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BUILDING A STRONGER AND A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

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Volunteer Spotlight!



GUDLAVALLETI FAMILY

Imagine a young mother walking into a local temple, her toddler in tow, on a relaxed weekend. There she meets an enthusiastic man talking to people about an organization he works with. He gives her a flyer with information. And this lady does not just take and keep the flyer in her purse to be looked at later but she actually reads it, talks to the man, finds out details of this wonderful organization that she likes right at first go just reading about them and later on joins the organization herself with her husband and young daughter. This actually happened almost 10 years ago and the lady I am talking about here is none other than our own **Kalyani Gudlavalleti**.

Sometime in 2012, Kalyani joined MaiFS as a volunteer. She believed that MaiFS was doing the kind of work that she always wanted to do as a way of giving back to the community we live in. She felt very deeply about the issues faced by victims of domestic abuse/neglect and wanted to do some meaningful work in helping out as & when she can and wherever she can. Coming to MaiFS with this kind of outlook, it is no wonder she picked up many tasks and responsibilities. Be it manning the MaiFS booth at numerous community events, being the main volunteer in organizing many fundraising events, giving clients rides to grocery shops or library or doctor appointments, helping some clients with not just getting the resources at the library but helping them with tasks like resume writing; you name it and she did it.

Kalyani was not alone in doing things for MaiFS clients. Her young daughter joined her in doing what she could at the young age of 4 (yes, just Four). Do I think we have had one of the youngest volunteers ever? Yes, I do! Mahati would pass out flyers, sell raffle tickets, engage in kids' activities at the Walkathon, and basically help in her own special way with everything her dear mother did. And do you think the Dad was left behind? No way! Amar participated whenever he could whether it was moving furniture for clients or behind the scenes activities like technical support for events, taking pictures and creating photo documentation of various events, or even helping out at the holiday banquet with manning stations.

Kalyani took up the responsibilities of being a Volunteer Coordinator in 2016 and then being a MaiFS Board member. Her smiling face and a very approachable persona have always been a big influence on the volunteers' team she worked and led. She says she values the human connection in the work done by MaiFS the most. I am not surprised that even after 10 years of being in various different roles she plans to stay and always helps in all activities planned by MaiFS. On the professional and career front Kalyani holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, works in the autonomous car industry and Amar works in the IT arena as an IT Systems Architect. They bring their expertise and knowledge with them to all things they do for MaiFS and add immense value to every activity they become a part of.

MaiFS certainly feels lucky to have this family on our Volunteer Team!

In Partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service



STOP Grant Program Updates!



 Mai Family Services

 MDHHS
Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Limited Skills Can Make You Vulnerable. Help Yourself. Get Empowered with our FREE classes!

MaiFS has received a STOP Grant from MI State to run a FREE Empowerment Program for South Asian men and women.

The program is crafted and offered through a South Asian socio-cultural perspective and addresses their unique vulnerabilities.

Members of the South Asian communities in the Metro-Detroit Counties of Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, and Washtenaw are eligible to participate in the program.

Eligibility is determined through a short questionnaire to assess the impact of limited skills on an individual's choices and decision-making abilities.

Free transportation and childcare assistance available on a case-by-case basis!

We offer the following FREE Empowerment Classes:

- ~ English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to support proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- ~ Computer Skills classes to teach basic word processing, social media, and cybernet security
- ~ Financial Literacy classes to help you make informed financial decisions and handle finances effectively.

NEW CLASSES TO START SOON!

To learn more, visit us at www.maifs.org/STOP-grant

Call: 248-795-4639

As we keep up with Mai Family Services's core mission to help South Asian families in vulnerable situations due to domestic and family violence, we have been fortunate the last several years to have received a Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) funding – the STOP-Grant to provide vulnerable members of the underserved South Asian communities with programs to empower them, and help them overcome their vulnerabilities. Over the years through this program, we have offered, and continue to offer the following classes to the members of South Asian communities in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Washtenaw - ESL, Basic Computer Literacy, and Financial Literacy as well as domestic violence and education advocacy classes.

In the next few months, as we enter the sixth year of the STOP-Grant our goal is to increase our programs amongst other South Asian communities, and especially vulnerable members in the Indian organizations of Metro Detroit. Towards this, we are planning an ambitious outreach program to recruit more organizations to participate in the STOP-Grant program. In this community-wide outreach plan, we require your help and assistance. Please help us spread the word about Mai Family Services, and the wonderful services available through the STOP-Grant Program. The program's flyer is part of this newsletter. There is another way that you can be of help - If you or someone else you know, is interested in providing instruction in ESL, Basic Computer Literacy, or Financial Literacy in our STOP-Grant programs, please look up current opportunities and job requirements at <https://maifs.org/job-opportunities/>

Virtual Walkathon to STOP the Domestic Violence!

MAI FAMILY SERVICES
Come #WalkWithMAI21

WALK / RUN / JOG / HIKE / BIKE / SKATE / SWIM ...
ANY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OF YOUR CHOICE AND WHEREVER YOU ARE !!

2021 VIRTUAL WALK ATHON

Participate in our Virtual Walkathon to STOP Domestic Violence.

THE WALKATHON WILL START ON JUNE 1ST & END ON JUNE 30TH

FREE EVENT

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU!

EVERY STEP YOU TAKE MEANS A LOT!

Please log your activity by [clicking here](#).

If you would like to share your pictures with us, please send them to us by email at info@maifs.org. We will upload them on our social media."



MaiFS Senior Service Program!



We are excited to announce that we are relaunching our Senior Service Program. We will release the relaunch date soon. Stay tuned!

MaiFS Newsletter Survey!



Dear MaiFS Well-wishers & friends,
Thank you for taking your time to read our monthly newsletter. This is one of the ways to stay connected with you and inform you about the latest happening in MaiFS. We would like to hear your feedback as it will help us understand what we do well and where we may be able to improve. The survey should take no longer than 2 minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for your collaboration. We really appreciate your time!

Survey link [here!](#)

Innovative Ways to Donate to MaiFS!

Celebrate your loved ones, commemorate a milestone or honor a lost loved one by making a special gift in their names. Your contribution and support enables MaiFS to help and support its clients and their children who hope and dream of living violence free lives.

Donations can be made by **Zelle** at admin@maifamilyservices.com or
By **check** to: MAI FAMILY SERVICES, 32401 W. Eight Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152
Please use the **QR code** below to scan with your smartphone and donate.

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Thank you for supporting Mai Family Services!



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