopped. He wishes & trains to better himself for the level required academically & athletically to play at a D1 collegiate level along with his current focus to major in International Business Management. The top universities where he wishes to attend are Northwestern, University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin), Texas A&M University, Florida State University & Princeton. Darshan is a true definition of a student-athlete.



## **SHAUNTA GRAY**

*Sandridge School District 17, Board Member, Lynwood, IL*

A career Real Estate Broker/Owner, licensed in IL & IN, Title Co. Owner/Agent, IL Licensed Appraiser Trainee, Investor, Inventor, IL/IN Continuing Education Instructor, IL Licensed Notary and Former Radio Show Host, Elected School Board Member – Sandridge SD172, VP of Lynwood Chamber of Commerce, Newly Elected Director at Large for Illinois Association of School Board, Former Chair & Vice Chair of Affordable Housing Committee & Current Committee Member of Governmental Affairs for IL. Association of Realtors, 2024 Regional Director for The Appraisal Institute, Volunteer for Push Excel Oratorical Society, Wife, Mother of 4 Children, Licensed Ordained Minister, who has been living & talking about real estate and entrepreneurship for the past 23 yrs. One of her projects has added another title to her professional expertise - "Author". The book "Credit Secrets They Don't Want You to Know" is self-published & positively impacting people in all walks of life. Smart, passionate, lively, fun, highly detailed, technologically savvy, proficient & thorough, Shaunta is considered a Serial Entrepreneur. Studying for the LSAT – in preparation for Law School 2024. Her businesses received WBE, FBE, DBE, 8a and MBE certifications 2010-2017.

Shaunta consistently facilitates homebuyer & seller education and credit education workshops meeting both buyers & sellers.



## **MAHANTH MALLIKARJUNA**

*Founder & CEO, Mergen Corporate Pvt. Ltd, Telangana, India*

Mahanth Mallikarjuna the visionary leader behind Mergen IT LLC and Adaptis LLC. As a serial entrepreneur, Mahanth has established himself as a leader in the industry, with over 15 years of experience as a technology evangelist. Mahanth's strategic approach, entrepreneurial spirit, and experience have enabled many companies to expand their global footprints and deliver exceptional value to clients. He also co-founded JUIY.in which is an Electric Vehicle Market place for 2 and 3 wheelers.

But Mahanth's contributions go beyond the corporate world. He firmly believes in giving back to the community and has made numerous selfless contributions over the years. Mahanth is actively involved in various activities, supporting education, healthcare, and social causes. He believes in empowering the less fortunate and has dedicated his time, resources, and expertise to making a positive impact on society.

Mahanth is a member of the Forbes Technology Council with 15 years of IT experience and has a proven record of success in the financial services and staffing industries. He leverages his solid technical expertise and an innate ability to chart the right course of action to deliver optimal solutions to client challenges.



## **KATELYN CHEN**

*CFO, 88 Market Place, Chicago, IL*

Katelyn Chen studied at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and holds double majors in Accounting and Finance. While studying abroad in Tsinghua University, she volunteered in supporting education in underdeveloped areas by teaching English class.

During the past years, Katelyn continued to support the Asian community in Chicago Chinatown. She is actively involved in the Annual Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade, Annual Chinatown Summer Fair, Chicago Dragon Boat festival, Annual Moon Festival for Chicago Chinatown Special Events and Community Foundation, Not only with the goal to promote Asian culture to the community, but she supports international events, such as Sing China USA, which aims to support talented people to pursue their dreams. She coordinates the Asian American Heritage Month events and promotes Asian and Chinese culture in the city. With her dedication to the local community, she had the opportunity to serve on the Asia Advisory Council for the Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulis.

Katelyn started her career in the finance sector in a publicly traded company. She worked as an expat back in Shanghai and successfully positioned the company to break-even in that year. While she advanced her career in finance, Katelyn increased her involvement in the Asian community. With her education and professional experiences, Katelyn Chen served as CFO in the largest Chinese grocery market in the city of Chicago, 88-marketplace. She also financially advises in a Chief Financial Advisory role for a local asset manager.



## **DR. SURESH REDDY**

*Trustee -Village of Oak Brook, IL*

Dr. Reddy is the 36th President of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), the largest ethnic medical organization in the United States, representing the interests of over 120,000 physicians of Indian Origin, a Neuro-Interventional Radiologist by profession. He currently serves as the Chief of Radiology at Hines Medical Center, Associate Professor of Radiology at Loyola Medical Center in Chicago and has had many years of service to the medical community and AAPI.

