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Dear friends:

We are writing to introduce ourselves and to ask your sponsorship for Asian Services in Action's fall gala to be held on October 18th at the Tangiers in Fairlawn. Since 2012 ASIA's fall gala has been a pivotal event on our fundraising calendar.

Brant Lee is the current president of the board of directors of ASIA. Scott Piepho is a former board member and current Interim CEO of the organization. Between us, we have over forty years of affiliation with the organization. Together, we've seen it grow from a small, scrappy organization into a leading provider of culturally and linguistically appropriate services to AAPI, refugee, and immigrant communities in Northeast Ohio.

Today, ASIA boasts federally qualified health centers in Akron and Cleveland, a legal division that provides services that protect the rights of immigrants and refugees who find themselves encountering the court system, and a social services division that helps newcomers meet basic needs.

This year our theme is *Widening Our Welcome*, reflecting the growing numbers of refugees and immigrants who are settling in Northeast Ohio and ASIA's ambition to grow our capacity to meet the needs of these communities. The past year has seen a new agency begin resettling refugees in Cuyahoga County and another new organization in Summit that will soon be settling its first refugee family.

We are seeing increasing numbers of refugees as the current target number has been increasing yearly, and the humanitarian parolees from Ukraine and Afghanistan aren't included in that target. We've also continued to see shifts in demographics as increasing numbers of refugees are coming from African and Middle Eastern countries and from new source countries such as Venezuela.

All of this offers both opportunities and challenges for ASIA. We are inviting you to be part of the widening of our welcome as we raise funds that will help us increase our capacity to offer services to these newcomers.

The enclosed documents explain our sponsorship tiers from our Changemakers Circle to our Gracious Neighbors and the benefits that come at each sponsorship level. We value any amount you can offer to support our work.

For inquiries and questions on sponsorships, please contact Kelly Le at KLE@asiaohio.org.

Sincerely,



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