



#EngagingMenAndBoys

Men won't sit back and be silent in the movement to end gender based violence, domestic violence and abuse. Maitri is engaging men and boys through this social media campaign so that together we can raise awareness and work toward prevention.

Thank you Nathan for joining this Maitri campaign

Here is a message from Nathan:

I have spent close to a decade directing my efforts towards providing meals for homeless people. Over the years, I have observed homeless victims of domestic violence in close quarters. There is no doubt in my mind that domestic violence and homelessness are closely related. Though there are numerous other causes of homelessness, a study conducted by Wilder Research Center, says that between 22 and 57% of all homeless women cited domestic violence as the immediate cause of their homelessness. Women who are homeless with children are far more vulnerable on the streets, especially in the winter months.

My heart goes out to the children in particular as they face this predicament in life, through no fault of their own. As adults our responsibility increases tenfold when we bring kids into this world. No child deserves to be on the streets. Overall, I would like to say that healthy adult relationships are key for the next generation to flourish. Domestic violence must be addressed as they spiral into other human problems.

In a recent development, Community Seva is now providing regular meals to Next door solutions which is a domestic violence agency in Santa Clara County.

About the author:

Nathan Ganeshan is the founder and President of the Board of Community Seva, which is a non-profit organization which is dedicated to the cause of feeding the homeless. As a founding member and President of the board, Nathan leads the organization in spirit with the goal of putting others' interests before his own and lives by Community Seva's mission: "Feed the Hungry & Serve the Homeless". Nathan's dedication to community service has earned him numerous state and national awards, as well as local recognitions. In 2012, Nathan was awarded with a Commendation from San Jose City Mayor and City council for his service to seniors. Nathan is a Senior Manager (Recruitment) at a leading IT Company.