His journey started at SUNY Stony Brook, NY and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center / Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, where he underwent his education. He served as faculty at the Harvard Medical School for over a decade.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Reddy contributed to the expansion of the AAPI organization, recruiting more than 10 sub-chapters as patron members, and streamlining the bylaws with several historic changes. He created the AAPI Endowment fund, which raised and donated \$300,000 to enable successors to focus on education, mentoring, research, charity, and service.

Dr. Reddy facilitated more than a hundred webinars and health awareness events. He facilitated honoring more than 10,000 nurses who worked selflessly in the line of duty against Covid in over 100 hospitals in over 40 states including Alaska. He led a campaign donating blankets to needy shelter-less citizens during last winter and would like to do the same this winter.

He was additionally the 40th president of the Indian American Medical Association, Illinois Chapter and has orchestrated and performed several projects to benefit the community through this organization.

On the front of community service, he was elected Trustee for the Village of Oakbrook during a ceremony by Honorable Justice Ann Jorgensen, presiding Judge of the Appellate Court Second District in Illinois. Through his work to benefit the community, his focus is on civic engagement and community service.



## **EJIRE DOLLARS A.K.A TAIWO FATAI**

My name is Taiwo Fatai. I was born in August 1974 in Obizi Nbaze, Owerri, Imo State. However, I grew up at Ile Oba Tirejeoye, Oyan, Odo-Otin Local Government, Osun State, in Nigeria. I have been singing locally since primary school which I completed around 1984. During high school, I explored other genres of music and graduated in 1994. I went into the line of business while also singing on the side. I then got married and had 3 kids. Later, I moved to the US and worked as a CNA while keeping up with my singing habit. I released my first album Current Affairs in 2021. I received an Award of Excellence from D Duke Music Entertainment for my contribution to the music industry in December 2022

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## ULHAS K. SATYANARAYANA

*Delhi, India*

Ulhas Koravi Satynarayan is a professional basketball player from India. He was born on August 15, 1998.

In terms of education, Ulhas completed his 10 + 2 CBSE Board in Commerce from GD Goenka Public School in New Delhi in 2015/2016. He then pursued a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management Entrepreneurship Honors from the University of Westminster in London, United Kingdom, from 2016 to 2019. In 2020/2021, he obtained a Master of Science in Innovation and Entrepreneurship online from Full Sail University in Florida, USA.

Ulhas's main objective is to continuously train and play at a higher level as a professional basketball player. He is currently a member of the Senior Indian National Basketball Team and the first Indian to play professionally in Europe.

Ulhas possesses skills in yoga and yoga training, organizing management and marketing workshops, as well as leadership and excellent communication abilities. He is fluent in English, Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu, and has achieved a score of 6.50 in the IELTS examination for English proficiency.

Apart from his basketball career, Ulhas actively participates in teaching academics and basketball to underprivileged students through an NGO. He also gives motivational talks to physically challenged athletes as a form of unconditional service to society. Ulhas has received recognition certificates and authorizations for his extracurricular activities.

Notable achievements for Ulhas include being the first Indian to become the captain of the University of Westminster basketball team and winning their first championship. He is also the first Indian to play professional basketball in Europe and has brought home two medals in the National Division One in Europe. Additionally, Ulhas has represented India twice in the FIBA Asian World Cup Qualifiers in 2022-2023.



## **SHERIFF JIM MENDRICK**

*DuPage County Wheaton, IL*

Sheriff Mendrick was hired in 1996 as a patrol deputy and rose through the ranks of corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, major, canine commander and administrative chief before being elected sheriff in November 2018. As a student at Lewis University, Mendrick studied criminal justice and later completed the School of Police Staff & Command at Northwestern University. In 2019 Mendrick was elected co-chair of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS).

Under the leadership of Sheriff Mendrick, 36 neighboring police agencies united in August 2019 to form an unprecedented sharing of resources and manpower under the shield of the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigation Team (MERIT). Since implementation, that team has responded to nearly 1000 emergency events throughout the county in a unified response that gives DuPage County greater law enforcement resources and quicker response times for large-scale incidents.

In the DuPage County Correctional Facility, Sheriff Mendrick created a comprehensive continuum of care that transformed incarceration into a rehabilitative model versus the antiquated punitive model that existed in the past. Drug detoxification, drug recovery, medicated assisted treatment, full psychological services, GED training, job training in the form of sanitation services, welding, tiling, indoor and outdoor horticulture, gang desistance, gang tattoo removal and 70 additional classes have all contributed to recidivism rates that have fallen into the teens.

