



# Between Friends

## Maitri Quarterly Newsletter

April- 2017

### A Tradition of Excellence!

Maitri celebrated 26 years of serving the South Asian community on issues of familial violence, trafficking, and cultural alienation with a glittering and successful gala ([album](#)) in February raising over \$550,000. A strong message of hope, empowerment, and transformation was conveyed. The event included a musical medley by the award winning student choir Harker Cantilena, a dance performance by internationally acclaimed Kathak choreographer and dancer Farah Yasmeeen Shaikh and her Noorani group, and a powerfully spoken narrative featuring testimonials of two Maitri clients. The evening was emceed by Reshma Dordi, host of a South Asian TV show Showbiz India.



As always, this was made possible with the generosity and support from our community. Together we hope to continue to transform lives and uplift communities.

**Gala coverage links:** [Diya TV](#), [TV ASIA](#), [ShowBiz India](#), [Mercury News](#), [India West](#), [India Abroad](#).

### Busy Last Quarter

**Community Engagement:** We believe, it is very important to work with different sections of our community to create a culture where there is zero tolerance for domestic violence. Maitri was invited by different community groups to introduce Maitri to their event attendees. We had information booths at a social event organized by the SABA Islamic Center and at the celebration of Hindu New Year, organized by the Saratoga City Council office. A Maitri representative gave a talk at the San Jose Kiwanis Club's social gathering on domestic violence as a community issue and on community's role in prevention.

**Education Sessions:** This past quarter Maitri staff presented at the Golden Gate University School of Law at their Family Law class and the International Litigation Skills Class. Maitri was also invited by Women's Center at the San Francisco State University to talk about the cultural challenges South Asian victims face in a domestic violence situation. Maitri staff conducted a training on cultural responsiveness at the 40 hr. domestic violence advocacy training session organized by [AACI](#).

**Knowledge Exchange:** Maitri and nine other domestic violence advocacy organizations are part of a collaborative effort to enhance and incorporate cultural responsiveness in services provided to Asian and Pacific Islander survivors. To exchange knowledge among the 10 project partners, a conference was held in Modesto where Maitri co-presented with [Marjaree Mason Center](#) on the topic of "Touching the bar on cultural responsiveness: Beginning Steps".

### Maitri Boutique

The Maitri Boutique held an incredibly successful Semi-Annual sale in January where we sold over 200 items within the first two days! Two great trunk shows in the same month also brought many new customers to our boutique. The first show was by Tania Haque, who specializes in hand-made crafts and Kurti tops, and the second show was by Sheetal Verma Joshi, a Delhi based designer who specializes in rich Indian handlooms, contemporary casuals and accessories. In February, a boutique display table at our annual gala generated a lot of interest. In March, we had another successful designer trunk show by Saba Gul, featuring Popinjay bags, clutches and purses that combine luxurious craftsmanship with ethical business practices. The boutique also had a display for the first time at the SABA (Shia Association of Bay Area) Islamic Center.



To stay up-to-date with sales and events, please like us on [Facebook](#). To donate your South-Asian party wear, please send email to [mbdonate@maitri.org](mailto:mbdonate@maitri.org).

## Quarterly Stats

Helpline	Legal Advocacy	Transitional Housing
Crisis calls: 64	New Clients served: 73	Women served: 12
Total Calls: 1043	Advocacy Sessions: 262	Children Served: 7

## Upcoming Events

### Join Maitri Benefit

May 6, 2017 (6:30 - 9:30 pm) @ the [Mexican Heritage Plaza](#)

[BOOMM](#) is back once again with a rich collection of mostly Hindi and a few English and Tamil numbers. Great family friendly show that you cannot afford to miss.

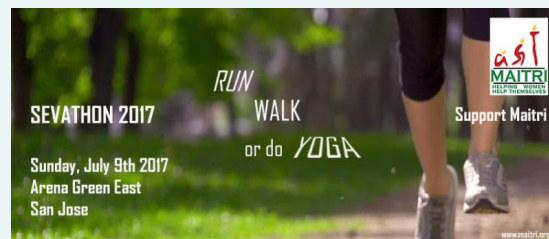
Buy tickets [here](#) and enjoy a fun evening while supporting Maitri!



### Join Maitri at Sevathon

July 9, 2017 @ Arena Green East, San Jose

Walk /run / do yoga or pledge for MAITRI at Sevathon. [Register](#) and select "Maitri" as your "team" from the partners list at the end of the registration form. Join us at this big community platform to condemn domestic violence.



Free breakfast, free t-shirt, free cultural shows and a great ambiance to attend with your friends and family.

## Thank You!

**Care packages for the TH clients** - As part of their community service, West San Jose Girl Scouts Troop 62160 collected and lovingly put together these lovely baskets filled with goodies that we could give the women and their children as they come into our housing. All our clients come into the Anjali Transitional House to rebuild their lives after facing abuse in their lives. When they receive these gift baskets on their first day, it brings a smile to their faces to know someone cares!


We would like to thank Troop 62160 Girl Scouts, their troop leader Michele Riebhoff and Maitri volunteer Anuradha for making this happen.



Maitri is a Bay Area based non-profit, dedicated primarily to helping South Asian families facing domestic violence, cultural alienation, and human trafficking.

***Donate & Empower a Survivor!***

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