



**Mai Family Services**  
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**BUILDING A STRONGER AND A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

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## Upcoming event: Yaadein - Memories Over Time!

MaiFS Golden Club, the one-of-a-kind club for South Asian seniors in Michigan is hosting a special event, **Yaadein - Memories Over Time**. The Golden Club has planned various fun activities for the event. **Please register before space runs out!**

**Guests: Seniors (Age 60+)**

When: *Saturday, August 21st, 2021*

Time: *3:30 PM to 5:30 PM*

Where: *26325 Halsted Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331*

Admission Fee: **Free**

Please call one of the volunteers below to **RSVP** for the event.

**Mona Sashital** - (248) 767 4542

**Jolly Daniel** - (248) 495 4565.

**Veena Shah** - (248) 882 7573.

*Yaadein - Memories Over Time*

Mai Family Services is excited to launch  
**GOLDEN CLUB**

A premier Senior Club in Michigan for South Asians.  
We invite you and your friends (age 60+) to join us for a special event.

**Saturday, August 21, 2021**  
**3:30 PM to 5:30 PM**

**FREE EVENT**

Venue  
SVBF North Sri Sharadamba temple  
26325 Halsted Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

Light refreshments will be served.  
Michigan's FIRST fun event FOR seniors BY seniors. **Do not miss it!**

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www.maifs.org  
Golden Club Inquiries: Please call (248)-477-4985.

Please RSVP your participation:  
Mona: 248-767-4542, Jolly: 248-495-4565, Veena: 248-882-7573

## Our Work is Empowering Lives!

One of many successful stories.



Salma was helpless after her husband left her with her five young children in winter without any electricity or gas. Salma's neighbor contacted Mai Family Services on her behalf because she did not have telephone service and was unable to communicate in English. Fortunately, Mai Family Services was able to speak with Salma in her native language. After meeting Salma and visiting her residence, we immediately provided her with financial assistance to restore her electricity and gas and donated winter clothing and shoes for her family. Mai Family Services also helped Salma procure financial assistance from the state government. We counseled Salma in a culturally sensitive manner and provided her a referral for counseling to treat her depression. With our encouragement, Salma decided to enroll in the English as a Second Language class.

## Volunteer Spotlight - Kusum Rashid!



*Kusum Rashid*

Have you experienced this - you meet a person for the first time and get along so well and have such a wonderful conversation that you think, when do we meet again? This happened to me recently when I met Kusum Rashid.

This prearranged meeting with Kusum was to get to know a few more details about her time with Mai Family Services. I had already heard great things about her time with this organization and when I met her in person I realized how absolutely perfect all the praise I had earlier heard about her was. Kusum has been associated with MaiFS and is a longtime MaiFS supporter in the local Detroit community. Kusum has worn so many different hats during her time with MaiFS that she has seen it grow from the initial years into the blossoming, ever growing and impactful organization that it has come to be known. Over the years, Kusum played a vital role in its growth herself in several different capacities such as MaiFS Board member, Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator and remains a very engaged member of the MaiFS family.

As a volunteer and an avid supporter of MaiFS Kusum was present and involved in many of its signature fundraising events, community outreach programs, smallest to biggest of behind the scenes work needed to support the MaiFS administrative office (including moving it into a new, bigger place). She worked tirelessly in building and maintaining a wonderful army of dedicated volunteers to take her and MaiFS's mission ahead. Kusum believes in giving any project "a personal touch" and that is why she connected with many volunteers early on and made them feel comfortable as if they belonged in the same big MaiFS family.

Kusum's volunteer spirit is not limited to MaiFS or our local community. I was thoroughly impressed to know about her dedication and commitment to education and support for underprivileged children in India. Even though she arrived in the USA as a young child herself, she has maintained a strong connection with her ancestral home of Udaipur in India. Kusum works diligently and tirelessly to support her adopted school in Udaipur by providing these children with educational materials, school supplies, uniforms, sweaters etc. during her annual visit to India and even meets this school's basic infrastructure needs like desks, chairs, chalk boards, water tanks and building maintenance. During the pandemic time she could not visit Udaipur in person but she continued to support digitally and has also helped the teachers and students stay in touch by providing monetary support to buy much needed equipment. She sponsors a yearly scholarship for kids who score well and wants to always be an encouragement for them to achieve their educational and life dreams. After all there is no greater gift than the gift of education!

On a professional level, Kusum worked for 27 years with the Oakland County Public Health Department as an Environmentalist. She has always had a flair for doing good things for the community and doing them for years. If you meet her and you do not know about MaiFS, she will make sure you not only know about it but strongly encourages you to make a commitment to share your skills and talents with MaiFS. Kusum's association with MaiFS is a forever kind of connection and for that we are grateful!

MaiFS Board of Directors 2021

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### **STOP Grant Program Updates!**

The STOP-Grant program helps empower South Asian victims of domestic violence by offering them advocacy and DV education and awareness sessions. Program participants benefit through learning English as a second language, gaining computer skills, and getting a basic understanding of financial concepts.

In year-5 of the STOP Grant a total of 64 participants have benefited from the offered programs. The STOP Grant team is presently working on a proposal for renewal of the grant for Year-6 and beyond. Following the proposal's submission by month end, we expect to get a positive decision from MDHHS and the Division of Victim Services (DVS) by the end of August.

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/>

## Did you know?

Some of you may not be aware that your Donation can become Tax-deductible even if you do not Itemize.

To make it deductible, without itemizing, one has to be 70 years of age or older and have an IRA account. Then they just go to their IRA account and send a check to Qualified Charity from that account. This donation amount can even be part of their RMD. In fact, up to \$100,000 can be donated like this every year.

One thing to be aware of at tax time is the 1099 form reports the donation check as Normal distribution and you in turn declare that this check(s) is sent to charity, then your taxable distribution income is reduced by the check(s) amount.

This is how it becomes Tax-deductible without Itemizing. If one is itemizing anyway, then it does not matter.



Donations can be made by **Zelle** at [admin@maifamilyservices.com](mailto:admin@maifamilyservices.com) or  
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.

**Thank you for supporting Mai Family Services!**

