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Typhoon! owners Steve and Bo Kline (photo provided by Typhoon!)

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When Typhoon! restaurant first opened in 1995, husband and wife co-owners Steve and Bo Kline had no idea the name would be a forecast of what was to come. Soon after opening, a rush of ice storms hit the Portland, Ore., area, forcing the new restaurateurs to shut down for several days. The storms passed and 14 years later, the Klins have experienced many events and victories together. Along the way, they've

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Photo provided by Philip Young

Dr. Philip Young (right) and colleague Dr. Mark Hamilton (left) perform surgery on a patient. Young, a facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, participates in Face to Face, an international humanitarian program.

Changing faces, changing lives

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A victim's face of domestic violence can sometimes be a revealing one. When the aftermath leaves scars and deformation, victims who have already taken intense paths toward emotional recovery must also reconcile with their altered visage.

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Gates Foundation says no to infectious disease and hunger



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The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is known for employing many talented Asian American women to be in charge of diverse, global responsibilities. Many of them are shown here in a stock photo from 2008 taken at the Foundation in June 2008.

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The current economic downturn hurts charitable foundations as well as the general public. That hasn't stopped one world-famous Seattle foundation from supporting projects to improve and, in many cases, save the lives of millions in Asia and other parts of the world.

Martha Choe, chief administrative officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said the foundation's global health office in China focuses primarily

on HIV/AIDS.

She talked about her career and the foundation at a Feb. 6 luncheon organized by the Greater Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce. More than 80 people gathered at the Ocean City Restaurant for her appearance.

"We have a great collaboration with the minister of health in China," said Choe, a former Seattle City Councilmember who joined the foundation in 2004 and now oversees its Information Technology, Human Resources, Security, and Site

Operations teams. "We've been alarmed at the growth of HIV/AIDS infection, and so we actually have several government officials from the ministry of health working inside our office."

"We have a presence in India, again focused on HIV/AIDS," she added.

She said the foundation expects to provide \$3.6 billion in support of programs aimed at global health, global

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COMMENTARY

Get educated on DTV or be left in the dark



Derek Wing

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June 12 is the new date when TV stations across the country are required to change from analog to digital signals, after the House of Representatives voted 264 to 168 and the Senate voted unanimously to extend the deadline for the DTV changeover.

The delay gives an estimated 6.5 million households that are not ready for the change more time to prepare. It is a move we at the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) think is the right one because, of those unprepared households, nearly half are of low income — earning less than \$25,000 a year — and many are likely limited in their English-speaking. That means that there's a good chance your friend, relative, or someone you know could be affected.

NAPCA recently conducted an aggressive national DTV information campaign, holding events in six major cities (New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, and Westminster/Orange County, CA.) The results were eye opening. Of the hundreds of APIs seniors we surveyed, only about half of them knew about the DTV changeover, and 70 to 80 percent hadn't taken any action to prepare for the change.

Whether it was because of the language barrier, a lack of fully understanding the issue, or not having the money to buy a converter box, it seems clear to us that low-income minorities are the least informed and have the highest risk of losing their TV signals. They are a forgotten group and are very vulnerable.

In case you are not clear on the issue, the DTV change means that if viewers currently watch over-the-air (OTA) television channels using "rabbit ear" or rooftop antennas, they will likely need to purchase a converter box for their older TVs. This could be devastating for many, especially low-income and limited English-speaking Asian seniors, for whom television is often the only link to the outside world, a source of both news and entertainment they rely on to get their daily information.

NAPCA applauds the decision to delay the deadline because the frightening image of a senior on their rooftop, adjusting an antenna on a cold February morning is one we do not want to see. Thankfully, now we won't. Even with the extension, we believe now is still the time for API seniors to take action and order their coupons.

The average cost for a converter box is \$50 to \$80, a hefty price for low-income seniors to pay. But they can apply for a free \$40 coupon that would go toward the cost of the converter box.

However, with the demand for coupons exceeding the amount available, there is now a waiting list of nearly 4 million people.

NAPCA urges APIs to apply for those coupons now. Those who previously received coupons but did not purchase boxes may still be able to reapply for new coupons. The sense of urgency is still there because even though the deadline has been pushed back, it will take time for people to apply and receive the coupon, buy a converter box, set it up, and deal with whatever pitfalls that may happen along the way.

An additional reason to act now is that the June 12 deadline for broadcasters is voluntary, so there may be TV stations turning off their analog signals as early as the original Feb. 17 date.

