



Between Friends

Maitri Quarterly Newsletter

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EVERY SCAR
TELLS A STORY

Call to Action

Survivors of domestic violence and relationship abuse always face hurdles in receiving justice and healing. Most of the time survivors are not heard, not seen and not supported by their families, communities and the system. Immigrant survivors and survivors from LGBTQ+ communities even face extra layers of discrimination and oppression. Together, we must do our best to change this toxic culture that allows gender violence, domestic violence and abuse. We must address systematic flaws that are dangerous for survivors' safety and wellbeing, and we must stop victim blaming and hold perpetrators accountable.



Let's take a vow today to take part in building an inclusive, respectful and violence free society for all genders. [Contact Maitri](#) to know how you can join our crisis intervention and prevention work.

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Last Quarter at a Glance

Powerful Youth Engagements

LET'S TALK! ADDRESSING TOXIC MASCULINITY AND RAPE CULTURE



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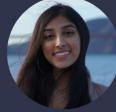
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Let's Talk Panel

Maitri organized a thoughtful panel discussion with community youth, on ending toxic masculinity and rape culture.

Our youth participants analyzed different aspects of a toxic culture that allows misogyny, and creates a dangerous space for all genders. We are glad that today's youth are aware of social ills and taking part in changing harmful cultural conditions.

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Maitri in Campus Newspaper

SJSU student community published an interview-based article focusing on campus sexual assault prevention with action and compassion in [Spartan Daily](#), a popular student newspaper.

Maitri's Outreach and Prevention Program's manager, Nandini Ray was interviewed for this article. Maitri is working closely with the youth community in prevention work!

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Maitri Teen PSA

Abuse is most hurtful when it happens at home. Watch this 2-min video on familial violence and abuse faced by youth. Maitri's prevention program is working with youth to build a society where all relationships are built on dignity, equity, and compassion.

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[Survivors in the Center](#)



National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Maitri hosted a discussion in April on survivors navigating the criminal justice system with the **Pro Bono Project Silicon Valley** and Victims' Advocates at the Office of District Attorneys both at Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. The event also launched an information tool with FAQs for survivors to learn about options and informed decision-making in this regard.

The tool is available in English, Bengali, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.

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CPEDV Annual Policy Advocacy Day 2021

Maitri celebrated Governor Newsom's signing the FY2021-22 Budget with funding for Prevention and Victim Services.

We applaud the leadership of the **CPEDV** and **Valor** in organizing year-round fierce and successful advocacy efforts with dedicated advocates.

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Community Engagement

Maitri Speaker Series

Between Friends: Shared Knowledge and Experience, a 6-part webinar series hosted by Maitri's Economic Empowerment program with an aim to foster economic empowerment and develop self-confidence for building a successful career. The curated speaker series began in May and will go on until October 2021.

We will bring you topics that focus on individual empowerment and economic security with engaging speakers, who have a wealth of knowledge and experience on their topics of conversations.



Panel on Sex & Sexual Assault



Maitri's Outreach & Prevention Program Manager, Nandini Ray attended a panel organized by [YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley](#). Panel topic: A Conversation about Sex & Sexual Assault. This panel was held to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

Announcements

Maitri Podcast, Season 3

Maitri Podcast is raising awareness on important issues like intimate partner violence, family violence and abuse, gender-based violence, and power dynamics in relationships. Each episode provides insights and resources that not only help victims and survivors, but educate our community by bringing new perspectives and real information to all.

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We're excited to launch Season 3 of the Maitri podcast "Between Friends: Conversations with Maitri". We bring survivors, advocates, field experts and community members on this platform to discuss different topics that matter to our community.

Listen to the Maitri podcast on: [SoundCloud](#) | [Apple](#) | [Google](#) | [Spotify](#).
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Maitri Art & Poetry Fest



Calling all students (5 to 19 years old) to take part in our art campaign. Draw a picture or write a poem on the core values of all healthy relationships — love, peace, and compassion. We are accepting submissions NOW! Email us the picture of the artwork / poetry with participant's name and age. All submissions will be published on all Maitri online channels.

The art fest hopes to nurture youngsters' creativity and develop their empathy in build a foundation for healthy relationships.

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Welcoming New Staff

TEJESWI PRATIMA DODDA

Tejeswi, who joins Maitri's Housing & Economic Empowerment programs team, has extensive experience in non-profit, with a focus on social impact, gender justice and advocacy for survivors. Tejeswi began her career as a journalist and activist highlighting issues around women and girls in India.

GRACE PAMIDI

Grace, a Maitri volunteer for several years, now joins the Housing team as an Interim staff member. Grace has a Master's degree in Global Business Management and has a Certificate of Paralegal Studies. She is committed to utilize her educational background to help survivors of domestic violence.

SHILPA SACHDEV

Shilpa also joins as an Interim staff member of the Outreach & Prevention

team. Prior to Maitri, Shilpa worked as a HR professional. Shilpa is a long time Maitri volunteer and shares her knowledge and skills for our client facing programs as well as the Outreach and Prevention program.

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We are grateful to our institutional funders that partner with us in this work.

We are hopeful that no matter the challenges around us, together we can create a violence free community.

Quarterly Program Statistics

Helpline	Legal Advocacy	Transitional Housing	Economic Empowerment
Crisis Calls: 138 Total Calls: 706	Total Clients: 113 Legal Sessions: 318	Women: 6 Children: 3	Total Clients: 15



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