In 2022, the DuPage County Correctional Facility received two separate national awards. The American Correctional Association scored the DuPage County Sheriff's Office at a clean 100% performance rate in every category, stating that DuPage was the national example of a rehabilitative process within a correctional facility.



## **NITYA NAIR**

*Chicago, IL*

Nitya Nair is currently entering her sophomore year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she is double majoring in Economics and Political Science. Nitya graduated high school at the top 1% of her class. She is a James Scholar and Chancellors Scholar at the University of Illinois, where she received the Provost Scholarship, providing her with full tuition scholarship to the university. She has received academic awards, including qualifying for the state finals at the Illinois History Fair, the Social Science Department Award winner, a Maine Scholar, and is involved in many extracurricular activities. She has trained in Carnatic singing for eleven years, and is currently studying Hindustani music. She has performed in multiple languages including English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam, in numerous events across the United States and Canada. She has been performing at cultural events since the age of nine.



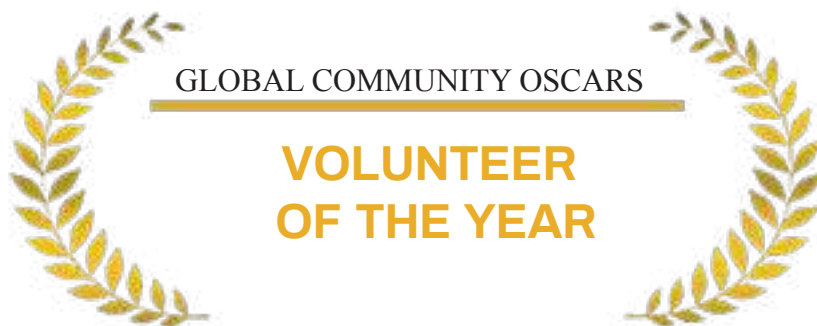


## **ERIC PARKER**

*Respiratory Care Practitioner, Oak Park, IL*

Prophet E Lamar Parker, multitalented bold and courageous is the epitome of persistence and Hard work Eric began at a young age with insight and wisdom of a 20-year-old at the age of 12 ministering, preparing to become a ministry leader and community advocate he began my building, helping and aiding people in his community with information, knowledge, insight. he was the renaissance man, funny, charming, handsome, and a loving soul after completing high school and going to the private school sector he began his career and business and management working with fortune 500 companies like chase, Starbucks and AT&T then transitioned over into a medical career with a bachelors degree in psychology from Grand Canyon University and also. Masters in physicians assistant, with emphasis on healthcare administration extensive training courses receiving his associates in respiratory care after a 8 year Long career Eric wanted to go back to what he love most, which is inspiring people in all shapes and sizes, socially economically financially professionally and spiritually he had a vision that everyone needed three things in life something to eat , somewhere to live, and to transition to God, so he started Africansoul Restaurant, int'l, that goes from state to state, performing African culture, with African cuisine, partnered with Funeral companies, Aiding lower income families who doesn't have insurance and can't bury their love ones to offer better more affordable options for funerals and memorials. He then also started an Airbnb business with locations in Florida, Vegas and Atlanta. Going into business for himself was not easy. Once the businesses became afloat instead of their own legs, Eric understood that you also need financial literacy and partnered with several multi millionaires on how to gauge plan and prepare for wealth by doing, so he understood that this was an opportunity to preach God's word he continued under the teaching Bishop, Tony Bianchi, a world, renowned prophetic teacher, apostolic leader, who has taught him the spiritual basis of seeking the kingdom and all of its righteousness and everything will be added onto you. He has began this 17 year journey of ministry, business, faith, and marriage has no plans of slowing down Prophet E Lamar, Parker ministries under the umbrella of Bethel Mennonite community church. Has major plans for the next generation believers business owners in the faith, men of valor and couples he and his wife, Connie Parker has plans on helping the next generation with dating , seeking God to see the right one starting a iron sharpens iron foundation where it will service groups of Married couples to support in faith marriage and also God has graced them to take African Soul, his businesses and his faith to glory to glory please help us present the award for interfaith business leader of the year

Dr E Lamar Parker.



