

# AAPI Crime Victims and Education Fund



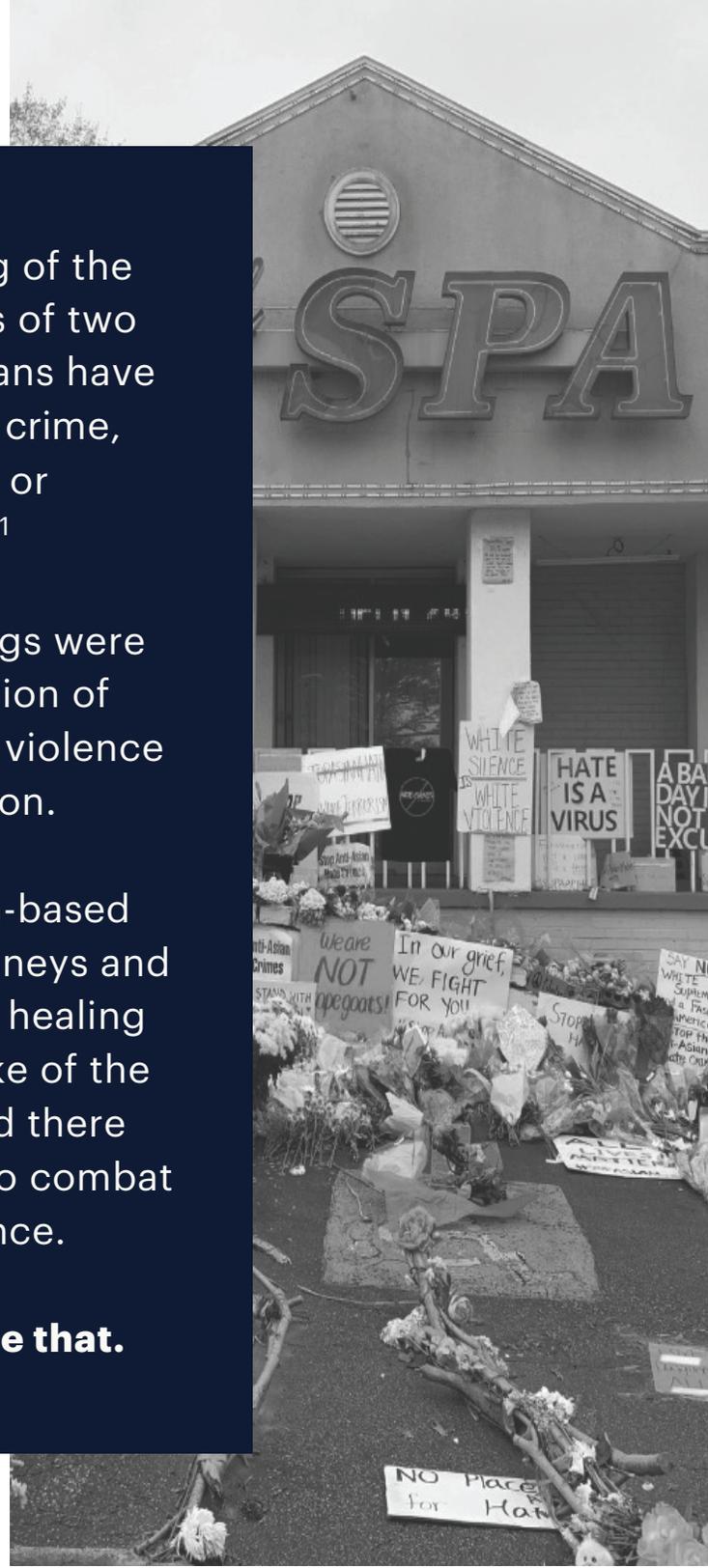
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Since the beginning of the pandemic, upwards of two million Asian Americans have experienced a hate crime, discrimination, or harassment.<sup>1</sup>

The Atlanta shootings were the grim culmination of increasing anti-AAPI violence across the nation.

