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**BUILDING A STRONGER AND A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Family and Extended Family of MaiFS,

In an organization like ours, it is always the cause that acts as our leader and motivation, and all of us work toward the cause. Even so, my role in leading the organization, which began in January 2022, has been a very humbling and great learning experience.

Humbling, because I got to see first-hand how much passion our supporters and volunteers have towards the cause and a great learning experience, because the underlying principle of confidentiality, being culturally sensitive and non-judgmental became more and more ingrained in me.

Looking back at 2022, it was a year when Covid finally gave us some relief and we were finally able to meet in person.

To add to our joy, Mai Family Services received state recognition for its outstanding effort in community services, endorsed by Michigan Governor, Gretchen Whitmer. We are absolutely humbled and thankful for this honor.

- The year started with some workshops and awareness programs through monthly webinars and visits to the different association and club meetings
  - The first webinar was on "Raising Children in the Age of Advanced Technologies/Social Media" with three prominent child psychologists of Michigan - Dr. Preeti Venkataraman, Dr. Daniel Klein, and Dr. Isabelle Beaulieu, moderated by Anu Gopalakrishnan of MaiFS.
  - The next one was a financial webinar - "Shoestrings for a secure future" by Nijaruna Niranjana, a highly accomplished corporate professional and CFO of BASF, once again moderated by Anu Gopalakrishnan.
  - The final one was "Immerse Within" with artist Sukanya Mani in conversation with Anu Gopalakrishnan, where she talked about how she translates information and stories of DV survivors into visual art.
  - Mai Family Services was also invited by the Rotary Club of Troy and the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor to speak about the organization and its services.

- We did a Community Huddle where we re-established relationships with several organizations like AIWA, DIWA, etc., and formed new ones with SAAVI, MICS, and Arya Samaj to name a few.
- We also established a partnership with Canton law enforcement officials and started exploring collaboration in the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program (IPVAP) at the VA hospital in Detroit.
- We also conducted our internal MaiFS101 and DV101 training for our volunteers and board members to get them trained in the service we are in.
- Our first event of the year was thanks to the beautiful collaboration with MiIndia.com and DIWA for making MaiFS a beneficiary for International Women's Day.
- We organized our Golden Club Annual event on Senior Citizen's Day, Aug 21st.
- Earlier we had conducted a Senior Informational Workshop with excellent collaboration with Manner Law Group and Care Patrol.
- We had our Annual Walkathon on Sep 10th to Stop Domestic Violence and the presence of other organizations made it more of a Funathon event.
- Of course, we had to postpone our Spring event twice this year but it was a year with a difference. After two years people were coming out of their homes and everyone wanted to get everything done. We had a plethora of community events and hence there were quite a few conflicts. But do stay tuned because we are gearing up to more than compensate for it in 2023.
- Finally, we had our magnificent Holiday Banquet and Fundraiser on December 3rd where we had the pleasure of getting to see most of you and where you donated most graciously towards the cause. We have no words to express our gratitude to you for showing so much support.
- Also, need to put in a word of thanks to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor West for their generous donation fulfilling the Christmas wish list for our survivors.

As we move forward to 2023, we want to make sure you mark your calendars for our Spring Fundraiser on April 22nd at the Seaholm Auditorium. It is going to be an extravaganza that is surely going to appeal to you.

Once again, we thank our generous sponsors, partners, and supporters for donating and/or supporting us in our journey to empowering survivors. Your trust in us and your unconditional support makes us accomplish more than we set out to achieve.

Last but not the least, we sincerely thank our volunteers who have their hearts invested in us and without whom the agency is next to nothing.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year!!!

Vatsala Upadhyay,  
President, Mai Family Services

# SPRING 2023 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



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**A Grand Magnificent Evening**

## *Of Payals and Zardozi*

**APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2023**

Doors open: 05:30 PM

**Venue: Seaholm High School Auditorium,  
2436 West Lincoln, Birmingham**

### Highlights

- Ⓞ Dance Ensemble by Mathangi Dance Company, MirayaFit and Rasikas.
- Ⓞ Bollywood Fashion by Taj Cottage
- Ⓞ Music by Amit Deshpande and Aditi Andurkar
- Ⓞ Emcees: Vyjayanthi & Satish Subramanian

RESERVE TICKETS

\$200  
(VIP)

\$100

\$60

\$35

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A galaxy of Michigan's most talented artists descends at Seaholm! Bollywood's iconic films are recreated to showcase fashion, music, and dance. Do not miss this unique ensemble of drama and passion as caricatures unfold the emotions of the eternal saga of love over time.

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**Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Time: Doors open at 5:30 PM**

**Seaholm Highschool, 2436 W. Lincoln Birmingham, 48009**

Dance ensemble  
Mathangi Dance Company, Mirayafit and Rasikas

Bollywood fashion  
Taj Cottage

Music  
Amit Deshpande and Aditi Andurkar

Emcees  
Vyjayanthi and Satish Subramanian

### If questions

Call 248-767-4542 or email us at [info@maifamilyservices.com](mailto:info@maifamilyservices.com)

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# HOLIDAY DONATION APPEAL

Thank you all for your generous donations and your continued support for the work that we do at Mai Family Services. The major portion of the funds collected from our donors is expended in providing direct services to our clients (housing, food, utilities and other necessities) and paying for the infrastructure that supports this work and building awareness through Outreach.

This is a sincere appeal to each one of you to choose Mai Family Services as your preferred charity as for your 2022 donation as the year is almost ending.

There are several ways you can donate and make a difference in one's life:

- Zelle at [admin@maifamilyservices.com](mailto:admin@maifamilyservices.com)
- Venmo at @maifsadmin
- Mail a check to 32401 W Eight Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152
- Scan the QR code to pay by Credit Card



Thank you  
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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- [Assistant Office Manager](#)
- [Case Worker](#)

*How to apply:*

"Please e-mail a cover letter detailing your relevant experience and resume to [Jobs@maifamilyservices.com](mailto:Jobs@maifamilyservices.com) indicating the position you are applying for in the subject line."

Please provide three references.

We will be accepting applications and interviewing candidates on a rolling basis till the positions are filled.

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## ***CSU GRANT UPDATES***

The CSU-Grant team is ending the year's activity on a high note! We were honored that the Grant from the Michigan's Department of Victim Services (DVS) through which we offer South Asian domestic violence victims and survivors with empowerment programs got renewed for a seventh year in a row!

At the end of a three-year grant renewing cycle, all DVS funded grants undergo a rigorous contract review. The MaiFS's CSU-Grant will be going through this review to ensure the grant program is being implemented as per requirements. The contract review is scheduled for early January 2023, and the grant staff is hard at work preparing for this day-long contract review.

For additional information on the MaiFS's Empowerment Program, please call Murali Nair @ 248-795-4639, or visit us on the web @ [maifs.org](http://maifs.org).

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## ***HOLIDAY BANQUET FUNDRAISER UPDATE***

A sincere gratitude to all for an overwhelming response to the Bells of Giving event. We hosted another full-house event with many familiar faces and some new patrons.

Mai Family Services cares for the numerous survivors without a loving home or family this holiday season. We appreciate that you trust the work we do and show your support for this much needed service in our community.

We count on your continued support in 2023.

**Thank you for supporting Mai Family Services!**



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