

## **Farhana Shifa**

**A small business owner, project manager, artist, author, and teacher.**

Most importantly, a mother of two daughters. Her family is a military family, her husband served in the US Navy. She is living in Chandler for last 16 years and she loves Chandler, it represents the American values of Faith, Family, and Freedom.

For eight years, she has been operated a local art academy. Her love for art has led her to serve as an Art Commissioner for our city and state and to teach at the K-12 and university levels. As a native of Bangladesh and naturalized US Citizen, she has a profound appreciation for America. Living here has inspired her to be active in our community. During the outbreak of pandemic, she served as the project manager for many Covid 19 drive-through testing sites. Her deep ties to the local diverse communities enable her to serve as their advisor, liaison, and friend. She served in many local organizations, to name a few: • Lions Club International as Vice District Governor • International Mother Language Day Celebration - Community Liaison • Chandler Asian Moon Festival - Organizing Committee • Emancipation Proclamation Observance Day – Organizing committee. • Founder of AZAPIA Voter Table -a nonprofit organization, • Advisor of American African Coalition and Assyrian Coalition. Her prior experiences comprised with working with UNICEF -Bangladesh as a National Consultant and Project manager, where she advocated for early childhood development, children rights, women rights, safe learning environment, and project-based learning method in public school system.

Her volunteerism is widespread. In 2019 and 2020 she received recognition for her highest volunteer hours contribution from AZFRW and NFRW, recognized as ANI awardee for Achievement and Awarded as Outstanding Community Leader by Bridge of Peace C and “HerStory” Award 2016 of Woman's Federation for a World Peace USA AZ Chapter.

She spends time doing artworks and taking part in shows nationally and internationally. She regularly contributes to local and national news outlets and has more than forty publications published in Bangladesh.

She has a master's degree in Mass Communication, a bachelor's degree in education, a bachelor's degree in fine arts, and project management certification. She is a graduate of Dodie Londen Excellence in Public Service Series, Leadership Program for women – batch of 2017.

Farhana's works to empower the people and secure a better future for our children. Having a unique background and living in different countries embolden her to celebrate our differences but uniting us as one.

