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Soaring in Concert Surpasses Fundraising Goal

Los Altos, Calif. — The Tahirih Justice Center is proud to announce that *Soaring in Concert*, a benefit concert supporting the organization’s work, **raised over \$30,000, surpassing its original goal**. This event was made possible by the efforts of Aaron Bao, a rising high school sophomore at the Harker School in San Jose, California, his family, and their community.

“It was truly amazing to see the community rallying to support Tahirih Justice Center in its mission of providing aid to immigrant survivors of gender-based violence,” said 15-year-old **Aaron Bao, the event’s organizer**. “I’m grateful for everyone who helped in the making of the event, from the student volunteers that marketed and ran the event, to the wonderful performers and incredibly generous donors. The attendance at the concert and the charitable donations that we received made me both proud of our community and excited to see what else we can achieve together. The concert was only able to become an immense success due to the community uniting, and I hope that the message of Tahirih will continue to resonate with them in the future.”

Close to 200 guests attended the concert, which took place Saturday, August 20th, at the Community School of Music and Arts Finn Center. The event featured solo performances by award-winning musicians and an art exhibit by student artists that focused on the themes of peace, love, and unity. You can watch a recording of the event [here](#).

“We are inspired by young people like Aaron, who are dedicating their time and talent to help us raise these funds. Their efforts give us hope for a better, more inclusive, and equitable future,” said **Morgan Weibel, Tahirih’s San Francisco Bay Area Executive Director**. “With these funds, dozens of families surviving gender-based violence will be

supported. We are grateful for these types of events that allow us to help those who need our services.”

For media inquiries and additional pictures of the event, please email Karla Flores at media@tahirih.org.

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The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant survivors of gender-based violence. By amplifying the experiences of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress, Tahirih’s mission is to create a world in which all people share equal rights and live in safety and with dignity.