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**BRUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNER OF NYC AAPI ARTIST**

*Sunday, May 21, 2023, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.*

New York, NY – **AAPI For Change** is sponsoring a contest for NYC AAPI artists, and the winner will be announced at a brunch on Sunday, May 21st, 2023, from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm at **Fish Village, 2007, 127th St., 3rd FL College Point, NY 11356**, the Queens restaurant that was ransacked by youth and lost \$20,000 in damages.

**AAPI For Change** ([www.AAPIforChange.org](http://www.AAPIforChange.org)) is making a difference by sponsoring NYC artists and showcasing their work. The organization will fund the top honoree for \$1,000/month for up to 12 months totaling \$12,000. The winner will help educate the public, empower the AAPI community, and provide resources to victims of discrimination and violence.

"Andrew Yang, former Presidential Candidate, believes that giving someone \$1,000 a month would change the economy. I thought he was out of his mind," said **Esther Yang** (not related to Andrew), Founder of AAPI for Change and **Super Happy Healthy Kids** (SHHK). "But Andrew is so advanced of our time, and is, of course, correct. Super Happy Healthy Kids decided to do just that. With the increase in Asian violence, we decided that enough is enough, so SHHK is pledging \$12,000 to one NYC AAPI artist." (<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/nypd-reports-361-percent-increase-anti-asian-hate-crimes-last-year-rcna8427>)

"AAPI for Change's support for an NYC artist will help grow the arts economy and elevate the work of an often overlooked community," said **Andrew Yang**. "My hope is that others will join and match funds to support more AAPI artists and become AAPI allies."

AAPI For Change organized this brunch to help Fish Village after the damage caused by teen vandalism at the beginning of March 2023. All of us should have zero tolerance for any type of discrimination and mistreatment of others.

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On Sunday, May 21st, 2023, an announcement of the winner will be held on Fish Village at noon. RSVP at [bit.ly/AAPIBrunch](https://bit.ly/AAPIBrunch)

The non-profit AAPI for Change raises awareness, educates people to stop discrimination and racism, and encourages everyone to be AAPI allies. The organization brings Asian speakers to public schools to decrease violence against Asians.



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AAPI for Change is committed to uniting different racial and ethnic backgrounds to stand firm against hatred and discrimination through civic engagement and open discussions. AAPI for Change is non-partisan, organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

"An annual basic income allows artists to unleash their full creative potential and freely express their ideas without financial limitations. AAPI For Change empowers AAPI artists to explore new insights and enrich our cultural landscape with their innovative work." said **Yoon Jae Lee**, Founder & Artistic Director of Ensemble 212.

**Esther Yang** is a mother, community organizer, educator, skin care and recipe developer, yoga, karate, and meditation teacher. She is the Executive Director and Founder of Super Happy Healthy Kids and AAPI For Change.

The **Super Happy Healthy Kids** program teaches children to communicate through "kind words and kind acts" to prevent bullying and to increase empathy and emotional intelligence. Our programs and activities teach our children and their families to think and communicate positively. We want our children to create the future with strength and compassion.

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