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Shimmering Night. Changing Lives.



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Mai Family Services' annual holiday celebration on Saturday – Nov 23rd at The Radisson, served as a powerful showcase of the organization's commitment to supporting survivors of domestic violence and crisis. The event masterfully balanced meaningful organizational updates with engaging entertainment and community building.

During the evening, MaiFS presented comprehensive insights into their 2024 operations, highlighting the significant number of survivors served and the critical support services provided. The organization shared transparent financial assessments and detailed the challenges faced in meeting the growing needs of the community. Attendees gained valuable understanding of how their contributions directly impact survivors' lives through counseling, crisis intervention, and ongoing support programs.

Looking ahead to 2025, MaiFS outlined strategic initiatives focusing on three key areas: enhanced data analysis for better service delivery, expanded partnerships and collaborations with community organizations, and strengthened program development for both intervention and prevention services which includes adults, youth, and seniors. This forward-looking approach demonstrated the organization's commitment to continual improvement and adaptation to community needs.

The event showcased the profound impact of community support, illustrating how donors' and supporters' generosity enables MaiFS to provide essential services to survivors battling abuse and violence. The presentation of real impact metrics and survivor support data reinforced the vital importance of continued community engagement and support. The event had several patrons, including MaiFS strong partners like First Step, Novi PD, NAICC, MAPAAC, FordDirect, ICNA, MDHHS, AIWA and more.

The evening was elevated by exceptional entertainment featuring talented artists from the community. Satheesh Madampath delivered a moving flute performance, while Chirag enchanted the audience with piano compositions. Superlative dance performances by Team Taal and Thirak Kathak Studio kept the audience mesmerized. The event ran smoothly thanks to Roshan Pathre, who served as the emcee for the evening.

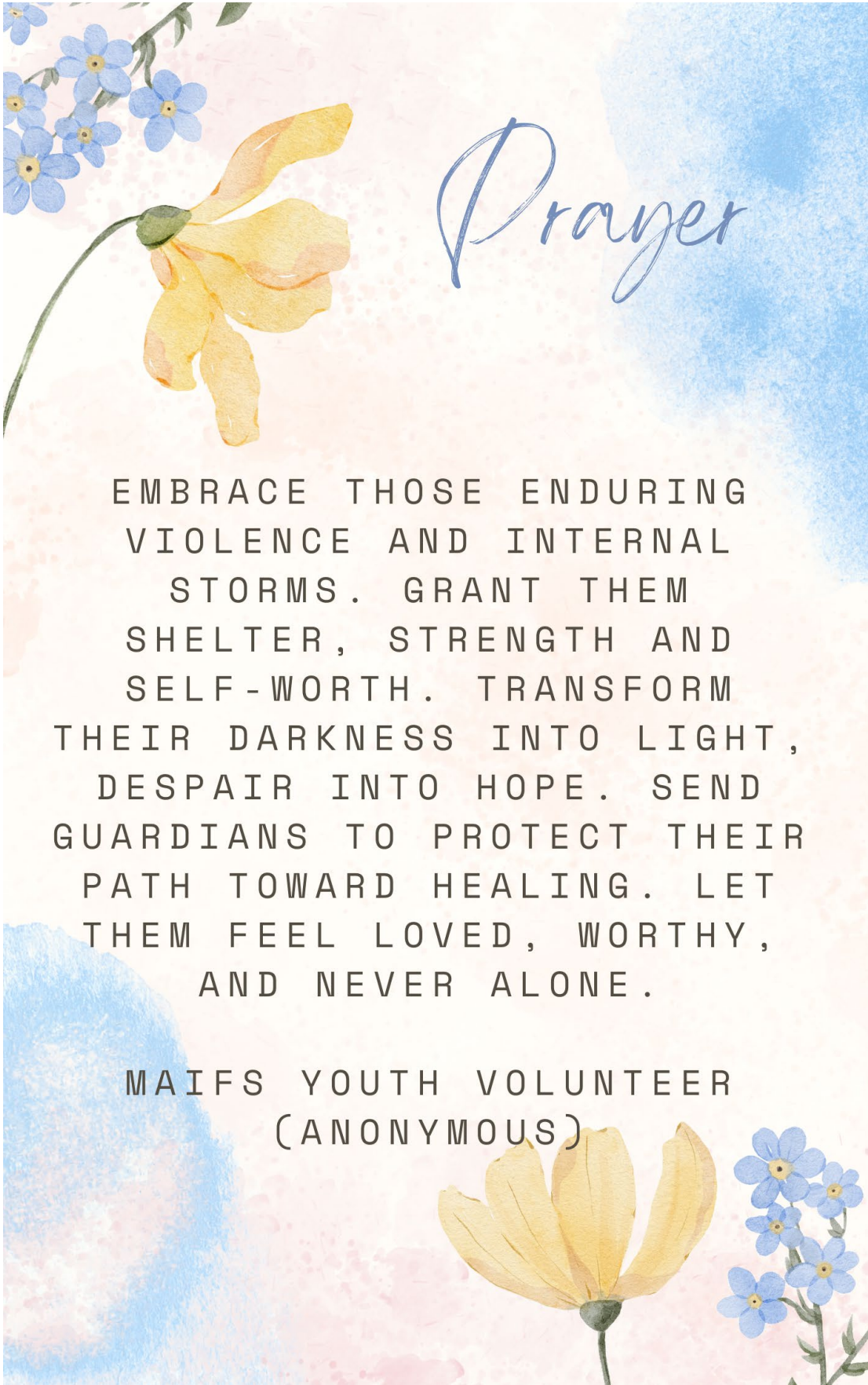
This successful gathering not only celebrated MaiFS's achievements but also strengthened the bonds between the organization and its supporters, setting a positive tone for the upcoming year of service to the community.

