

As we step into the midst of the hottest summer in recorded history, we are often reminded of the grim reality that the effects of climate change are not gender-neutral. The heat waves, floods, and other manifestations around the world impact the lives of women and girls more than other groups.

It is heartwarming to see the world institutions recognizing and addressing the fact early on. However, with these challenges, there are instances of hope and progress as well. The Child Marriage Ban is moving ahead in the CA legislature. There are more protections for survivors in cases of financial fraud, coercive control, marital rape among other issues.

Alongside the positive and negative news cycles, we continue to focus on the resilience and courage of the survivors we serve. We celebrate the wisdom that flows from life experiences. Here is a note from a survivor, Affifa, written in Udaan Magazine, "I sleep, it is better to sleep and forget everything. This relaxes me, my mental well-being, and takes away my tiredness." It is individuals like Affifa that keep us going. We bring you Maitri's quarterly newsletter with a few highlights of our activities in the last three months and invite you to join the movement against violence.

**Last Quarter at a Glance**

**Celebrating the Survivors**



Returning from the pandemic and meeting our survivors in person was a festive occasion. Beautiful flower arrangements, artistic decorations, an exquisite photo booth, a mehndi station, fun games for children, and the aroma of delicious

South Asian food created a joyful environment for all of us. We are so thankful to our supporters for sponsoring food, flowers, and gifts for the **Survivor Appreciation** in April.

**A big shout out to our sponsors:**

**Salaam Food Pantry, Mylapore Express, Coconut Hill, Saman Usman The Hennaist.**

**Thank You:** Anitha Loke, Anuradha Prabhasker, Archana Vellasure, Fairooz Samira, Leena Badruzzaman, Meghna Hindia, Meenakshi Ramachandran, Naseer Irfan.

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## Policy Advocacy



Maitri joined **California Partnership to Domestic violence (CPEDV)** for the Capitol Policy Advocacy Day with other advocates across the state to discuss survivors' needs with policymakers, advance reproductive justice, and request funding for preventing and ending cycles of violence. Join Maitri's policy advocacy efforts by subscribing to our mailing list for upcoming opportunities at [maitri@maitri.org](mailto:maitri@maitri.org).

## Community Engagement and Awareness Campaigns

### Resources

**Community Perspective on Marital Rape and Consent in Intimate Relationships**



[Read the Report here](#)

We are pleased to share the findings of “Community Perspective on Marital Rape & Consent in Intimate Relationships” with you. The findings were the culmination of a two-year long process engaging with experts, policy specialist, advocates, survivors and other community members.

Watch the Live Event [here](#).



**Maitri invites South Asian Youth!**  
Attend Maitri Focus Group Discussion  
&  
Share your thoughts in a closed door session

Discussion Topic

**Interaction between youth and parents  
about Healthy Relationships**

Sunday, June 4 via (Zoom)  
3-4:30 PM (PST)



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We hosted a youth focus group discussion where teens were able to share thoughts on teen-parent relationships in the South Asian community.

## Outreach Events



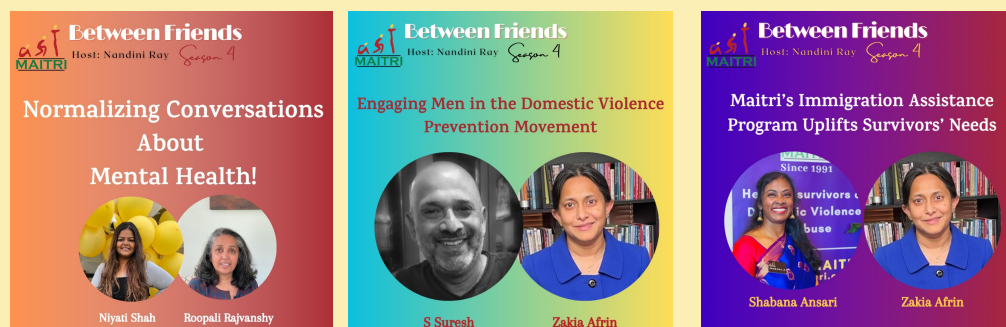
[SpandanB Event Booth](#)