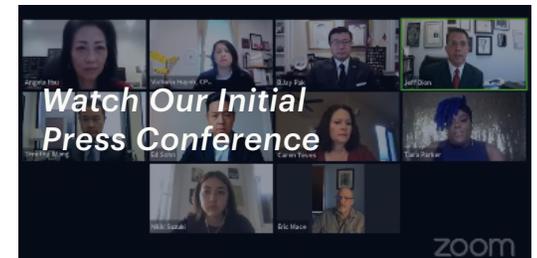
As we, the Georgia-based Asian American attorneys and friends, focused on healing and unity in the wake of the shooting, we found there were few initiatives to combat anti-AAPI violence.

**We want to change that.**



**Please join us in our efforts to protect Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders from racist violence.**

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Launch National AAPI Violence Prevention & Response Initiative

Two funds created to offer financial assistance to victims and support anti-violence work.

ATLANTA, Ga. (March 26, 2021) – AAPI community leaders in Georgia have joined forces with the National Compassion Fund (NCF) to launch the *National AAPI Violence Prevention & Response Initiative*, which will raise money for victims of the March 16 shootings, other AAPI crime victims, and bias prevention in two first-of-their-kind funds.

A virtual press conference was held today, March 26, 2021 at 9:30am ET. The recording is

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**31% of Asian Americans**  
report having experienced racial slurs  
or racist remarks since the beginning of the  
pandemic<sup>2</sup>

**2020 saw a 145% increase**  
in hate crimes against AAPI even as overall hate  
crimes dropped by 6%<sup>3</sup>

**3,795 reports**  
of anti-Asian harassment from name-calling to  
assaults were received by Stop AAPI Hate in a one-  
year period<sup>4</sup>

**81% of Asian American adults**  
say violence against them is increasing  
while 56% of all American adults say the same<sup>5</sup>

**12% of Asian Americans report**  
being targets of harassment this year  
but are the least likely to be “very comfortable”  
reporting such incidents<sup>6</sup>

# The AAPI Crime Victims & Education Fund is

A fundraising initiative to assist AAPI crime victims and support educational & awareness programs aimed at reducing violence targeted towards the AAPI community.

## **Fund Proceeds Will Support**

Emergency funds for AAPI crime victims

Publication of multi-language materials on bias and hate crime

Bystander intervention training

Educational and outreach programs to facilitate trust within the public, raise awareness of AAPI stereotypes, and establish points of contact with the AAPI community

Launched in 2021 by community legal and business leaders and AAPI bar associations

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# How to Donate

## AAPI Crime Victims & Education Fund *Overseen by the GAPABA Law Foundation*

*For donations of \$5,000 or greater, we recommend donating by check or wire transfer*

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## **WHAT IS THE AAPI CRIME VICTIMS & EDUCATION FUND (“FUND”)?**

It is a fundraising initiative started by several AAPI lawyers, with support from the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association (“GAPABA”), the GAPABA Law Foundation (“GLF”), and the Korean-American Bar Association of Georgia (“KABA-GA”).

## **WHY WAS THE FUND STARTED?**

It was launched after the tragic mass shootings in Atlanta on March 16, 2021, when eight people were killed, six of whom were AAPIs. Leaders in the Atlanta legal and business community saw a need not just for community support in wake of the increasing incidents against AAPIs, but also for funds to help victims of anti-AAPI crimes and prevent these crimes from happening in the first place.

A recent report by Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP) found that only 0.2% (or 20 cents for every \$100) of grantmaking nationwide is designated for the AAPI community, even though AAPIs account for nearly 6% of the US population and is the fastest growing minority group in the country.

And, unfortunately, hate incidents against AAPI are growing at an unprecedented rate. The policy and research group AAPI Data found that AAPIs have experienced hate incidents at a significantly higher percentage than the general population. At the same time, they are among the least likely to report such incidents to authorities.