Please visit Mai Family Services at www.maifs.org



Scan to donate to MaiFS. Thank you for your contribution.

Prayer for the Survivor



Prayer

EMBRACE THOSE ENDURING
VIOLENCE AND INTERNAL
STORMS. GRANT THEM
SHELTER, STRENGTH AND
SELF-WORTH. TRANSFORM
THEIR DARKNESS INTO LIGHT,
DESPAIR INTO HOPE. SEND
GUARDIANS TO PROTECT THEIR
PATH TOWARD HEALING. LET
THEM FEEL LOVED, WORTHY,
AND NEVER ALONE.

MAIFS YOUTH VOLUNTEER
(ANONYMOUS)

Did You Know?

DID YOU KNOW?

COMMON SIGNS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

Financial control: Restricting access to bank accounts, requiring permission for basic purchases, or withholding information about family finances

Immigration-based threats: Threatening to withdraw visa sponsorship or withholding important documents

Using children as leverage: Threatening to send children to their home country or denying access to them

Social isolation: Preventing contact with family/friends, monitoring phone calls and messages, or restricting attendance at community events

Cultural manipulation: Using "family honor," religious interpretation, or community standing as tools of control

Extended family abuse: Experiencing control or abuse from in-laws while spouse remains passive

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Monthly Statistics



Our world in November

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED: **62**



47

Current active survivors

14

Referrals and Resources

2

NEW Partners!

1

Empowered!

MaiFS Free Helpline: 888-664-8624

Office Hours

(Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Multilingual DV Awareness Campaign



This December, Mai Family Services (MAIFS) is embarking on a comprehensive domestic violence awareness initiative across Michigan in collaboration with the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC). The organization will distribute informational flyers throughout various public spaces, including family clinics, medical offices, theaters, and community centers, addressing the critical issue of domestic violence and power dynamics in relationships.

Understanding the diverse needs of Michigan's Asian American communities, MAIFS has prepared these educational materials in eight languages: Hindi, Urdu, Telugu, Tamil, Punjabi, Bengali, Nepali, and English. The flyers detail the various forms of power and control in abusive relationships, helping community members recognize warning signs and understand available support options.

Community members seeking assistance can reach out to Mai Family Services directly for confidential support and resources. This initiative reflects the agency's ongoing commitment to breaking barriers and providing accessible support services to Asian American communities across Michigan. If you need access to language specific flyers, please email info@maifs.org

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Michigan Corp!***



2024 AWARDS

**AIWA AWARD FOR COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**NAICC AWARD FOR COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

**★ MICHIGAN CORP! NON PROFIT
BEACON AWARD**

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MaiFS Monthly Recurring Program



DONATION APPEAL

Dear Supporters,

Today, we're excited to launch our monthly recurring donation program. Your regular support, even in small amounts, can make a big difference.

Think of it this way: For less than the cost of a weekly lunch, you can fuel our mission year-round. A \$10 monthly donation adds up to \$120 annually - that's enough to provide basic services to our survivors.

By becoming a monthly donor, you're not just giving - you're joining a community of dedicated change-makers. Your steady support allows us to plan ahead and tackle long-term projects with confidence.

Ready to make a lasting impact?

Visit [Monthly Recurring Program](#) to set up your monthly gift today.

Thank you for your continued support.

MaiFS Fundraising Team



Your consistent support can make a lasting difference. By becoming a monthly donor to Mai Family Services, you help ensure we can provide ongoing, culturally sensitive support to families in need- the number which is growing every month.

For as little as the cost of a cup of coffee per month, you can:

- Sustain vital programs
- Empower families to break cycles of violence
- Support community education and outreach

Every month, your generosity creates ripples of positive change. Join our circle of committed supporters today!

Set up your monthly donation now and be a continuous force for good in our community.

[Become Monthly Hero](#)

MaiFS Lighthouse Youth Artwork

How does witnessing domestic violence and abuse affect a child in a household?



When children's parent argue in front of them, it causes them to develop aggressive behavior in school, and a sense of fear. They dread coming home each day to listen his/her parents fight. It prevents them from forming healthy bonds with people outside of their home. Watching one parent yell at another causes the children to ask questions such as, "Will they get a divorce?" and, "What will happen to me?"



When witnessing parents fight, the children can become depressed, scared, and have mental health problems. It leads to low self esteem and makes the child wonder if they should be living in that household. The child could develop stress, anxiety, and trauma. They could wonder what would happen to them and try to run away.



When children see abuse, and that can be in any form, they fear what could happen to them. If the abuse is taken out on an older sister or brother, or younger, they could try and do reckless stuff. When they grow up the child could have trouble trusting people and would be depressed thinking about it.

STOP VIOLENCE!



MaiFamilyServices is a nonprofit organization that specializes in helping the south asian community to stop substance abuse, give comfort and counseling, and adjustment to society. They give support when you need it most. Go to www.maifs.org



We're delighted to spotlight Smaya Yarlagadda, a middle school student whose passion for community service shines through her volunteer work with Mai Family Services. Her thoughtfully designed infographic is featured in our monthly newsletter, helping raise awareness for our cause. (Smaya is learning some of the words. Original text displayed below)

Do you know a young person like Smaya with creative talents that align with MaiFS's mission? We welcome submissions from youth volunteers at info@maifs.org. Their fresh perspectives and creativity can help us make a meaningful difference in our community. Participating students will receive an acknowledgement for community hours.

Guidestar Platinum Seal

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The Platinum Seal of Transparency indicates that the agency shares clear and important information with the public about its goals, strategies, capabilities, achievements and progress indicators that highlight the difference the agency makes in the world.



- Accountability
- Fiscal responsibility
- Transparency
- True to Mission



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