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## Between Friends Podcast



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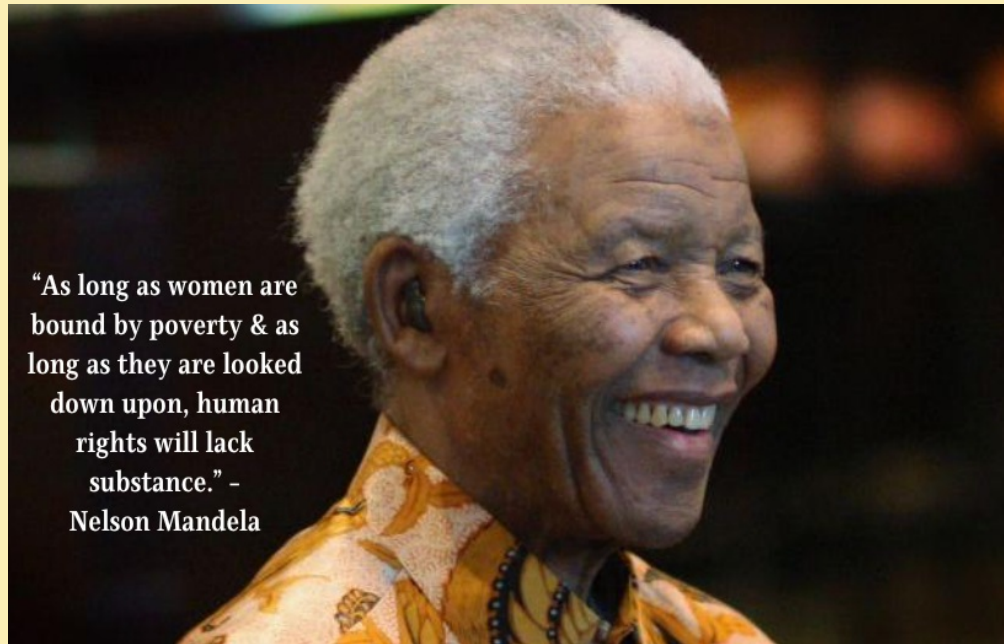
## Trainings and Community Presentations



Maitri staff continued to provide community presentations and trainings, stressing the need for culturally responsive services for DV survivors, as well as best practices to follow. We appreciate **Radio Chardi Kala**, the student group at Stanford, **Victims Services at the Santa Clara County Office of the District Attorney**, **The Department of Families and Children Services**, and **Santa Clara County** for inviting us to share our experiences.

**Invite Maitri to your community event or professional gathering for an understanding of domestic violence and how you can help address the epidemic.**

## Wisdom of Our Elders



He has been dubbed the ultimate male feminist. Each year since 2009, The UN has called on nations to celebrate Nelson Mandela Day, marking his contribution to the culture of peace and justice as a politician and later as the President of South Africa. We look back on his remarkable initiatives to uphold gender equality in nation-building, including guaranteeing constitutional rights and signing on to the CEDAW convention.

## Upcoming Events

Art Fest 2023

Please use [this form](#) to submit to the 2023 Maitri Art Fest.

Maitri Sevathon 2023

Use [this link](#) to join Team Maitri for the 2023 Sevathon.

## Awards & Recognition



Maitri co-founder Roma Majumdar received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the County of Santa Clara for all her contribution in building a stronger, and more equitable community in Santa Clara County.



Maitri has been named **2023 “Non Profit of the Year”!** We are thankful to Assembly Member Alex Lee for choosing us as one of the 113 nonprofits (Out of over 10,000) nominated by State Assembly

Read Roma Majumdar's Journey [here](#).

members throughout California from the **California Association of Nonprofits**. This recognition is a testament to our impact in the community and we are inspired to continue the work of community building to secure a society where everyone thrives.

Join us in the movement!

## Quarterly Program Updates

Total Survivors Served: 242

· Total Helpline Calls: 454

· Total Transitional Housing Bed-nights: 702

· Total Legal Advocacy Sessions: 143

· Total Economic Empowerment Program Sessions: 54

## Thank You!

We're thrilled to be selected as a **2023 Genentech Gives Back beneficiary**. Thank you @Genentech for recognizing our work and giving us platform to share our work with your employees. This kind of community support helps us in supporting survivors and raising awareness in preventing domestic violence and abuse. Fahria Khan, Maitri Donor Engagement Manager represented Maitri at the Genentech Gives Back event on June 15.



Maitri is incredibly grateful for the community members and organizations that choose to give back to Maitri for their special events.

### A huge shout out to:

**Monika Chugh** for celebrating her birthday with a fundraiser for Maitri. Happy Birthday Monika!

Sharad Gupta from "**Your Home Sold Guaranteed Realty**" for donating a portion of home sales back to Maitri. Thank you Sharad and team!

**Genentech** for choosing Maitri as a beneficiary for the annual Genentech Gives Back week. Thank you for donating care packages for our clients!

**Crescent Moon Yoga** for celebrating Mother's Day by donating all proceeds from the Mother's Day Yoga class to Maitri!

**South Asian Student Association of Boston College** for donating proceeds from their annual culture show back to Maitri!

\*\*\*If you, your organization, or company would like to host a special fundraiser for Maitri, please email [donations@maitri.org](mailto:donations@maitri.org).\*\*\*



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