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Welcome to 2025

The graphic for the letter is set on a light brown, textured background. It features a torn-edge effect on the left side, revealing a green map. A yellow flower is in the top right corner, and a red rose is in the bottom right corner. A small butterfly is in the bottom left corner. The Mai Family Services logo is centered at the top. The text "Welcome 2025" is written in a large, elegant cursive font. Below this, the letter content is presented in a clean, sans-serif font.

Dear community members!

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, Mai Family Services is energized to expand our impact in serving South Asian communities across Michigan.

Our focus this year centers on three key initiatives:

First, we're strengthening our frontline services by adding culturally sensitive case workers and domestic violence advocates who understand our community's unique needs and challenges.

Second, we're building a powerful coalition to tackle critical issues affecting our community members - from affordable housing and economic security to U visa reforms and healthcare access. Through systematic data collection, we'll advocate for policy changes that create lasting impact.

Third, we're amplifying our outreach efforts through targeted workshops, community events, and expanded language services. This will ensure every South Asian family knows where to turn for support.

Your continued partnership makes our work possible. Together, we can create a stronger, more supportive community for all.

Warm regards,

Anu G

Anu Gopalakrishnan
On behalf of the MaiFS team

Did You Know?



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Domestic Assault Penalties in Michigan

Misdemeanor vs. Felony

Aspect	Misdemeanor (First Offense)*	Felony (Third or subsequent offense) serious injury, weapon, bodily harm
Jail/Prison Time	Up to 93 days in jail	Up to 5 years in prison
Fines	Up to \$500	Up to \$2,500
Additional Penalties	Probation, community service, anger management	Increased penalties for severe injury or weapon use
Criminal Record	Appears on criminal record but may be expunged after 5 years	Permanent record; no expungement for multiple offenses

* Second offense is up to a year in jail.

Monthly Statistics



Our world in January

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED: 72



57

Current active survivors

15

Referrals and Resources

1

Empowered!

MaiFS Free Helpline: 888-664-8624

Office Hours

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

www.maifs.org

Parent Outreach Camp



Parent Outreach Camp
Preeti Venkataraman, MD

On a cold January day, a group of Mai Family Services representatives were at the 3rd Annual Parent Camp at the Novi high school. This was at the invitation of the Novi public school system. MaiFS team included Deepali Kozarekar, Tasneem Arastu, Kalyani Chaganti, Mona Sashital, Sailaja Dronamraju and Preeti Venkataraman. The program involved, educational staff parents' students and administrators in the Novi school district. This allowed us an opportunity to provide the district with information about Mai Family Services and how we could support them in the care of South Asian families and their children in the school district.

The day began with a meet and greet fueled with great coffee, pastries, and fruit. Here we reconnected with old friends and made some wonderful new ones!

A Keynote presentation by Dom Frisina was enjoyed by all. He presented on his program The Positivity Project which is being used by the Novi School District. This is essentially a program to help foster positive characteristics and resilience in our children based on an area of psychology, known as Positive Psychology. It is an online system that schools can use to support and strengthen our children.

This was followed by breakout sessions in multiple areas of mental health, counseling, and academic and emotional support for our children. Mai Family Services presented a talk titled Strengthening Families Parenting in a Digital Age. Sailaja, Mona and Preeti were directly involved in presenting the information. Deepali, Tasneem and Kalyani manned the booth and provided support to our presentation. This was very well received, and a very lively give-and-take occurred between the audience and presenters during and at the conclusion of the presentation.

All in all, it was a very worthwhile event, from the point of view of the school district parents and our organization. The better we learn to work together, the better community we can develop in which to raise our children and our future. Thank you to all who support us so we can do this valuable work. Check out some pictures from the outreach event.

Upcoming Events

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JOIN US. SUPPORT US.
ENGAGE WITH US.

APRIL
27

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

MAY
18

YOUTH LIGHTHOUSE

MAY
31

WALKATHON

AUG
24

GOLDEN CLUB YAADEIN

NOV
22

HOLIDAY BANQUET



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](#)

Thank you for supporting Mai Family Services!



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