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Swatee Kulkarni

Hello Dear Supporters of Mai Family Services,

As the 2021 year comes to a close, we are reminded of the many high and low points that we experienced throughout the year – the relief of working vaccines, then new COVID variants, and finally the realization that life must go on despite pandemic. And that’s exactly what we have done at Mai Family Services – we have continued supporting and building hope in our clients’ lives.

As the year 2021 comes to an end, one personal change for me is the transition from being “President” to being the “ex—President” of Mai Family Services. Though the people change, our promise of supporting families in crisis will remain true forever. We are committed to the confidential and culturally sensitive counseling to our clients.

We will continue to count on your support so we can continue to fulfill our mission. I wish you all the best in the new year and hope to see you in one of our events in 2022.

Sincerely,
Swatee Kulkarni

Happy New Year 2022! Happy New Year 2022! Happy New Year 2022!

Vision for MaiFS From Incoming President



Hello Everyone,

Hope you all are enjoying this holiday season and looking forward to a bright and happy 2022. We at Mai Family Services, wish you and your family peace, joy and the best of times in the year ahead.

As I begin my journey as the President of Mai Family Services, I wanted to share with you my understanding of the organization.

To me...

Our sponsors, supporters and partners are the foundation on which the organization has been built.

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Our board members are the strategic pillars who work to make our organization stand tall. Our dedicated staff and volunteers with their hearts invested in us, act like the cement, wood and everything else which binds our organization together. And our caseworkers are the roof above our head, facing the rough weather, yet, provide the protective shield. Together we have built the house where we strive to transform victims into very strong survivors.

So I hope to learn from you at every step, work with you to build strong partnerships, engage with you for continuous feedback and continue to carve a roadmap for a sustainable organization.

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Raising Children in the Age of Advanced Technologies/Social Media

The First of the 2022 Webinar series...No Admission Fee

MaiFS is offering a free webinar on Raising Children in the Age of Advance Technologies/Social Media on **Saturday, January 8th, 2022**.

Please take advantage of this **FREE** webinar and learn the tips and tools on raising children in the age of social media. Participants will have opportunity to ask questions to our expert panelists.

[Click here to join the webinar.](#)

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presents the first of the 2022 Webinar series...

Raising Children in the Age of Advanced Technologies/Social Media

Parenting has never been easy. But the widespread adoption of smartphones and the rise of social media has introduced a new wrinkle to the challenges of parenthood. Parenting is harder today than it was 20 years ago, technology being one of the reasons. One of the topics among parents is about screen time. How much is too much? And what impact will screens have on children's development?

Date: Saturday, January 8th, 2022
Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Webinar Link:
<https://tinyurl.com/2p99747t>

Dr. Preeti Venkataraman, MD
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Specialist
Board Member- Mai Family Services

Dr. Daniel Klein, Psy.D.
Licensed Psychologist
Child and Family Solutions Center

Dr. Isabelle Beaulieu, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist, Director
Oakland Neuropsychology Center

Moderated by:
Anu Gopalakrishnan

Mai Family Services is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving South Asian individuals and families in crisis.

For more information visit www.MAIFS.org

Listening to Oxford

By Preeti Venkataraman, MD, MaiFS Board of Director

This has been a very difficult month for everyone those who have children, those who have raised children, those who have never had children. As a state, an organization and as a country we mourn for the families that live in the Oxford School District. As we do that, we are also struggling with so many questions why? What happened? What would possess a 15-year-old to shoot up a school? Unfortunately, there are very few answers to these questions. We can no longer promise our children a safe world.

At a very basic level, we can blame society, the child, guns the parents or the school. All these though, are very simplistic and superficial ways of dealing with the shooting. What has happened to our society that we can allow this to happen repeatedly and continue to pay superficial homage to those that died or were injured and move onto the next story?

