## MaiFS March 2019 Newsletter



# Congratulations, Dr. Usha Ram!

The Detroit Duchess Club (DDC), is a women's social, non-profit club formed to bring women together from the metro area. Their mission consists of creating an environment to enrich and empower women's lives and unite all women to teach, learn and understand the culture and practices of each ethnic group.

DDC hosted their first
Duchess award event on
March 9th, 2019. They
commemorated these
extraordinary women who
have done exemplary services
for our society. Dr. Usha
Ram, one of MaiFS's founding
members, was one of the five
awardees. We are very proud
of her services to the
community.

#### MaiFS STOP Grant

In 2017 Mai Family Services was awarded our first state-funded grant, the STOP Grant (under the Violence Against Women Act) towards creating an empowerment program for women including, but not limited to, the South Asian community in Metro Detroit.

The grant provides us with the resources to develop and implement an Empowerment Program, the first of its kind in our community. It includes courses such as: ESL, computer skills, job/soft skills and financial literacy. If you know someone who would benefit from these classes, please contact the STOP office at: (248) 697-9552, or click here for <a href="STOP Grant">STOP Grant</a> program information.

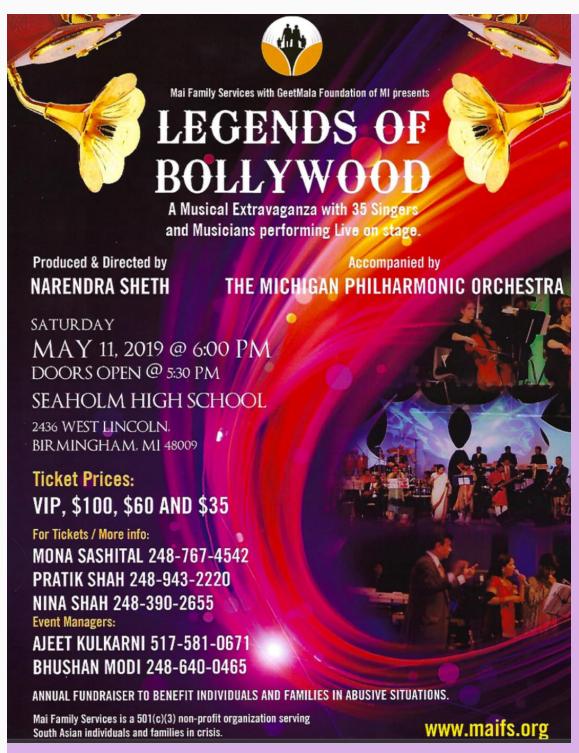
### New Board Member

MaiFS would like to extend a warm welcome toPrasanna
Bhamidipati, our newest Board member. We couldn't do it without our board.

Volunteer Meet and Greet Stop by the MaiFS office on Sunday. April 14th between1:30 pm and 3:00 pm to meet and greet other volunteers and board members. Become a MaiFS Volunteer by clicking here!

Thank you Sri Sathya Sai Organization!

A huge thank you to Sri Sathya Sai Organization (Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit) for donating food baskets for domestic abuse survivors.



Save the Date!

Legends of Bollywood on May 11, 2019!

Our annual fundraiser is coming up on May 11 at Seaholm High

School In Birmingham. Mai Family Services and Geetmala Foundation of Michigan proudly present a fundraising live musical extravaganza.

Produced and directed by Narendra Sheth, this exquisite program features more than 35 renowned singers and musicians on one stage and accompanied by the Michigan Philharmonic symphony led by award-winning conductor, Nan Washburn.

## **Click Here to get your tickets now!**



We appreciate your generosity, whether it is a one time donation or a recurring commitment.

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