## **DR. AFROZ HAFEEZ**

*Founder Chairman, Soniz Group*

Dr. Afroz Hafeez, a well-rounded healthcare and community leader in the Chicagoland area. I work for Duly Health & Care (formerly Dupage Medical Group) as the Director of Quality Improvement and Musculoskeletal (MSK) Program Development, MSK Institute. The MSK institute (orthopedics, spine, podiatry, pain, physiatry, chiropractor, rheumatology, neurology, PT / OT) is multi-disciplinary and there are a variety of initiatives that I am involved in service of leadership, improved care, and patient outcomes. These include: Development of quality department, improving patient outcomes, quality improvement projects, research and studies, outcomes research, improving patient care, education, patient engagement platforms, data and analysis, reporting, outcomes monitoring and improvement, creating standards, policy development, development of peer review process, establishing quality committee and teams, system patient safety committee, leading teams and workgroups, leading care management, coding education, project management, strategic planning, process / performance improvement.

In addition to a career within healthcare, I currently serve as a Commissioner for the Village of Arlington Heights. There are a number of multiple national and community organizations I have been involved with such as the American Cancer Society (ACS), American Association of Physicians of Indian Organizations (AAPI), American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), Chicago Health Executives Forum (CHEF), Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) -Chicago, American Medical Students Assoc (AMSA), Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), and others. There has been significant advocacy I have been involved with in relation to healthcare issues and policies work (increase research funding, closing disparities, further access, etc.) including lobbying at the U.S. Capitol in DC, at the IL State, etc. Among these, I have also interacted with Congressman Danny Davis on supporting the bills. There is COVID related work I have been involved with inclusive of monitoring cases at the hospital, leading a large contact tracing team and investigating variant cases at the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), and increasing communication on encouraging vaccination through the This is Our Shot (TIOS) national campaign.



## DION HARDEN

*CEO, You Break it You Fix it Foundation, Chicago*

Dione was born and brought up in a drug-infested environment in the south side of Chicago, where he and his two elder sisters lived in Englewood in the south side of Chicago. You all know that Englewood has a life expectancy of 60 years while seven miles away from the streets, the life expectancy is 90 years and the crime rate is 86%. With that in mind this young man when he was 14 years old took to dealing and drugs at that young age and by 23 he was one of the top drug dealers earning a whopping amount of \$15,000 a day selling drugs, dealing with drugs and selling guns. Seven years of prime time when he was given in by one of his closest buddies and that landed him in the federal penitentiary where he spent 13 long years, out of the first five years, this young man experienced the torment in any prison anywhere in the world. To quote him, it was like being in the belly of the beast, but the next seven years was of transformational experience where he was groomed by mentors, where he thought he learnt, he read, he got his GED degree and today he has become an amazing trendsetter, life changer and a change maker has the founder and CEO of You Break It You Fix It Foundation, a federally recognized 501-c-3 not-for-profit, which is changing the landscape of Chicago when it pertains to preventing violence. Providing food for the hungry and providing hope for the suffering. Now in his own words, he tells us when he was young, he was destroying the community, but today he's taking initiative to try to fix the community that he broke.



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He is author of numerous books, articles, and blogs, sharing this practical method of meditation, including his book, *Meditation as Medication for the Soul*. His programs have been broadcast on television and radio as well as on the Internet.

His work in the field of science, computers, and communication has given him the ability to have a scientific approach to spirituality. He makes the science of spirituality and meditation easy for people to understand and practice for themselves. He holds meditation seminars, gives public lectures, and hosts international conferences, presenting his powerful yet simple meditation to millions throughout the world. His life has been one continuous thread of service to humanity to bring about a world of peace and spiritual upliftment.



## JAN ZHENG

*Chair, CCAAGC, Aurora, IL*

Jan Zheng is Chair of the board, Chicago Chinese American Association at Greater Chicago (CAAGC). CAAGC is a non-profit, membership organization with over 140 member associations serving the Chinese Americans in great Chicago area. Her mission is to promote cultural, educational, and economic opportunities for the Chinese Americans, and promote linkages and friendships among different communities in great Chicago area.

With a Master of Business Administration (MBA), Jan has worked in top 500 companies for more than two decades. Jan is a recipient of "Outstanding Woman Award" by Congressman Danny Davis of the Seventh District of Illinois; "Mayor's Award of Excellence" by City of Aurora Mayor Ricard Irvin. "1999-2019 Chinese Community Outstanding Person Award" for the 20th anniversary of Chicago China News & Digest; "Outstanding Leaders" by Mandarin Leader in North America. Jan Zheng was also recognized by City of Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot during May AAHPI month in 2022 for her contribution to the promotion and development of city's diverse cultures.

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## REACHING FOR THE SKY



Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest what you haven't planted. These words rightly sum up his story – an engineer, inventor, entrepreneur, a philanthropist and a business magnate in the electronics industry, who strived for success from a very young age.

