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# Introducing SH@KTI Rising

As we celebrate four decades of MaiFS, we searched for a theme that captures the essence of the journeys we've witnessed - journeys of courage, transformation, and the unstoppable power within every survivor. We found it in two timeless symbols: **Shakti** and **the Lotus**.

**Shakti** is the word for divine feminine power—the life force that creates, sustains, and transforms. **The lotus** rises through murky water, drawing nourishment from mud to bloom into breathtaking beauty. Together, they tell the story of every survivor: **rising through darkness, transforming pain into power, and blooming into their fullest strength.**

For 40 years, MaiFS has witnessed countless individuals and families embody this shakti—this unstoppable force that rises, blooms, and inspires others to do the same. This celebration honors their courage, their strength, and their beautiful, powerful rising.

Our 40th anniversary is aptly titled **Sh@kti Rising**—where the @ symbolizes our presence in both traditional and digital spaces, acknowledging that healing and empowerment happen everywhere survivors find us.

**Sh@kti Rising** celebrates this sacred transformation. It honors those who've risen, those who are rising, and those who will rise. Because healing is not linear—it's a continuous unfolding, a perpetual blooming, an eternal rising. Hope to see you all at our interactive, high voltage evening of community, celebration, and partnership on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Sincerely,  
Anu Gopalakrishnan

President – Mai Family Services  
[On behalf of the team]



# Sh@kti Rising Unveiled! Our 40th Anniversary Journey Begins

We are thrilled to share that our volunteer kickoff was a resounding success!

On May the Fourth, passionate volunteers gathered at Mira Lounge in West Bloomfield Township for the official unveiling of our 40th anniversary theme: Sh@kti Rising. Like the lotus that rises through mud to bloom in beauty, this theme honors the divine feminine power within every survivor—the unstoppable force that transforms pain into power and trauma into triumph.

The energy in the room was electric! Volunteers enthusiastically participated, exchanging creative ideas and committing their time and talents to make our August 1st celebration truly unforgettable. From committee planning to day-of logistics, our incredible team is ready to rise together.

A Special Thank You to Mira Lounge for generously hosting our kickoff event. Your beautiful space and warm hospitality set the perfect tone for this momentous launch.

We stayed. We connected. We committed. And now, we rise together toward making MaiFS's 40th anniversary a grand success! If you or your friend in your network is interested in volunteering, please share your information [HERE](#). Gratitude.



# MaiFS Proud to Support Take Back the Night Detroit 2026

On April 2, 2026, the community gathered at Wayne State University for Take Back the Night Detroit, an annual event celebrating survivorship and raising awareness about sexual violence prevention. Hosted by the Office of Sexual Violence Prevention and Education, the evening brought together survivors, advocates, and partner organizations for an impactful celebration of strength and resilience.

Take Back the Night has been a cornerstone of the anti-violence movement since arriving in Detroit in 2009. The event featured survivor testimonies, spoken word performances, and community resources, creating a safe space for healing and connection. Counselors were present throughout to ensure participants felt supported.

At Mai Family Services, we recognize that meaningful change happens through collaboration. For many years, we have been honored to stand alongside dedicated partners like the SASHA Center, WSU Office of Sexual Violence Prevention and Education, and numerous community organizations working to end sexual violence. Events like Take Back the Night demonstrate the power of collective action and shared commitment to supporting survivors. Mai Family Services was represented by Swati Agrawal, Preeti Tyagi, Mona Sashital and Anu Gopalakrishnan.

These partnerships reflect our core values, creating safety, fostering healing, and building stronger communities together. We remain committed to supporting initiatives that provide survivors with the resources, validation, and community they deserve.

Together, we continue working toward a future free from sexual violence. Please visit [www.maifs.org](http://www.maifs.org) to learn more about our organization.



# Walk With Us. Rise With Us

This year, Mai Family Services invites you to lace up, show up, and walk alongside us in our Walkathon to Stop Domestic Violence.

