

Building a stable life in a new country is a daunting task. South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM) provides support to the Khatiwadas—a Bhutanese family—and others who settle in the United States to make a better life for themselves.

Chandra Khatiwada and his wife arrived in Pittsburgh two years ago after spending 23 years in a refugee camp in Nepal where they were teachers. Now they work opposite shifts at Allegheny General Hospital so they can share childcare responsibilities for daughter Riya and son Rizon, who are elementary school students. Chandra goes to work about 6 am and returns home about 4 pm to make dinner. While dad's cooking, the Khatiwada kids are studying, discovering, and socializing at a SHIM afterschool program. Riya and Rizon love afterschool and are always curious to go. After dinner, Chandra enjoys reviewing their homework-especially math, which he taught for 17 years in Nepal-and hearing about his children's day.

Afterschool has been a milestone in my progress in the U.S.

 Chandra Khatiwada, father of Rizon, 7 and Riya, 8



## **APOST** Dispatch

Mark your calendars now! This year's Afterschool Advocacy Day in Harrisburg is Wednesday, May 2. Afterschool Advocacy Day is an annual event sponsored by Pennsylvania State Afterschool and Youth Development Network (PSAYDN). Afterschool youth, parents, and providers travel to the state capitol to educate legislators on the goals and positives outcomes of afterschool.



APOST brings together Allegheny County provider partners and their students for Afterschool Advocacy Day. Our winning formula of transportation, food, and t-shirts attracts as many as 150 participants who visit dozens of legislators!

If you would like to join the APOST caravan on May 2nd, please email us at apost@unitedwayswpa.org. If you are a legislator or legislative staffer who would like to schedule a visit with our enthusiastic delegation, please give me a call at 412.456.6876!

Sincerely,

**APOST Director** 



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Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time (APOST) is a partnership of funders, intermediaries, and providers dedicated to building a quality Out-of-School Time (OST) System that will contribute to the healthy, successful development of young people as they progress through their school years, graduate from high school, and enter adulthood.

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