The group StopAAPIHate received 3,795 reports of anti-Asian harassment incidents ranging from name-calling to assaults between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021. AAPI Data estimates that upwards of 2 million Asian-American adults have experienced anti-Asian hate since the onset of the pandemic.

Although the federal Hate Crime Statistics Act (1990) requires the FBI and DOJ to publish an annual report on hate crime statistics, even President Biden in his March 30, 2021 AAPI executive order tacitly recognized what we know to be true—such data is incomplete and inconsistent. Local and state agencies are not required to report statistics to the federal government, and even then, some agencies do not recognize what constitutes a hate crime or aggregate AAPI data.



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## WHAT WILL THE FUND BE USED FOR?

The Fund will: 1) assist AAPI crime victims 2) support educational & awareness programs aimed at reducing violence targeted towards the AAPI community. The executive committee has identified the following initial programs and activities to support with Fund proceeds:

### **Emergency funds for AAPI crime victims**

Emergency grants for AAPI crime victims who have no other immediate liquid resources or assistance. Outreach activities to connect victims of anti-AAPI crime, hatred, and bigotry with pro bono legal services.

### **Creation and dissemination of in-language materials on bias and hate crimes**

Development and dissemination of “know your rights” programs for the AAPI community to raise awareness about housing, employment, crime victim, and civil rights.

Language access (interpreters) for AAPI victims of crime, hatred, or bigotry to facilitate interaction and communication with law enforcement or government officials.

Programs and resources that support training of K-12 teachers and administrators to identify, track, and prevent bullying based on AAPI stereotypes or hate.

### **Bystander intervention training**

Creation of hate crime toolkits and materials that summarize what constitutes a hate crime, how to report such incidents, available resources, and what to do as a bystander or supporting community group.

### **Educational and outreach programs that facilitate relationships between local law enforcement and establish points of contact with the AAPI community**

Programs that raise awareness of AAPI stereotypes and establish points of contact with law enforcement with and among the AAPI community.

Continuing education programs for law enforcement on cultural awareness and sensitivity.

Education and promotion of accurate and culturally-sensitive media coverage of the AAPI community.

Development and funding of a speaker’s bureau to address stakeholders, community leaders, and law enforcement about racism and stereotypes, including how to combat them, and to encourage prosecution of hate crimes when appropriate.



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## **HOW IS THE FUND DIFFERENT FROM OTHER FUNDRAISING EFFORTS?**

It is the first national fund specifically aimed at supporting AAPI victims of crime, bigotry, or hatred, and supporting educational and awareness programs aimed at reducing violence.

We take a broad view of assisting crime victims in recognition that unique barriers prevent some AAPIs from reporting incidents in the first place.

## **WHO WILL ADMINISTER THE FUND?**

The fund will be subject to the governance and oversight of the foundation formed by the Georgia Asian Pacific Americans Bar Association in 2005 for the purpose of distributing funds raised by GAPABA to charities and non-profits. The GAPABA Law Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a Board consisting of legal leaders from the greater Atlanta community. The GAPABA Law Foundation has administered over \$250,000 in grants to dozens of organizations, including Asian Americans Advancing Justice, the Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS), Raksha, Inc., Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN). If the amount of funds raised here creates a need for an administrator, then the executive committee and GLF will appoint one with relevant experience.

## **WHO ARE TYPICAL DONORS AND IN WHAT AMOUNTS?**

To date, the Fund has been a mix of individual and corporate donations. Any amount is welcome. All contributions are 100% tax deductible.

## **WHO IS INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT?**

The effort is led by a six-person volunteer executive committee, along with other volunteer business and legal leaders. The Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association (GAPABA), Korean American Bar Association of Georgia (KABA-GA), and the GAPABA Law Foundation (GLF) have pledged time and resources and support the establishment and administration of the Fund.

The executive committee will form an Advisory Board to expand fundraising efforts and visibility.

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