This walkathon is more than a community event. It is a declaration — that domestic violence has no place in our neighborhoods, our homes, or our silence. That survivors deserve to be seen, supported, and celebrated. That together, we are stronger than any storm.

Join us. Bring your family, your friends, your community.

Because when we move together, we move mountains.

## SAVE THE DATE/TIME

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

## NEW LOCATION:

ITC Community Sports Park  
51000 Eight Mile W, Northville, MI 48167

[www.maifs.org](http://www.maifs.org)



# October Is DV Awareness Month



MAI FAMILY SERVICES

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



**SAVE THE DATE**

## Candlelight Vigil

**OCT 3<sup>RD</sup> 2026**

**SATURDAY**

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Wildwood Amphitheater, Lake Orion Twp  
2700 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48360

JOIN US AS OUR COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO HONOR SURVIVORS FOR THEIR RESILIENCE AND GRIT, AND TO LIFT THEM UP IN PRAYER AND SOLIDARITY.



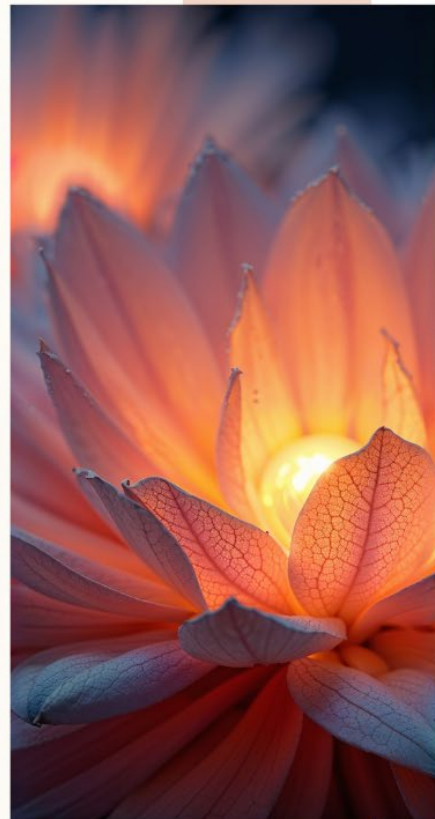
PRAYER & REFLECTION



SURVIVORS VOICE



CANDLE LIGHTING RITUAL



All are welcome. Come with an open heart and a light to share.  
For details, email [info@maifs.org](mailto:info@maifs.org)

 [www.maifs.org](http://www.maifs.org)

 (248) 477-4985

# Join the Mai Family Services Board of Directors

MAI Family Services is seeking dedicated professionals to join our Board of Directors. We are looking for individuals with expertise in the following areas:

**Financial Accounting & Oversight** We need board members with strong financial acumen to help guide our fiscal strategy, ensure accountability, and support sustainable growth. Essential experience includes nonprofit budgeting, QuickBooks, financial reporting, and compliance.

**Program Development & Curriculum Design** We seek leaders who can contribute to building impactful programs, developing workshop content, and creating training curricula that serve our community effectively. Your expertise will help shape initiatives that make a lasting difference.

Required Qualifications:

- Demonstrated expertise in financial accounting or program development
- Deep understanding of the nonprofit sector and community services landscape  
Required: Experience working in or with organizations addressing family services, social justice, or related fields.
- Commitment to Mai Family Services' mission and values

Preferred Qualifications:

- Previous volunteer or board experience with similar nonprofit organizations
- Knowledge of the challenges and opportunities within our service community
- Proven track record of strategic thinking and collaborative leadership

Board members play a vital role in guiding our organization's direction, ensuring financial health, and expanding our capacity to serve. If you are passionate about making a meaningful impact and possess the skills we need, we invite you to join us. This position is part of a working board.

To Apply: Please submit your resume and a brief statement of interest to [info@maifamilyservices.com](mailto:info@maifamilyservices.com).

To learn more, please visit [www.maifs.org](http://www.maifs.org)

# 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!**

**Our mailing address is:**

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