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ABOUT MAITRI

MAITRI is a free, confidential nonprofit organization serving the South Asian community in Santa Clara and surrounding counties with a two-fold goal: lead families in our community to a violence-free and safe future, and on a broader scale, enact social change. Since our inception in 1991, we have impacted thousands of survivors through our programs: Helpline; Legal Advocacy; Anjali Transitional Housing, the only one of its kind in the Bay Area; Economic Empowerment Program; Community Outreach and Maitri Boutique. Maitri's programs fill an important gap in the community for services that are culturally and linguistically tailored to mitigate barriers faced by South Asians experiencing domestic violence, human trafficking, family conflict, and cultural isolation. We believe that the best relationships are characterized by mutual respect, open communication and individual empowerment. To that end; all our activities are designed to help South Asian survivors make an informed choice.



MAITRI'S PHILOSOPHY

- ▶ **HELP INTEGRATE CLIENTS INTO MAINSTREAM SOCIETY**
- ▶ **FOCUS EFFORTS ON SUPPLEMENTING AND COMPLEMENTING EXISTING SERVICES**
- ▶ **FOSTER SELF-RELIANCE AND SELF-CONFIDENCE IN OUR CLIENTS**

LANGUAGES WE SPEAK

Bengali	Gujarati	Hindi
Kannada	Malayalam	Marathi
Punjabi	Marwari	Tamil
Telugu	Urdu	Sindhi
English & more		



MAITRI PROGRAMS



Year after year, Maitri serves the South Asian community empowering survivors of domestic violence to lead their lives with dignity and independence. Through its various programs and services, Maitri continues to widen its reach to the community and extend its impact on the community through prevention, education, and advocacy to bring about a social transformation. Powered by the relentless work of the volunteers, the staff, and the board, Maitri works to create a society free of violence, a society where there is equity and dignity for all.

Maitri receives grants and funding from the government, corporations and foundations, and the community. We are deeply thankful to all the funding we receive and we cannot do the work we do without the support from the community.

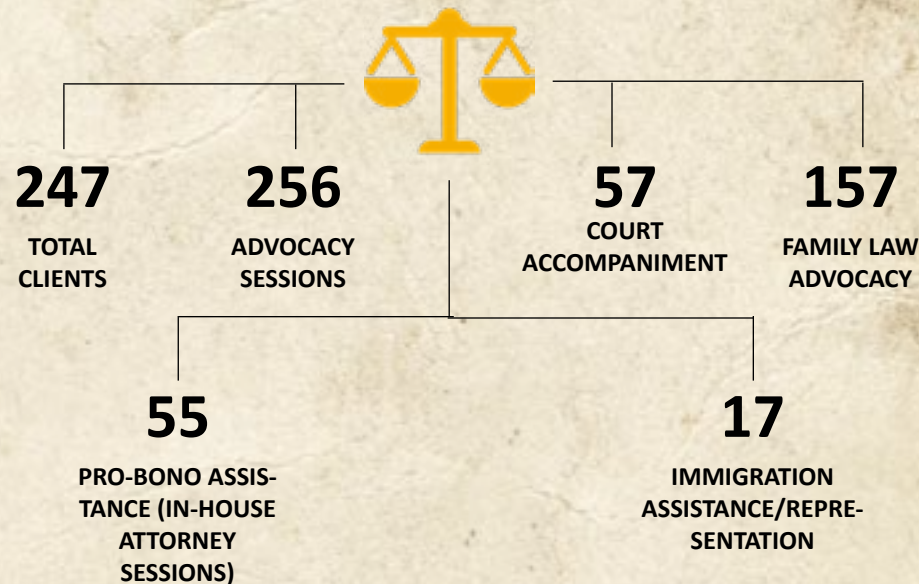
HELPLINE

Maitri Helpline is at the heart of our agency and the first point of contact for clients. Our Helpline provides free, confidential and culturally responsive crisis intervention, danger assessment, safety planning, peer counseling, immediate assistance with basic needs and referrals among other essential services.



LEGAL ADVOCACY

Maitri's Legal program provides free, confidential and holistic services to survivors that includes restraining order preparation, court accompaniments, family law advocacy and information helping to navigate the legal systems. Maitri is Department of Justice Accredited to provide immigration assistance and representation to qualified individuals. Through policy advocacy, Maitri's Legal program engages in bringing about structural and procedural changes within the systems to serve the needs of survivors better.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Economic Empowerment Program (EEP) helps our clients identify their financial and career goals, find and pursue the right opportunities, and gain financial independence. We believe that without financial security, it is almost impossible to be empowered to leave an abusive situation.