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The way he powered up his organization in 1986 from the basement of his condo is commendable. Taking his people strength to strength, he has led from the forefront transforming PowerVolt over the past few decades. He now needs no introduction—his work speaks louder than words. From working in a welding company in Germany to owning three gas stations in the USA, he has worked his way through to fulfill his dreams.

Surging ahead with optimism and experience, Brij believes, "There is always more to achieve. I cannot say I achieved everything but relatively achieved quite a bit. Initially the business was slow, which forced me to buy a Shell gas station, to put food on the table, and subsequently two more, Amoco and Citgo,

which we ran for 15 years. Vijay, my wife, started working in a factory to support the family and later started running the gas stations as well. I worked and worked to make PowerVolt successful and later bought out a company, Ztran, and the rest is history."

Currently, they are a group of three companies, PowerVolt, Wabash and Ensign, with two plants each in Mexico and in the USA. They have now become the supplier to some Fortune 100 companies. "It sure was unimaginable to me once," smiles Brij.

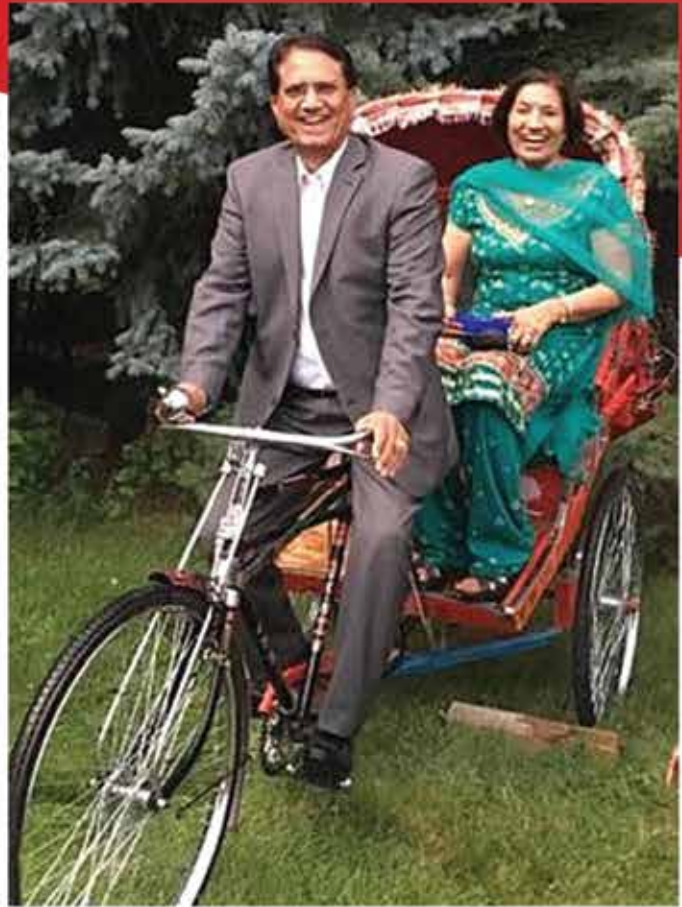
Today, the Sharma couple has pledged to contribute to educate every child on earth. "Education can help you to achieve what nothing else can," he quotes.



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### From Scratch to Stars!

Like a raw diamond polished to create the ultimate sparkle, he too went through his share of toil. He initially took up a job with Advani Oerlikon, Pune, and started learning designing and manufacturing welding equipment. Soon after, he left for Germany in 1971 and Vijay joined him a year later. In the meantime, their son, Ajay, was born.

The plan was to invest two years in learning to manufacture welding equipment and go back to India, set up his own facility in Punjab. But two years later, he didn't have enough money.

His application with the Brazilian government for a vacancy for qualified engineers and technical experts was selected and he took his family along to Brazil and started working in Siemens in 1973.

"I spoke English and German and while working in Brazil I had learnt Portuguese as well. I got good and timely promotions there. After 10 years of hard work I made it to the top management in Siemens do Brazil."

### A Business Enabler!

Brazil won their hearts and they achieved substantial success. Ajay had grown up into a smart student and had plans to study further in Chicago – the family went to the new city. Brij joined one of his college-time friends, Shalabh Kumar, in his company, Autotech Corporation, where he worked for eight years.

"My long-forgotten dream to venture out on my own started re-emerging. Though he accepted my resignation as the Director of Sales, he requested me to stay for a year more and I readily agreed."

Starting on his own took him a lot of time and efforts. It was a game of patience and persistence. By his own admission, "We did see that difficult phase – I was working, Vijay was working, we were multitasking at home too. Ajay was growing up real quick. To make PowerVolt what it is today took time but once we started, we knew there was no looking back."

