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40 Years of Mai Family Services

Dear Friends, Patrons, and Community,

Forty years. Forty years of showing up—through Michigan's harshest winters and its most uncertain seasons—for every individual who reached out in crisis. No headlines required. No fanfare needed. Just a steadfast, daily commitment to the people of this community who needed us most. That is the legacy of Mai Family Services, and it is one we carry with immense pride.

For nearly four decades, we have stood as Michigan's oldest South Asian nonprofit of our kind—not because of circumstance, but because of an unrelenting promise: that no matter the day, no matter the hour, we would be here. We showed up yesterday. We show up today. And we will show up tomorrow.

In 2025 alone, we answered over 200 calls and walked alongside 54 survivors navigating crises that tested their safety, their dignity, and their futures. Each number is a human being. Each story, a testament to the resilience that emerges when community shows up with unwavering commitment.

We have held firmly to a single standard across all of these years: integrity without compromise. It is why we are proud to carry the GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency, year after year—because those we serve deserve nothing less than our full accountability, our full heart.

The lotus does not choose easier waters. It rises from the mud, and blooms. That is the journey of every survivor we are privileged to serve—and it is the spirit that defines this organization.

To our volunteers, donors, partners, and champions: you are the ecosystem that makes this possible. We do not do this work for recognition. We do it because it is right. Because they need us. And because, together, our impact multiplies.

Thank you for forty years of rising with us—and for all the years still ahead.

With gratitude and purpose.

Anu Gopalakrishnan

President, Mai Family Services

SAVE THE DATE

**CELEBRATING
40TH**

Join us in 2026 as we celebrate 40 years of Mai Family Services and the incredible community that has made our mission possible. Save the date to honor four decades of hope, healing, and transformation.

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Myths About Domestic Violence & What MaiFS Is Doing

Myth #1: "It's a private family matter" Reality: Domestic violence is a crime and a public health crisis. MaiFS works with law enforcement, courts, and healthcare providers to ensure survivors get the protection and resources they deserve—because safety is never just a private issue.

Myth #2: "Survivors can just leave anytime" Reality: Leaving is the most dangerous time. MaiFS provides safety planning, emergency shelter connections, legal advocacy, immigration support, and economic empowerment—addressing the complex web of barriers that keep survivors trapped.

Myth #3: "This doesn't happen in our community" Reality: Domestic violence crosses all boundaries—education, income, religion, immigration status. MaiFS has served the South Asian community for 40 years because the need is real, persistent, and often hidden behind cultural silence.

Myth #4: "Language and cultural barriers make it impossible to help" Reality: MaiFS provides culturally competent, multilingual services. We understand the unique pressures—family honor, immigration fears, cultural expectations—and we navigate them with survivors, not against them.

Myth #5: "Once you're out, you're safe" Reality: Recovery is a journey. MaiFS provides long-term support—counseling, economic stability programs, children's services, and community connection—because true safety means rebuilding an entire life.



Outreach Event

A special thank you to MAIFS representatives Tasneem Arastu, Ranjana Solanki, and Anu Gopalakrishnan, who showed up and engaged meaningfully with parents and educators to raise awareness about domestic violence and the complex, often difficult situations children can find themselves in as a result. Their presence sparked important conversations and helped families better understand the support and resources available to them. We are also deeply grateful to RosaLeigh Johnson, Director of Mental Health & Wellness, and Sarah Lephart, Chair of the Novi Mental Health Alliance at Novi High School, for the opportunity to be part of this incredible event.



Save The Date

Details will be announced soon

June 28: Walkathon at ITC Sports Park, Novi

August:1: 40th year celebration

August 23: Yaadein 6.0

October 3: Candlelight Vigil

November 14: 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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