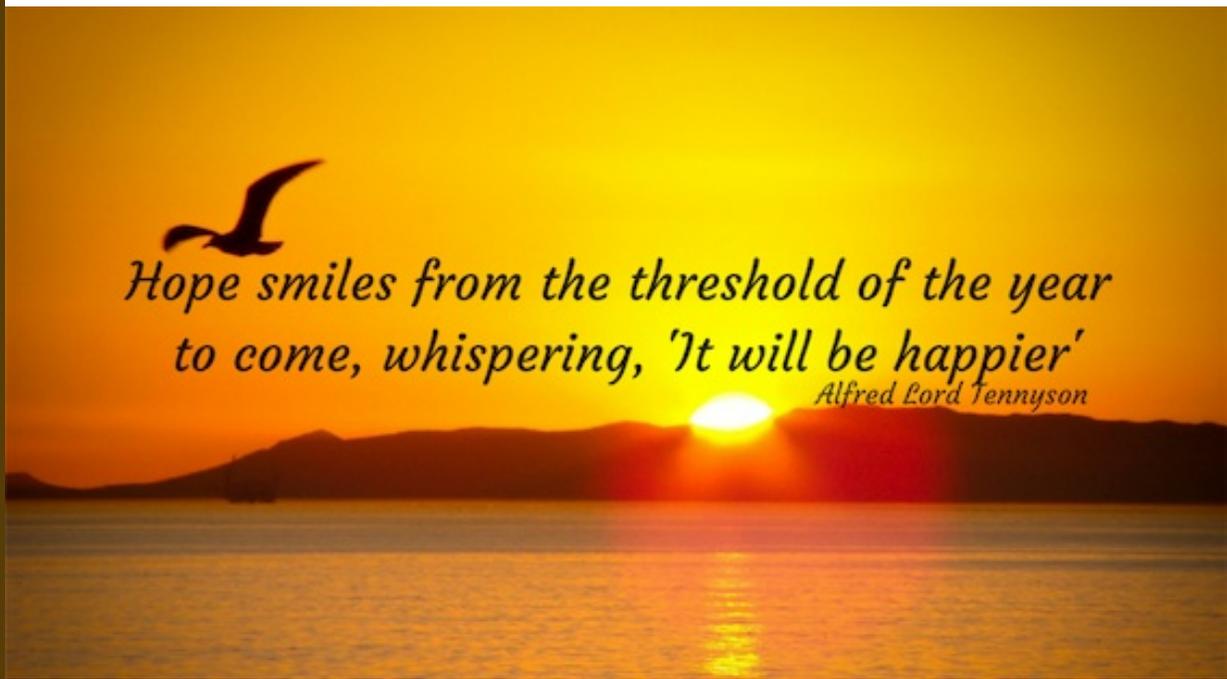




Between Friends

Maitri Quarterly Newsletter
January, 2019



*Hope smiles from the threshold of the year
to come, whispering, 'It will be happier'*
Alfred Lord Tennyson

Dear Friends,

We usher in 2019 with immense gratitude, everlasting hope, and an unwavering commitment to prevent domestic violence and empower survivors.

We are grateful to all of you in the community that has supported our efforts and to our institutional funders that partner with us in this work ([list here](#)). We are hopeful that no matter the challenges around us, together we can create a better world where healthy relationships thrive. We are committed to working hard to not only empower those courageous survivors that reach out to us, but also to end the epidemic of domestic violence and abuse.

We welcome you to continue this journey of hope with us in 2019.

In partnership,
Rama D. Jalan,
Executive Director

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Last Quarter Update

Policy Advocacy

While resources are being cut, options for immigration are being reduced, we continue to look for new ways to build supportive networks and strategies to address safety concerns for survivors of domestic violence. Our efforts at policy advocacy goes to the heart of this effort. We meet legislators and policy makers at state, county and city level and present our policy priorities related discussion in order to bring attention to topics generally swept away to the margins. Read more [here](#).



Our meeting with Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O Malley was more of rediscovering an ally of survivors of DV and criminal justice reform.