Vijay is now the Treasurer there and takes care of all the finances. Ajay completed his MBA from Loyola University of Chicago and has worked with Microsoft for eight long years before joining PowerVolt where he is now the vice president. He has driven the brand to being a medium-size conglomerate over the last decade. Dalvina, his wife, an accomplished dentist, and he have two sons, Nicholas (12) and Alexander (8).

PowerVolt now supplies to Shalabh's company too. "We share a great customer-vendor relationship and a deep friendship." His deep insights emanate from a firm grasp on business, strategic decision-making abilities, and confident risk management skills. Brij has a strong belief in himself, and it is this self-confidence that gets translated into actions that mete out success for his company.

A rare-to-find perfect mix of introversion and extra-version in one!

#### Note to a younger Brij:

Set your goals early and work hard to achieve them. Every second of your time matters. The winning horse may win only by the tip of his nose being in front of the other.

#### Note to newbies in the industry:

Challenges are tough. The only way to win is to continue. Hard work, perseverance and dedication will lead you to success.

#### What is freedom?

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#### The quote you often quote:

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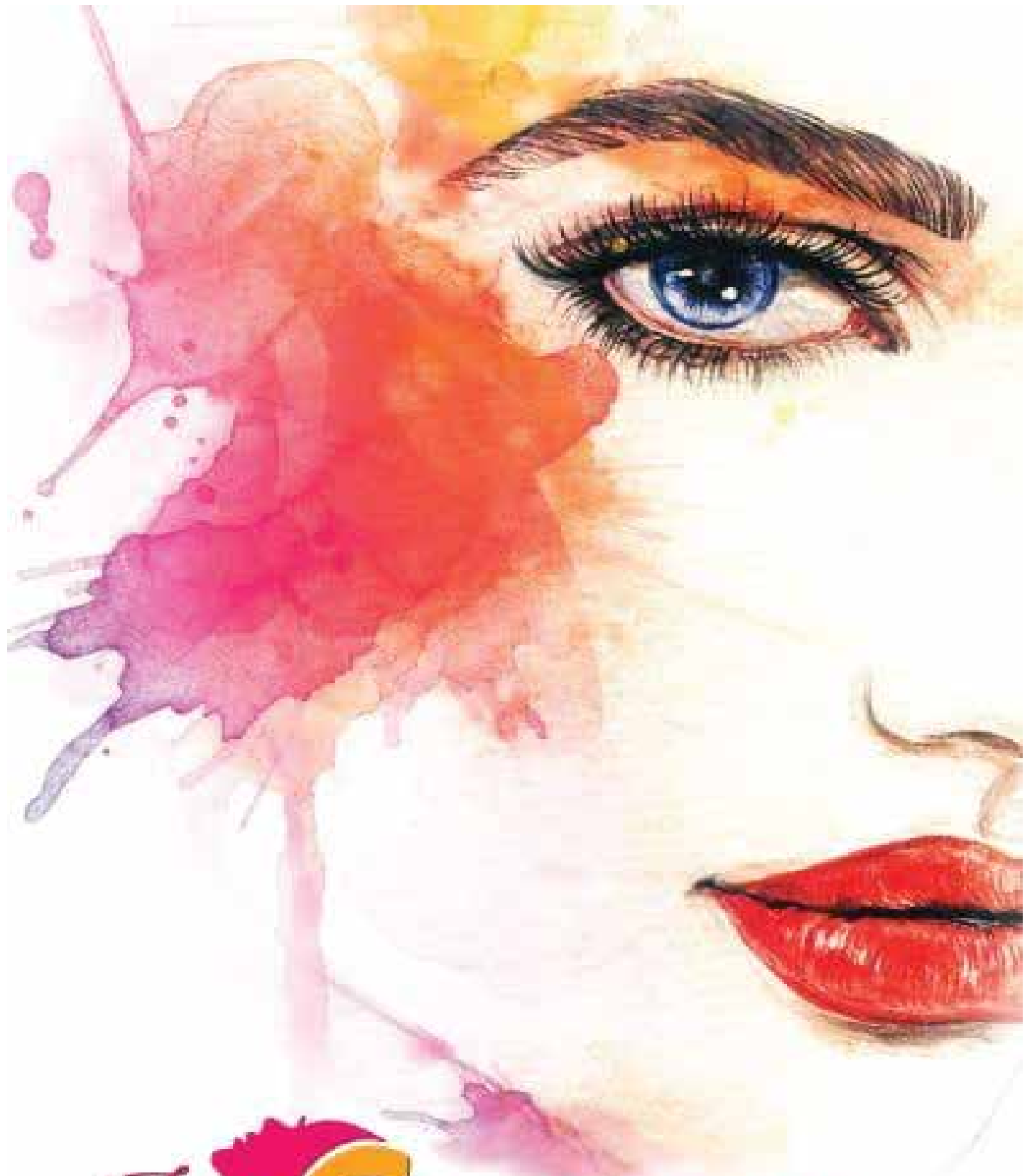
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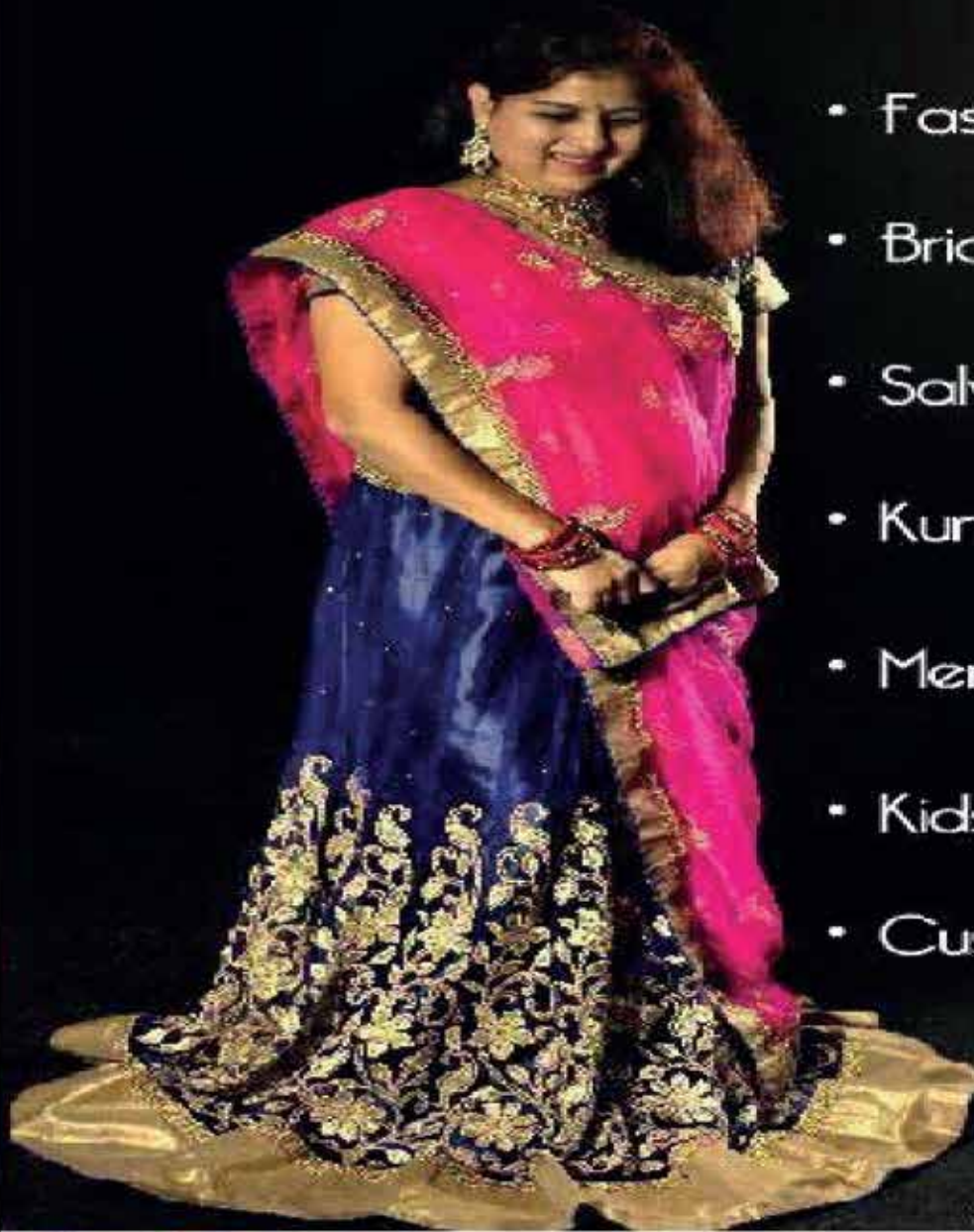
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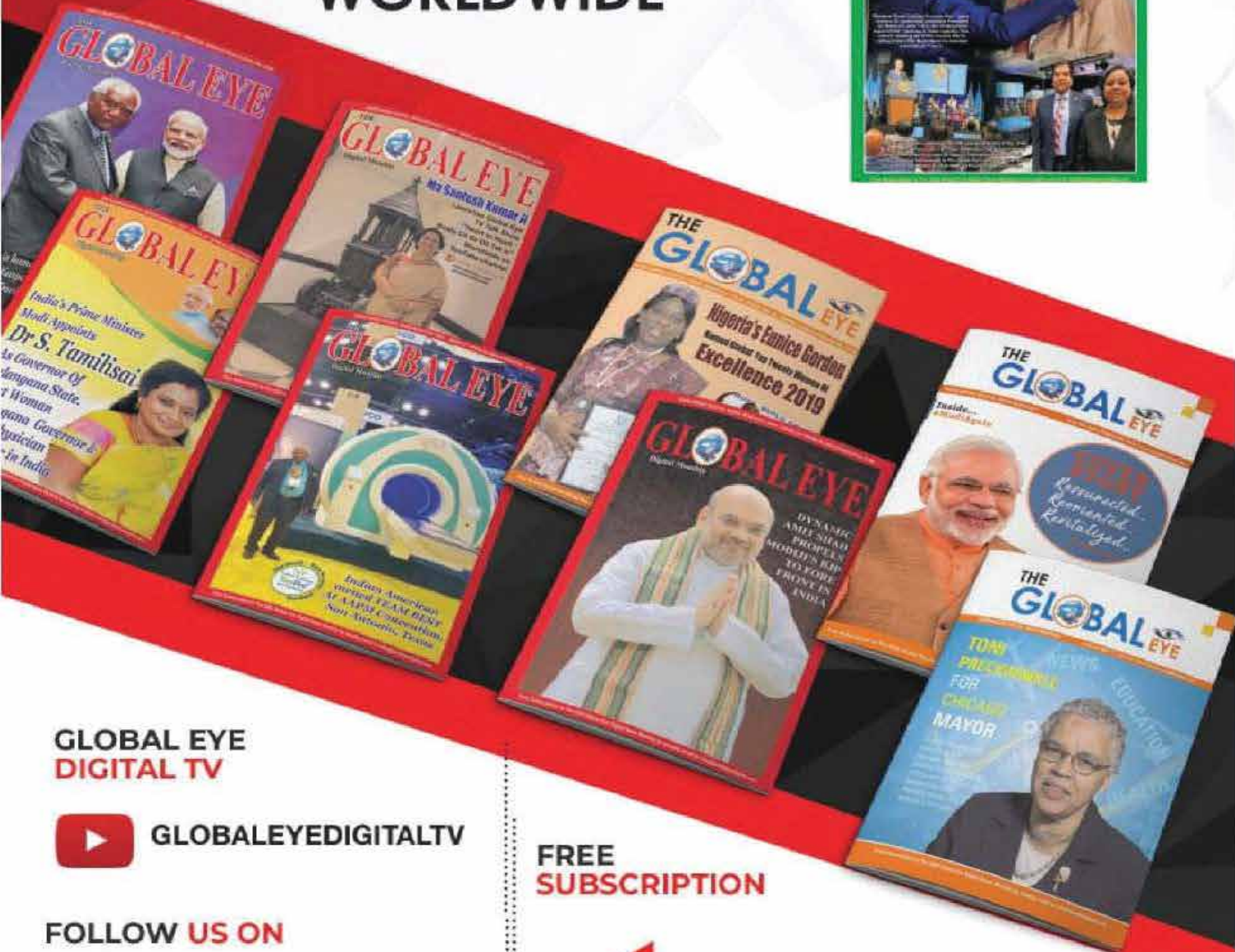
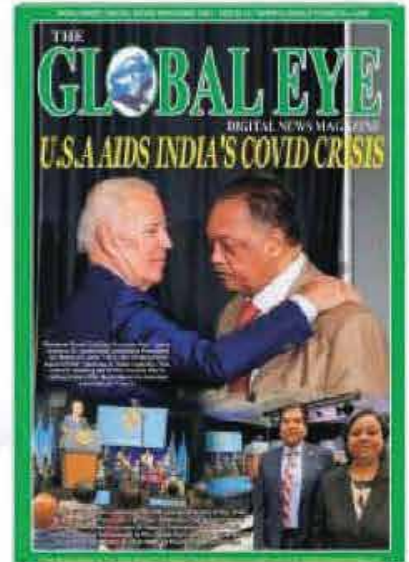
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