[Read more...](#)

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STARLIT IN HARMONY – An Event to Remember



Mai Family Services celebrated its annual fundraiser and holiday banquet on Saturday, December 4th at the Farmington Manor. Several high-spirit attendees joined the agency in honoring the work and raising funds for the individuals and families battling abuse and violence. The community came together for an evening filled with fun and entertainment. At the same time, empowering stories of resilience and grit were shared by board members. The highlight of the evening was a factual recount of events, shared by a DV survivor in her voice that gripped the auditorium in silence. The grand donor of the evening, Mr. Manoj Sachdeva, appealed for funds with a solid reiteration of "Mai" – the mother who cares for the home and the community. MaiFS board members Swatee Kulkarni and Rajiv Sanghvi appealed for more funds to support the increased calls and cost to support the survivors.

Starlit in Harmony began with an empowering message from one of the MaiFS founding members – Dr. Usha Ram. The evening had electrifying performances by seasoned artists of the community. The curated entertainment had Michigan's well-respected and brilliant voice of Amit Deshpande, the peppy Bindu Nambiar, the energetic and marvelous Srushti Gubbi, and the charming and fun youngster, Dhruv Rathod. An instrumental Flute rendition by Satheesh Madampath brought back late singer SPB's memories. The Rasikas danced elegantly. The group consisted of Devika Rajesh (choreographer), Neema Mathew, Liz Arackal, and Tinu Pappachan. Mathangi Dance Group gave that energetic edge on the stage. The attendees were thrilled to learn more about the organization. The well-adorned dessert table (made by the volunteers) was an instant hit!

The event was held together with a strong narrative by MaiFS board member Anu Gopalakrishnan who emceed the event. Minesh Parikh offered DJ services for the event. Suman Rawal captured the clicks.

The event was sold out and was a huge success. Mai Family Services appreciates and sincerely thanks all the donors for their generous hearts and pledges. Every penny goes toward the support of DV survivors. Thank you for your support and presence. We will cherish the moments for years to come. MaiFS board members, staff, and volunteers wish you and yours a wonderful, happy, blessed, and safe holiday season. Please continue to visit us at www.MAIFS.org

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Upcoming Events in 2022

- Annual Fundraiser Event - Saturday, April 30. (tentative date)
- STOP the Violence Walk-a-thon - Sunday, September 11 (tentative date)
- Annual Holiday Banquet Gala - Saturday, December 3rd (tentative date)

Details to be announced soon...

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Donate Today & Transform Lives

Your Generosity Gives Hope and Transform Lives of Survivors in Remarkable Ways!

- Mai Family Services is a non-profit (501)(c)(3) organization
- All donations are 100% tax-deductible
- All donations are proceeded securely

Donation/Gift Options:

- **One-time Gift** - \$50, \$100, \$500, \$100, \$1000 & others
- **Recurring Gift** - \$50, \$100, \$500, \$100, \$1000 & others
- **Tribute Gift** - A gift in honor, memory, or support of loved ones (family member/friend/colleague)
- **Matching Gift** - Your donation can be doubled or tripled with a matching donation from your company. For more information on matching gifts, contact your HR department or our Treasurer, Mona Sashital at info@maifamilyservices.com
- **Leave a Legacy Gift** - Leave a lasting legacy by transforming lives of survivors. Donate to MaiFS a specific amount or a percentage in your will or revocable trust. For more information on leave a legacy gift, contact our Treasurer, Mona Sashital at info@maifamilyservices.com
- **Stock or Wire Transfer Gift** - Donation made to Mai Family Services using stocks and mutual funds can be a tax-deductible. For more information on stock or Wire Transfer Gift, contact our Treasurer, Mona Sashital at info@maifamilyservices.com

There are other ways to help and support Mai Family Services.

In-Kind Donations,

- 1) Pro-bono services (such as Free Legal, Medical, Counseling services, Job placement assistance etc. For more information on pro-bono services, contact us at info@maifamilyservices.com
- 2) Sponsors for Event Space/Banquet Halls to host our workshops and fundraisers.

Ways to Donate:

- [Zelle](#)
- By **check** to: MAI FAMILY SERVICES, 32401 W. Eight Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48152
- Please use the **QR code** to scan with your smartphone and donate
- [PayPal](#)



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Thank you for supporting Mai Family Services!

