



Between Friends

Maitri Quarterly Newsletter

October 2014

Maitri's Activities to commemorate DVAM

We observe October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). This month we celebrate those who have survived domestic violence and mourn those who have lost their lives to it. Help us build awareness and join us in saying NO to abuse and violence. Together, we can create a safe and loving community.



Quadruple your Donation Program:

We launched our 2014 Quadruple Your Donation Program on Oct 1st to help our clients and their children live, thrive, and move beyond their experience of violence. With the committed support from some of our donors we raised \$12,460 as seed money for the program. This seed money will be drawn down as a \$1 for \$1 match for your generous donations.

If you have not donated yet, please click [HERE](#) to donate. No amount is small. Please do check if your company or that of your spouse has an employee-matching gifts program. If they match donations, your donation is doubled and matched by our QYD seed money which quadruples your initial contribution! If you don't have a company match, your contribution will still be doubled.

Maitri Art Contest:

This was one of Maitri's efforts to engage our community in the movement to end domestic violence and gender violence. We encouraged toddlers and children up to 18 years of age to promote peace, happiness,



non-violence, compassion, and respect through their works of art. We have received some wonderful drawings. Enjoy some [Art Submissions](#) here.

Maitri at Santa Clara County Annual Domestic Violence Conference:

Maitri provided a resource table at this conference on Oct 3 and Maitri Legal Program Manager Dr. Zakia Afrin was part of a panel named Inspiring a New Generation of Advocates: Working Together for Better Service to Survivors.

Maitri at The Global Walk for India's Missing Girls:

Maitri partnered with Petals in the Dust to raise awareness against gender based violence. Volunteers and supporters of these two organizations gathered at San Francisco City Hall on Oct 4 to speak out for India's lost girls. Maitri president Sonya Pelia was one of the guest-speakers at this event.

Maitri at Carry the Vision Conference:

On Oct. 19, Maitri joined like-minded organizations in our larger community at Carry the Vision's annual conference "Awakening the Heart of Compassion" to take part in creating a more compassionate Silicon Valley! Maitri Program Director Rama D. Jalan was part of a panel: Everyone Thrives: How We Can Enhance Community Well being. The panel focused on enhancing the well being for youth, families, and the community at large.

Maitri Boutique-a unique way to support our cause!

The Maitri Boutique has generated a lot of excitement and interest in the community since its grand opening on September 20th 2014. We had our first Diwali sale and an Exclusive Jewelry Trunk Show in mid-October. We are touched by the support from the community received in the form of both donations and shopping at the boutique. The net proceeds from the sales fund the Economic Empowerment Programs at Maitri.

The Boutique is located at 1214 Apollo Way, Suite 401, Sunnyvale, CA 94085 (in the same complex as Namaste Plaza). Hours of operation: Wednesday-Saturday (11 A.M. - 7 P.M.) and Sunday from 12 P.M. - 6 P.M. For more information, please visit [Boutique Facebook page](#) or call [408-400-7400](tel:408-400-7400).

To donate your new or lightly used clothing and accessories, or to volunteer

at the boutique, please contact mbdonate@maitri.org

Announcements

Maitri Transitional House to be renamed "Anjali Transitional House":

In loving memory of our dearest founder Anjali Dujari, Maitri has renamed their Transitional House to "Anjali Transitional House". The TH as it is referred to at Maitri, is a safe haven for survivors and their children, enabling them to rebuild their lives and create one of self-sufficiency and safety.

The Advocate of the Year award:

We are pleased to announce that Maitri Legal Program Manager Dr. Zakia Afrin received the prestigious Advocate of the Year award at the Annual Santa Clara County Domestic Violence Conference held on October 3rd. This award is to honor and recognize the dedication and commitment of advocates who work tirelessly to serve the community, to ensure the safety of victims and to fight to end domestic violence.



Maitri Citizenship Workshop:

Maitri is hosting its first ever Citizenship workshop on Saturday, Nov 1, 11am to 2pm. This event is open for all. Location: 1900 Mowry Avenue, #204 Fremont, CA 94538. Light lunch & childcare will be provided. Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali speakers will provide help on site. Please RSVP to immigration@maitri.org.

Please attend:

- If you are thinking of applying for US citizenship.
- If you want to learn how to help others with citizenship applications.

Introducing our new staff member:

A very warm welcome to Bandisha Shah who joined our team in August as the Store Manager for the Maitri Boutique. Bandisha's experience combines social services, retail sales and marketing.

Maitri co-presenting at 3rd i's Film Festival:

Maitri is co-presenting the following films: [Dukhtar](#), [Liar's Dice](#) and [Nirnay](#) at 3rd i's 12th Annual San Francisco International Film Festival from Nov 6-9 in San Francisco and Nov 15 in Palo Alto. For information on film and show time please visit: www.thirdi.org. Use promotional code **3rdicp** when purchasing tickets for the film and receive 25% off an individual \$10 ticket until online sales end. Online fees not discounted.

Maitri is hiring!

Maitri is looking for a **Transitional Housing Advocate**. Please click [HERE](#) for details of the position

QUARTERLY PROGRAM STATISTICS

July-Aug-Sept

Helpline Calls	Transitional Housing	Legal Advocacy	Outreach & Education
Crisis calls:104	Women:9	New clients:95	Tables:7
Total calls: 1055	Children:10	Advocacy sessions:260	Presentations:4
			FB Likes: 1,614

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