



Between Friends

Maitri Quarterly Newsletter

October, 2021

**TAKE A
STAND AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE!**

October is observed nationwide as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). This month reminds us to support survivors, to hold abusers accountable, and to create and update legislation to further those goals. In today's world we see immense progress has been made in communication technology and scientific innovations but we still see deprivation, discrimination, subordination, marginalization, and disparity in human relationships. Around us, so many are still suffering directly or indirectly from the consequences of domestic violence when home should be the safest place for all.

Let's commemorate DVAM with a pledge that we will not tolerate domestic violence in our communities. With community dialogue and collective actions, we can create perceptions, attitudes and practices that are critical to end domestic violence and abuse. If each of us do our part we can make a society where all relationships are built on dignity, equity, and compassion.

Commemorating DVAM

**DOMESTIC
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MONTH**

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

OCT 2021 PROGRAMS



PANEL DISCUSSION WITH YOUTH
On Preventing Bullying and Cyberbullying

10/03



MAITRI PODCAST
On Preventing Dating Violence

10/08



ART AND POETRY FEST
To Celebrate Love, Compassion & Peace

10/15



#PURPLETHURSDAY PHOTO CAMPAIGN
Awareness Campaign to #EndDV

10/21



MAITRI PODCAST
On Marital Rape Laws in California

10/22



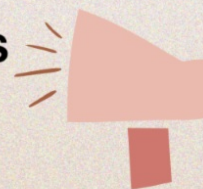
COMMUNITY PANEL DISCUSSION
On Patriarchy and Domestic Violence

10/24

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POLICY ADVOCACY EFFORTS

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PRESENTATION AT THE NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE ATLANTA CONFERENCE

Culturally responsive services for Muslim victims of domestic violence 10/06

PRESENTATION AT THE GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

Domestic Violence in Family Court and survivors' experiences 10/07

PRESENTATION AT A LISTENING SESSION

Organized by Berkeley City Commission 10/07

CONVERSATIONS WITH SOUTH ASIAN EMBASSY/CONSULATES

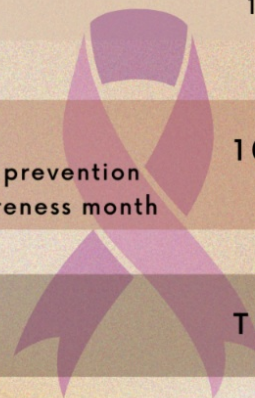
On the need for awareness campaigns' participation 09/29
10/11

PUBLIC COMMENTS AT CITY COUNCILS IN SF BAY AREA

Stressing the need for domestic violence intervention and prevention services and seeking proclamation of October as DV awareness month 10/12

TRANSNATIONAL ADVOCACY REPORT

Presentation and discussion with stakeholders TBD



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Last Quarter's Updates

Transitional Housing Makeover



Maitri is grateful to the Housing Industry Federation (HIF) for the beautiful renovation of one of our units in the Anjali Transitional House. In addition, HIF helped us with new furniture for all the four units. All costs were 100% covered through in-kind donations from HIF board members and vendors.

On behalf of the women and children that we serve, Thank You! Watch our renovated unit.

EEP Speaker Series

A 6-part webinar series, **Between Friends: Sharing Knowledge and Experience** hosted by the Maitri Economic Empowerment Program presented two webinars in the last quarter. We focused on crucial topics like "What To Do While You Wait" and "Women and Money".

Many community members actively participated and shared their takeaways from our webinars. One attendee pointed out how the discussion resonated with her. She said "*I especially liked the explanation around why women should look to continue working even if childcare is expensive. Having career continuity, staying relevant with skills and also investing in retirement makes a great case for staying in the workforce.*" Another member shared her experience "*Because I am a good example of being a victim of financial abuse which I did not know even existed until I got separated though I was seeing red flags. Glad Maitri has taken the initiative to educate women on the financial front.*"