Also, with 70 million TVs that get over-the-air signal, only about 6 million converter boxes are available between January and June, which means that retail stores and consumers could find the boxes out of stock as the deadline nears.

To help those who need to purchase converter boxes, NAPCA's national toll-free multilingual helpline can assist with online coupon applications and provide information for callers in their native Asian languages.

Ask your grandparents, senior neighbors, or friends if they need help. Offer to help install the converter boxes to their TVs. Or, if they haven't reached that step in the process, give them NAPCA's helpline numbers so we can help them apply for converter box coupons. If we don't take it upon ourselves to take action, many could be left in the dark. ■

NAPCA national multilingual toll-free helpline numbers:

English: 1-800-336-2722

Chinese: 1-800-582-4218

Korean: 1-800-582-4259

Vietnamese: 1-800-582-4336

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Dr. Philip Young, a facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon of Aesthetic Facial Plastic Surgery in Bellevue, said, "[Domestic violence] happens to everybody on some level."

Domestic violence comes in forms such as physical violence, sexual or emotional abuse, economic and social deprivation, or intimidation.

With an overwhelming number of domestic violence incidents in the United States alone, from 960,000 (as reported by the U.S. Department of Justice) to 3 million incidents a year (from the Commonwealth Fund), Young is determined to lend his services to victims one case at a time.

Young completed his bachelor's degree in molecular and cellular biology at the University of Washington before attending the Tulane University School of Medicine. It was during his residency at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles when Young came across his first cases of domestic violence.

It was the powerful stories, on all aspects, that have commanded his attention. He's heard stories such as a husband who sliced his wife's face with a knife. Another story involved a woman beaten and locked up for three days in a cellar, from which she finally managed to escape and as a result, suffered a broken nose and other injuries.

Young said, "As a senior resident, you could pick and choose your surgeries. Hearing [victims'] stories, you couldn't help but to want to help them. It was then that I saw how I could help people, and I wanted to continue that."

Following his residency, Young completed his fellowship at Louisiana State University under the direction of renowned surgeon Frederick Stucker. Young was able to persist with his charitable interests through Stucker, a founding member of the organization Face to Face.

Face to Face is an international humanitarian program. Surgeons and medical personnel donate their time and expertise to aid those in need, including children with congenital deformities and victims of domestic violence. His first mission with the organization took him to Vietnam in 2006 and then to China in 2008.

From his charity work, he said he feels "a huge sense of accomplishment. It's something you can't get from getting paid. It gives me a sense of self-worth. ... In the end, you look back on life and what matters is how you've helped others."

Young identifies with the financial struggles that his patients face. "My

parents came to America [from Taiwan] with \$100 in their pocket. Coming from humble beginnings and not having much in life provides motivation to give to people who don't have much either."

Whether he is treating patients at his practice in Bellevue, providing pro bono services for domestic violence patients, or donating his time to children in need overseas, "Dr. Young is helping people to recognize themselves a little more," said Janette Turner, office manager of Aesthetic Facial Plastic Surgery.

Young is providing something unique to patients of varying circumstances. "There's a huge emotional release when scars of violence are being erased. But the person getting older or the person experiencing a lot of teasing or those uncomfortable with their appearance suffers too. If he's able to change that, it's huge in any situation," said Turner.

What makes Young remarkable is that "he is able to see beauty in a different way. He understands the technique, has the training, and the hands to get beautiful results, along with his heart which makes a beautiful combination," added Turner.

The basis for his approach has earned him an award. His theory on facial beauty, "Circles of Prominence," won the Sir Harold Delf Gillies Award for Best Basic Science Research by a graduate in the field of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in 2005. The theory is essentially a guide to distinguish what makes a face attractive. Young was not satisfied with using proportions and rules, a theory that dates back to the 14th century. Rather, his innovative hypothesis defines beauty in the order that the brain processes dimensions of the face.

Equipped with his theory, Young wants to do more than just facelifts in the future. He plans to work with worthy organizations such as Chaya, New Beginnings, and his continual relationship with Face to Face to ensure that his humanitarian efforts will continue.

"The world can kind of be a cold place," Young said. "And I want to be someone that brings warmth to it. I want to be a person that helps when no one else can, when others turn their back." ■

For more information, visit www.drphilipyoung.com. For more information on the organization Face to Face, visit www.facetofacesurgery.org.

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