

CASE STATEMENT

The mission of NANAY, Inc. (National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and the Youth) is to promote the welfare and well being of elders, youth, and community. Our specific goals are aimed at (1) improving the personal, health and home environment of the elders and youth; (2) promoting the involvement of elders and youth in arts, culture, community activities and external affairs; (3) reducing the loneliness and isolation of the elders; (4) improving their ability to handle psychological and emotional stress; (5) increasing their self-confidence and social interaction; and (6) providing greater economic stability.

As we seek to improve and expand our considerable array of programs, we continue to envision our elders and youth together – being fully empowered and productive members of society.

Milestones Along the Way

- **1994** – NANAY, Inc. is incorporated on November 6, 1994 in memory of Jacinta Holgado Bruce, who had made a lifetime commitment of helping the needy
- **1995** – NANAY is formally introduced in Miami-Dade County, supported by small donations from the community and funded mainly through its annual Mother’s Day fundraising event, to provide elders with recreational activities and periodic health screening
- **1999** – Pilot funding is received from the Alliance for Aging for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, and two benefactors (659 Group) purchase building in North Miami to help NANAY provide regular counseling and transport services to elders



- **2000** – NANAY receives transitional funding from Miami Dade Alliance for Human Services, to provide living assistance, specialized transport, community workshops and an intergenerational program that combines youth mentorship with volunteer service to elders. The website (<http://www.nanay.com>) is launched, and the NANAY Community Center is designated as an official *Census 2000 Informational and Recruitment Center*, and as an official site for the "Get Out The Vote" and Voter Education Seminars. NANAY's services are featured in Eyewitness News in October 2000, and replicated in Little Rock, Arkansas in December.
- **2001** – 659 Group transfers ownership of the Community Center Building to NANAY, and services are expanded to include health promotion program, family caregiver support, computer classes, migrant and refugee assistance. With additional funding from Dade Community Foundation, NANAY forms the Asian Pacific American Community Partnership and expands its partnership with local, county, regional and national organizations. NANAY is adopted as a model organization and its services are replicated in San Francisco-Bay Area.
- **2002** – President-appointed commissioners for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders visit the NANAY Center in North Miami. NANAY opens Satellite Center in South Miami, and NANAY's service model is replicated in Southfield, Michigan. NANAY purchases a 25-seater bus with funding from Florida Department of Transportation.



- **2003** – NANAY launches Immunization Awareness program through National Asian Women’s Health Organization (NaWHO) and Florida Department of Health, initiates community survey on Tobacco use among Asians in South Florida, and incorporates NANAY Health Center, Inc. as an affiliate organization of NANAY, Inc. The NANAY Community Development Corporation (NANAY-CDC) is also incorporated as an affiliate organization to pursue NANAY’s goal of providing supporting housing to elders.
- **2004** – NANAY Health Center officially opens its services two blocks away from the NANAY Community Center to provide preventive and primary health care to the uninsured. NANAY purchases a second transport bus with wheelchair accessibility.