

# PLEASE JOIN ME TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF AUNG SAN SUU KYI - ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST COURAGEOUS WOMEN

Dear friends, family, and colleagues,

I am writing to invite you to attend a unique event I am hosting at my house on \_\_\_\_\_ 2009. Myself and hundreds of people around the world are "arresting ourselves" in our homes for 24 hours in solidarity with the **world's only imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Aung San Suu Kyi.**

Aung San Suu Kyi has been placed under house arrest for over 13 of the past 19 years by the ruling military junta in the Southeast Asian country of Burma even though she is the democratically elected leader. Her pro-democracy party's offices have been closed, and her supporters intimidated, arrested, beaten and killed. She has even been physically attacked in assassination attempts. Still, she remains a proponent of non-violence, peace, human rights, and democracy.

We are therefore recognizing her upcoming 64<sup>th</sup> birthday by "arresting ourselves" and holding house parties to create a unified voice for freedom in Burma. Our voices will not be stifled or silenced as we honor the courageous struggle of Aung San Suu Kyi. I would like to invite you to join me for a portion of my "arrest". I will be hosting guests at my home (or alternate location) from \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ AM/PM on \_\_\_\_\_Date/Mo.

I will be serving Burmese food and drinks, and showing a documentary on Aung San Suu Kyi and the crisis in Burma. The event is a fundraiser, so I am asking that everyone make a donation of \$25 or whatever you can donate. I hope you can join me for a fun and important event that will help the Burmese people achieve freedom, democracy and human rights.

Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been compared to people like Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi, needs our help. By "arresting" myself for 24 hours and sharing all I know about Suu Kyi and Burma, I hope to further her message for peaceful change in Burma. Below I am including more information on Aung San Suu Kyi and Burma so you can learn more.

Sincerely,

