



A strong community!

Each day, we receive calls from those impacted by violence and abuse. And each day, one or more survivors are also empowered to lead a life of dignity.

Our work is accelerated and sustained by the commitment from our supporters, volunteers and funders. We are positive that working together, we will continue to educate, support, and empower survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, and strengthen the community. We are grateful for all the generosity and support we receive. Thank You!

Last quarter at a glance

Maitri Gala update

And then comes dawn...

Maitri celebrated 27 years of empowering South Asian community members suffering from domestic violence and abuse with a successful gala in March. The occasion was graced by Silicon Valley CEOs, VCs, community leaders, entrepreneurs, and community members who generously donated over \$650K. The funds will be used for strengthening Maitri's comprehensive suite of services and programs. Enjoy the Gala [Album](#).

Watch & Read Gala coverage:

[Diya TV](#), [TV ASIA](#), [Showbiz India TV](#), [India West](#), [India Current](#), [The Mercury News](#), [Indica News](#)

A big Shout Out to our Gala Sponsors:

We would like to acknowledge & thank our sponsors:

Education and Training

In January Maitri was invited to present at the Listen to the Silence (LTS) workshop at the Stanford University. LTS is Stanford's annual Asian American issues conference. Maitri was invited to share the challenges and nuances immigrant domestic violence survivors face and the community resources available to help them. Maitri staff also was a guest speaker at the Cultural Humility Symposium organized by [SBCEHT](#), where we shared our experience on cultural responsive advocacy with service providers and advocates.

February brought Maitri to conducting a community session for the San Francisco Mar Thoma Church Sevika Sangom members on domestic violence being a community issue and how community members can help in prevention. Maitri staff also presented training sessions at [AACI](#) and [The Hume Center](#) on the unique issues immigrant survivors face and how to work on these issues.



Maitri Presentation at the Mar Thoma Church, San Francisco.

In March domestic violence and social justice advocates from throughout the state were gathered at #Shifting the Lens: 2018 State Conference organized by California Partnership to End Domestic Violence ([CPEDV](#)). Maitri staff presented a workshop on "Transnational Advocacy: Cultural Responsiveness at the Heart of Service".

We also worked with our youth community members by attending a panel discussion at the Presentation High school. The panel was designed to raise awareness about gender based violence.

In the last quarter Maitri provided 5 resource booths at different community events. We are thankful to event organizers for inviting us and helping us spread the word.

We are honored!

In March Maitri was recognized by Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, commended by Assembly member Ash Kalra (D-San Jose) and Cupertino City Council Member, Savita Vaidhyanathan, for the agency's transformative work in empowering survivors of domestic violence and abuse.

Maitri will soon be honored with API Heritage Leadership Award by Senator [Bob Wieckowski](#) during his 2018 API Heritage Leadership Awards ceremony in May!



Cupertino City Council Member, Savita Vaidhyanathan,



Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, and Assemblymember Ash Kalra (D-San Jose)

Maitri benefit event

[Sur-California](#), a local music group organized a successful Bollywood musical fundraiser event in January to benefit Maitri. The event was well attended and net proceeds were donated to Maitri. The event was streamed live on their Facebook page for global audience to generate awareness towards this cause. We are thankful to Sur-California for their support to Maitri.

Our clients and their children count on community support! To organize a benefit program for Maitri, please contact us at outreach@maitri.org.

Radio Zindagi Femfest

Thank you to [Radio Zindagi](#) for honoring Maitri board president, Sonya Pelia, as one of the celebrated women heroes from the Bay Area.

It was incredible to be a part of an event that focused on celebrating women empowerment!



News from the Maitri Boutique

We are featuring a rack of elegant sarees by [Kosal Sarees](#)! Experience the beauty and traditional Indian weaver's craftsmanship through these ethnic collections of sarees and dress materials.

Please mark your calendar for a very special event at our boutique! On May 5th from 6pm to 8pm we will have [Sweta Srivastava Vikram](#), a best-selling author and a story teller talking about her book Louisiana Catch! Meet the author and have an intellectually stimulating conversation.

Watch out for an interesting experience - first time ever, a saree draping event at the Maitri Boutique on June 2! Please keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page for more exciting details.

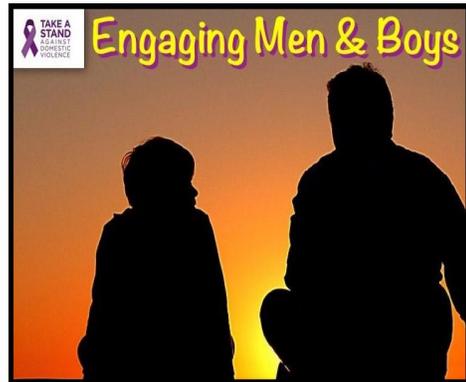


Maitri community blog

Maitri invites all **Men** and **Boys** to write their thoughts on gender based violence / intimate partner violence / family violence and abuse for our upcoming community blog: Engaging Men & Boys!

Help in raising awareness! Domestic Violence is real and by working together we can prevent it! Share your voice to challenge the cultural norms and attitudes that support gender violence, domestic violence, victim blaming and prevent help seeking!

Your blurb will be published with your name and photo on the Maitri Bay Area Website, Facebook page and newsletter. For guidelines contact: outreach@maitri.org



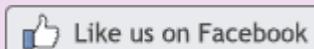
Quarterly Program Statistics

Helpline	Legal Advocacy	Transitional Housing	Economic Empowerment
Total calls = 806	Clients served= 92	Women served= 12	Client helped=12
Crisis Calls= 72	Advocacy sessions= 214	Children served= 9	



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

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