

Take a Stand Against Domestic Violence!



Intimate partner and familial violence are prevalent in all communities, impacting individual health and community well-being. Recognizing these issues and starting a larger conversation is a vital component of community-wide efforts to prevent and respond to intimate partner violence, family violence and abuse. Community members are in a unique position to offer support because victims first turn to their family, friends and community to seek help before they contact any organization or institution, and community members can put in a collective effort to change the norms and tradition that instigate abuse. It is thus imperative for all of us to be aware about the issue and take part in building a violence free community. In this Domestic Violence

Awareness Month (**DVAM**), let's pledge to become part of the solution.

Educate yourself about the issue. Avoid victim blaming and be a support to survivors. Start a conversation with your networks about dating and family violence, healthy relationships, and consent. Organize community forum and panel discussion. Maitri will be happy to provide free training and presentation. Join the conversation on the Maitri Bay area [Facebook page](#).

Finally, Volunteer, Support, and **Donate!**

Commemorating DVAM



Clothesline display

A group of Maitri clients and volunteers worked together to create an artistic display of survivors' strength, resilience, pain and hope on a clothesline. The Clothesline Project is a visual display dedicated to raise awareness about the reality of domestic violence. The clothesline was created by survivors of violence with their stories or in honor of someone who has experienced violence. In October, the Maitri Clothesline Project was displayed in India Community Center, Pakistani American Community Center, San Jose and Santa Clara Kaiser Hospitals. We also participated in the Clothesline event that was initiated by Asian Americans for Community Involvement and Santa Clara County DA's office with the support of Office of Women's Policy and other agencies. The installation was displayed at the Santa Clara County Government Center.

Courageous conversation

On October 3, Maitri staff joined **CPEDV** on a live Facebook chat to have a courageous conversation on cultural responsiveness, organizational self-assessments and recognizing implicit biases. The discussion was rich and intense. If you missed watching it live, you can watch it [HERE](#).

Show heart through art

Thank you to all youngsters who have participated in Maitri's annual Art Fest! We're glad to have a community of youth who are inspired to use their creativity to promote peace, love, and compassion. Bringing this conversation into families really does so much to engage the community to take preventative measures to end violence and abuse around us. Enjoy the diverse and inspiring collection of artwork [HERE](#)

Leaders of today and tomorrow

Maitri along with **Agents of Change**, is organizing a teen forum on October 28. Teen community members will share their views on gender inequality and gender abuse! A rich discussion will take place on the topics important to the community. Please attend this free community event and join the conversation! Event details [HERE](#)

Last quarter at a glance



Cultural responsiveness training

To increase the capacity to provide right help to immigrant domestic violence survivors we offer cultural responsiveness training to law enforcement officers. In July, Maitri Staff presented at the Domestic Violence Protocol Update for Law Enforcement forum, organized by Domestic Violence Council, Santa Clara County. We also provided training at the Union City Police Department, Alameda County. We shared our experience working with immigrant, especially South Asian survivors, the challenges our clients face and the importance of checking service providers' own biases to provide culturally responsive services



Immigration and policy forums

Maitri co-organized a community forum in August with South Asian Americans Leading Together (**SAALT**) and 11 other Bay Area organizations. Together we discussed immigrants' rights at various junctures of society, and provided knowledge on how anti-immigrant policies impact South Asian communities, local resources, and our rights.

USCIS Policy forum: Maitri, as part of the Domestic Violence Advocacy Consortium co-organized a USCIS Policy forum with local advocates and attorneys to discuss recent policy changes and ways to provide adequate immigration assistance during this time.

Maitri 40 hr. training

Maitri conducted its third 40 hour Domestic Violence Advocacy training for 11 trainees. This year's cohort included volunteers and staff from AACI, Maitri, Trikone and WomenSV. Six days of packed schedule covered a multitude of topics critical to providing services to survivors of domestic violence and abuse. We are immensely grateful to our presenters, individuals and organizations, whose resources and expertise were the force behind this training: **County of Santa Clara-Office of Women's Policy**, County of Santa Clara- District Attorney's Office, Attorney Kalpana V. Peddibhotla, **AACI**, **Bay Area Legal Aid**, County of Santa Clara- Department of **Family and Children Services**, Amy Caffery, **API-GBV**, **ALA**, **CAIR** and Sikh Family Services.



Sevathon, saree walk

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and committed supporters this year again Maitri attended Sevathon with a great success! This is the first time a group of Maitri volunteers and staff did a Saree walk which got extra attention from all the Sevathon attendees. With the charging energy, enthusiasm and passion we celebrated our favorite cause once again at the Sevathon 2018. A big thank you to all volunteers and supporters who registered for Maitri.



Saree dress tent

On Sept 23, Maitri was featured at the SF Asian Art Museum for the Sari Dress Tent interactive installation by the renowned artists, **Robin Lasser** and **Adrienne Pao**. The tent featured saris from the Maitri Boutique and interviews with Maitri Board members Sonya Pelia and Vinita Sud Belani among other well-known women in the South Asian community! A part of the proceeds from the sales of the catalog and photos will be donated to Maitri.

Update from our boutique



Maitri boutique turned 4 on Sept 19th, 2018!! With the great community support the popularity for our boutique is increasing every day. We had an amazing response to our Semi-Annual Sale in July-Aug. In October, we have 2 Designer Jewelry Trunk Shows. After the successful Sirjana Jewels show

another exclusive Trunk Show featuring a wide range of diamond and polki jewelry by Mala, Inc. (Oct 27-28th), is coming up.

To stay up-to-date with sales and events, please like us on the boutique [Facebook](#). If you would like to donate your South-Asian party wear items, contact [HERE](#).

Awards and Recognition



The ICC Inspire Award

This year Maitri is one of the four proud recipients of the ICC Inspire Award! A big thank you to India Community Center for this recognition. Maitri Executive Director Rama D. Jalan and Board member Abha Singhvi attended the award ceremony at the ICC's 15th Annual Banquet in September.



The Community Hero Award

In July, State Assembly member Kansan Chu bestowed The Community Hero Award to Maitri at his 4th Annual Community Heroes Event to appreciate Maitri for the contribution and dedication to serve the community. Thank you Assembly member Chu and every one else who attended the ceremony and applauded for Maitri.



Outstanding Advocate Award

It is a great pleasure to announce that Jaya Suresh, the manager of Maitri Transitional House and Economic Empowerment Program was nominated as the Outstanding Advocate of Santa Clara County, 2018. She received the award at the County's Domestic Violence Annual Conference. We are so proud of Jaya!



HELPLINE

Crisis calls= 114
Total Calls= 825



TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Women served= 10
Children served= 7



LEGAL ADVOCACY

Legal Clients= 87
Advocacy sessions= 230

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