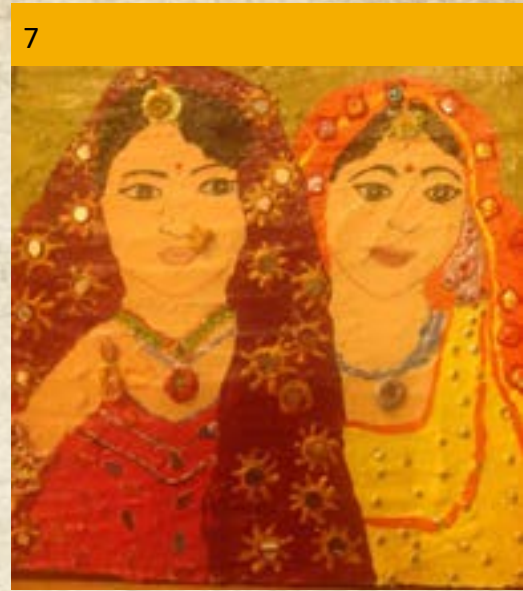
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

The Anjali Transitional House provides a safe and sheltered environment for women to transition into an empowered, self-sufficient and independent life. Case management, counseling, and referrals to legal, skill building, and other resources are part of the services provided.

TOTAL SURVIVORS HOUSED

33

18 adults | **15** children



MENTAL HEALTH

Maitri's Mental Health program provides culturally responsive mental health counseling services for its clients.

21 Clients got individual therapy

174 Therapy sessions

15 Support group sessions

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Maitri's Outreach program is the bridge between the community and the organization. The primary aims for this program is to increase the visibility of Maitri in the community, raising awareness against domestic violence and engage community in prevention.

27 outreach booths

16 presentations & training

140 law enforcement officers trained

582 youth engaged

73 children art & poetry fest submissions

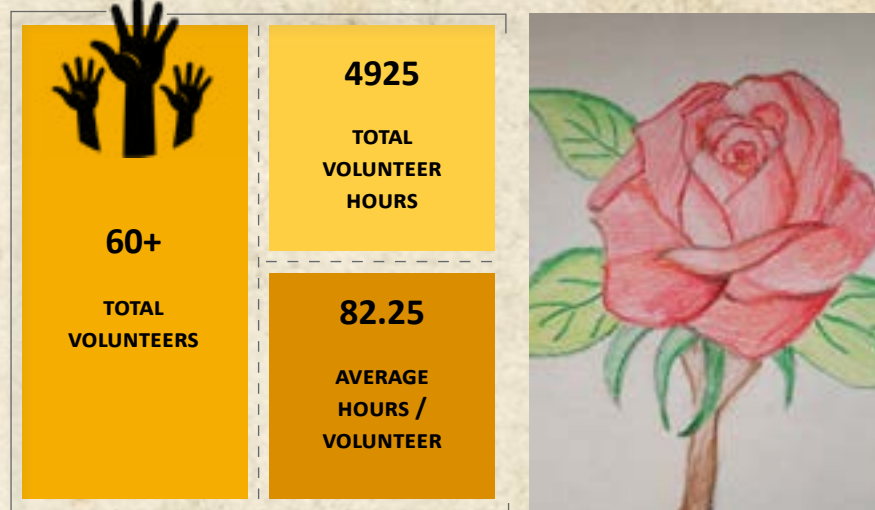
33 'Engaging Men' Facebook posts

5352 list-serv strength

3948 Facebook likes

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Maitri volunteers form the backbone of our agency. Our volunteer client advocates put in a remarkable amount of time, effort, and dedication to support their clients.



BOUTIQUE

Maitri Boutique, operating since September 2014, is a platform for raising awareness about domestic violence and to generate funds to run the Economic Empowerment Program. The Boutique offers donated new and gently worn South Asian party wear for purchase at competitive prices.



SURVIVORS SPEAK

I feel very confident, I am standing on my feet. I am making my own decision. I seek out for help when I need. My life is better than earlier and I am very happy today. I see a lot of changes in myself.

Whatever I have achieved so far, huge credit goes to Maitri. I received perfect legal guidance. They provided me used clothing, and household stuff and these items were valuable for me when I left my house empty-handed. It is amazing how selflessly Maitri team works.

Maitri has been like a mother to me & my child helping me with all my problems and issues; had it not been for Maitri, I don't know what my fate would have been.

THE PEOPLE

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PARTNERS & DONORS

Maitri receives enormous support from partners and sponsors throughout the year. Every gift, regardless of type, size, and value is greatly appreciated. It is impossible to list all the support we receive, but be assured that your financial gifts and donations of time and in-kind support do not go unrecognized.

On behalf of our clients and their families, a heartfelt thank you!

MAITRI GRANTS

GOVERNMENT GRANTS	California Office of Emergency Services	County of Santa Clara
	City of Cupertino General Funds	Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice
	City of Mountain View	Social Services Agency, County of Santa Clara
FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATE GRANTS	Amazon Smile	Pinpoint Foundation
	Blue Shield of California Foundation	Silicon Valley Community Foundation
	Destination Home	Sunlight Giving
	East Bay Community Foundation	The Safeway Foundation
	El Camino Healthcare District	The Sobrato Family Foundation
	Hurlbut-Johnson Fund	The Young Family Foundation
	Mission City Community Fund	van Löben Sels/RembeRock Foundation
	Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group Community Healthcare Fund	YWCA of the Mid-Peninsula Donor Advised Fund of the Women's Foundation of California
	Peggy & Jack Baskin Foundation	

