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Bow Ties & Bangles on display at AIF event

American India Foundation gala fundraiser held in Cambridge, nets \$275,000

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The American India Foundation held its second annual Bow Ties & Bangles fundraiser gala on Saturday, Nov. 8. Held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cambridge, organization leaders said they were pleasantly surprised by the turnout of 325 people, who helped raise funds to the tune of \$275,000 already, although Chief Philanthropy Officer Venkatesh Raghavendra said he expects the total to increase to about \$300,000.

The gala was hosted by Sorboni Banerjee, a WHDH-TV 7NEWS general assignment reporter. As master of ceremonies, she enthusiastically introduced the chief guest and keynote speaker, William S. Cohen, who served as secretary of state in the Clinton administration.



Sorboni Banerjee of WHDH-TV 7NEWS and American India Foundation trustee Raj Sharma enjoy the foundation's Bow Ties & Bangles gala fundraiser.

(Sorboni in Chutney stripe dress from Shubrah)

The American Indian Foundation is a nonprofit organization in New York and California's Silicon Valley in the United States, and New Delhi and Bangalore in India. Its mission is to accelerate social and economic change in India by mobilizing people and resources in the United States, according to its Web site. The organization specializes in education, livelihood and health projects, with an emphasis on elementary education, women's empowerment and maternal and child health.

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