Prevention Campaigns

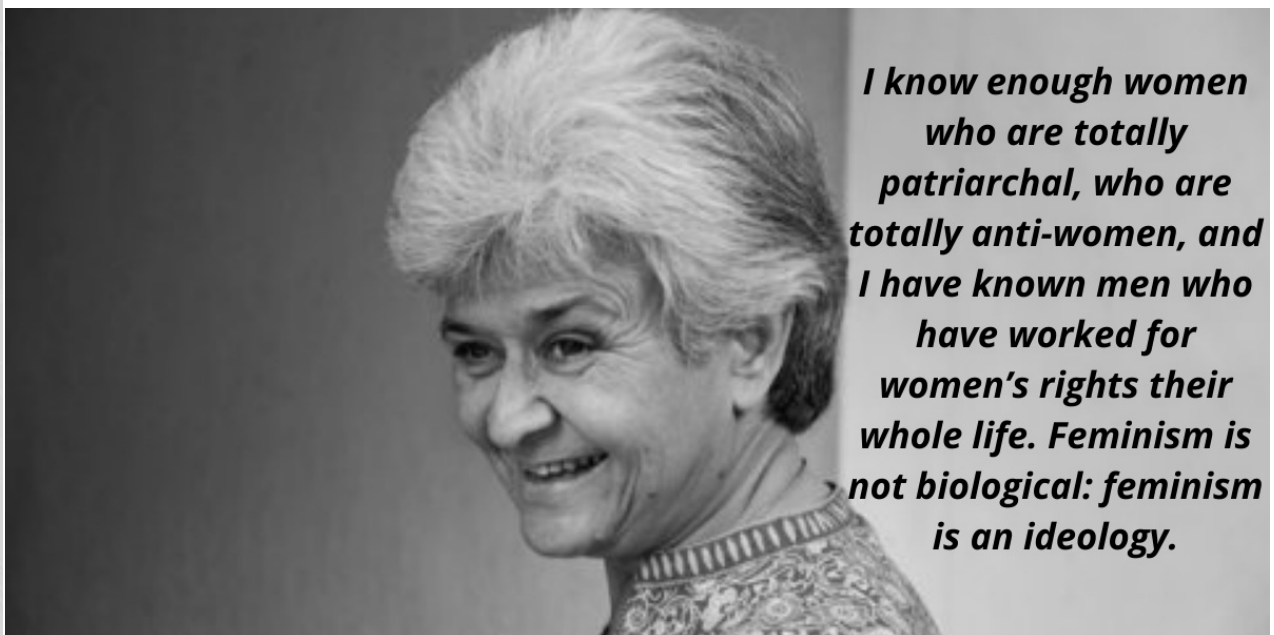
We continue to engage men and youth through our prevention campaigns. Men participate in raising awareness in preventing gender based violence and partner violence, and teens in mobilizing their communities in building healthy relationships. Presenting last quarter's participants of [Engaging Men & Boys](#) and [Building Healthy Relationships](#). If you are interested in being a part of any of these campaigns, please email [us](#) for guidelines.

Podcast Update

Maitri podcast published 4 episodes in the last quarter. We invited distinguished field experts, survivors and community members to shine light on the issue of gender dynamics, gender violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse and human trafficking.

Our guests shared their personal experiences and important information with our host. Find all these episodes [here](#) and wherever you get your podcast.

Wisdom Of Our Elders



Kamala Bhasin (April 1946 -September 2021)

Announcements

We're Hiring

We are looking to hire a **Donor Development Manager** who will be enthusiastic and excited about developing and managing a strong community giving program at all levels of giving, identifying corporate partners and CSRs for sponsorship, and further the fundraising strategies to support the financial sustainability of the organization. [Apply here!](#)

We are looking to hire an **Outreach & Prevention Associate** who will support and expand Maitri's Outreach & Prevention Program. The Associate will create online campaigns, manage the technological aspects of outreach activities, and assist in all community engagement and prevention program activities. [Apply here!](#)

Welcoming New Staff

Bishakha Chatterjee joined as the Operations Coordinator. Prior to joining Maitri, she worked in customer relationship management and product management positions, in insurance and higher education sectors. Bishakha has a MPhil degree in Sociology with specialization in Education. She has always been passionate about social equity, justice and education. She hopes to contribute in every possible way to fulfill the mission and vision of Maitri.

Quarterly Program Statistics

Helpline	Legal Advocacy	Transitional Housing	Economic Empowerment
Crisis Calls: 160 Total Calls: 398	Total Clients: 88 Legal Sessions: 258	Women: 7 Children: 5	Total Clients: 11 Workshop: 1 EEP Speaker Series: 2



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