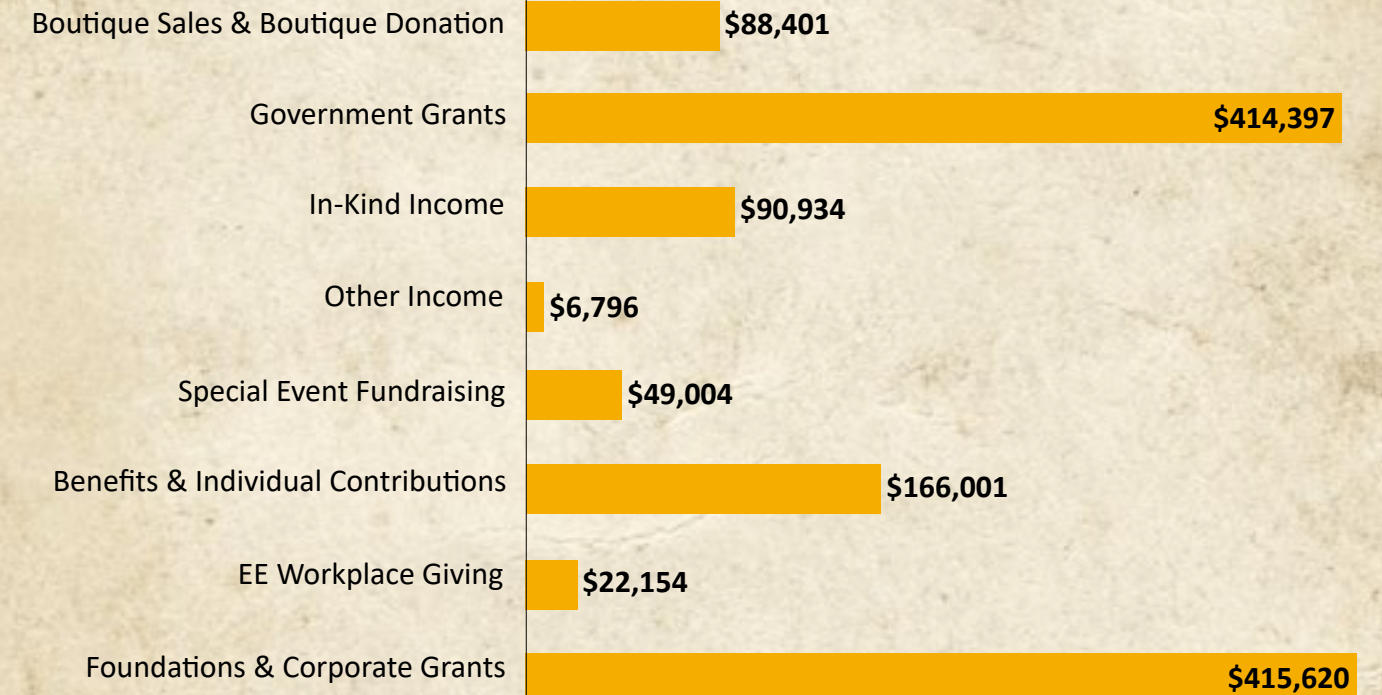
AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- ✓ **The Game Changer Award**
from Women Empowerment North America to Maitri Board President, Sonya Pelia
- ✓ **The ICC Inspire Award**
from India Community Center
- ✓ **Outstanding Advocate of the Year Award**
from Santa Clara County to Jaya Suresh, Maitri Transitional Housing & EEP Manager

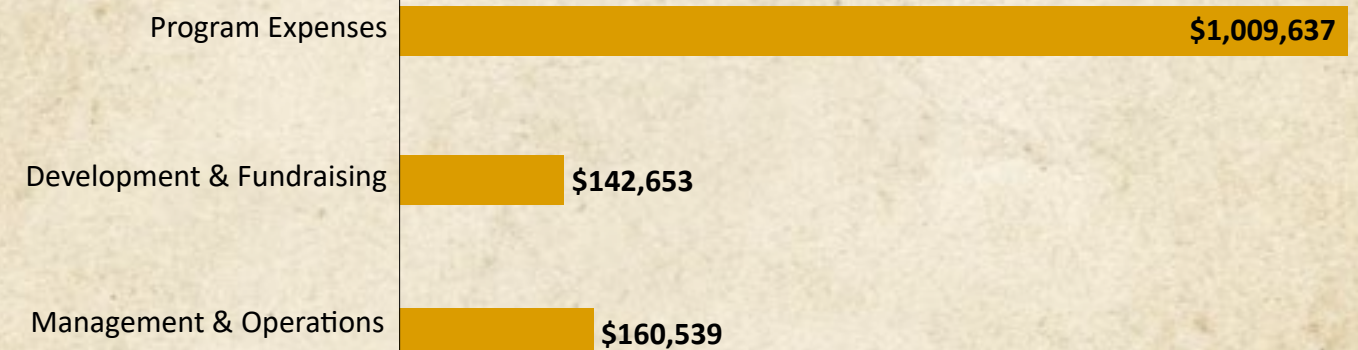


FINANCIALS

INCOME: \$1,253,306



EXPENSES: \$1,312,828



TAX STATUS

Maitri is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is eligible to receive contributions deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes.



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