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“Are you helping people?”

This was Bina’s father’s ever-present question as she navigated school and career choices, reminding her **to be of service**. To this day, his question keeps her honest and purposeful about her work. Her path is clear: to serve the advancement of justice, human rights, community power, and collective progress.



After completing masters degrees in International Human Rights at the University of Denver and Social Finance at the University of Maastricht in the Netherlands, her career evolved to include working directly with people facing persistent and systemic marginalization. Abroad and in the US, Bina’s efforts focused on supporting and facilitating communities exercising self-determination and healing, collaborating with policymakers to drive more equitable and justice-rooted decisions. She served as Deputy Chief of Staff in City Hall in Chicago, where she was responsible

for overseeing a portfolio of programs and policies amounting to over \$1 billion in the area of human capital, human services, public health, and community development. This led to a career spanning 25 years in direct service and strategy with community-based organizations, philanthropy, and public policy.

In 2013 Bina launched Saathi Impact Consulting. A collective good consulting firm – ***Saathi means: to be with; to partner***. This is the defining ethos of Saathi’s approach. She partners with clients to design adaptive strategies, strengthen leadership, and mobilize courageous action – working hand-in-hand to be of better service to the communities we live in.

Bina a certified mindfulness practitioner – something she infuses into her engagements with teams on justice, inclusion, anti-oppression.