We met with State Assembly member Evan Low to reiterate our demands for continuing funding and protection of immigrant population at the state level

Outreach & Prevention

Last quarter we made various efforts to educate, engage and mobilize our community. We provided 13 resource booths and 6 presentations for different sets of audience. We commemorated the Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) with various activities. First time ever the Maitri Clothesline installation, an artistic display of survivors' stories on clothesline was displayed at different community locations. We also took part in the County clothesline project initiated by Santa Clara County DA's office, Office of Women's Policy and couple of other community based organizations. [Photos](#). A great effort was made to engage children and teens. Our annual art fest motivated children to envision a violence free community. Youngsters were encouraged to create artwork on peace, love and compassion. Enjoy the [album](#). Maitri in partnership with [Agents of Change](#), a student group organized a teen forum. Youth speakers spoke eloquently on the issues of gender inequality, gender abuse and domestic violence! A rich discussion took place among the panelists and the teen attendees. [Photos](#).



Open House

We had our Open House in October. Representatives from different non-profit organizations, government officials, service providers and friends of Maitri stopped by and gave us the opportunity to thank them for their continuous support.

Find the full report and photos [here](#).

Maitri Giving Tree

Maitri had its first ever online Giving Tree this year, with simple wishes from our clients. 14 physical Giving Trees were also placed in various locations. Community members donated generously through both these channels and brought immense satisfaction and big smiles to survivors and their children this holiday season. A big shout out to all office buildings, business owners, students and supporters who hosted our Trees and gave from their hearts. More [here](#)



In the Media

In October Maitri joined [CPEDV](#) to have a courageous conversation on the issue of domestic violence

and culturally responsive services! Watch [here](#). Kolkata Dhaka Café, a Bengali show on Radio Zindagi invited us to discuss the nature of domestic abuse, misconception around it, and how community members can support victims and engage in prevention. Listen [here](#). Also read about Maitri here: [THE SILICON VALLEY VOICE](#) and [The truthdig](#).

We are thankful to Radio Mirchi for helping Maitri in gaining visibility through a [Maitri AD!](#) Share this radio ad and interviews on your social media page to help people find Maitri's free and confidential services.

Boutique Update

In October, we had two successful Designer Jewelry Trunk Shows, one by Sirjana Jewels featuring 22-k gold, sterling silver, diamonds and gemstone jewelry, and another Show by Jewels By Mala, Inc. featuring a wide range of diamond and polki jewelry. During Dandiya and Diwali season we took our boutique out to the Saratoga Diwali Event.

Don't miss our Semi-Annual Sale from Feb 22-March 10th, 2019! Visit our great collections and indulge your shopping spree. To stay up-to-date with sales and events, please like us on the boutique's [Facebook page](#).

Announcements

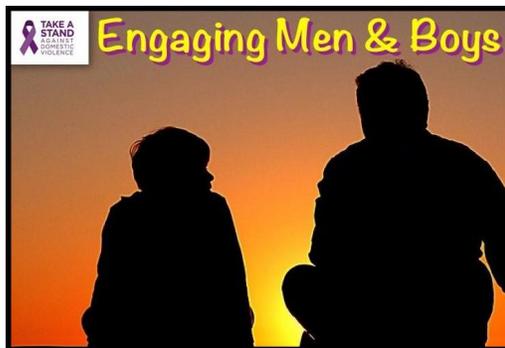
Maitri Gala 2019

Maitri Gala 2019 is scheduled at the end of August 2019. Please look out for a **Save the Date** email sometime in the month of May. We look forward to your presence and support at the Maitri Gala 2019 and in times ahead.

Welcoming New Staff

We are pleased to welcome **Meena Chandrasekaran**, who joined Maitri Helpline team as the Client Advocate. Meena has been an extraordinary Maitri volunteer for several years engaged in outreach, admin help, and extensive client advocacy. Meena's earlier experience spans corporate soft-skills training, administration, and management. She speaks Kannada and Tamil fluently.

We are pleased to welcome **Fiza Jihan**, who joined Maitri as the Outreach Associate. Fiza comes from a creative background, with experience and interest in writing and film making. A graduate of Sociology and Urban Studies from Seattle University, she spent the years before Maitri doing community-building and organizing work in Seattle and Oakland. Fiza speaks Urdu as well as English.



Calling All Men!

We invite all men to write for Maitri's community blog. Share your thoughts on preventing domestic violence! Join the growing community of men and boys raising awareness by reading their contributions [here](#). If you or someone you know is interested in writing then please [email](#) us or message us on our [Facebook](#).

*We are now on
Twitter and
Instagram!*

@MAITRIBAYAREA



Quarterly Program Statistics



**Crisis calls: 85
Total calls: 728**



**Total clients: 97
New clients: 48
Advocacy sessions: 351**



**Women served – 9
Children served – 8**

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