March is the National Social Worker Month. We thank our social workers for their dedicated service to the community!

As we celebrate the contributions of our social workers during National Social Work Month, we would like you to meet our social workers - Charu Shah, Lalita Ghosh & Sailaja Dronamraju. These amazing individuals are passionate and committed to our organization's cause. We THANK YOU for all that you do!

Charu Shah, in her words- I joined Mai Family Services in 2017 to assist my own Asian community in Michigan. My approach is to utilize my knowledge and experience to make the lives of survivors of domestic abuse better. I have close to 30 years' experience providing support and counseling service to various groups and individuals suffering from alcoholism, drug addiction, behavior disorder, and mental health conditions. Doing this gives me immense satisfaction and enjoyment.

Lalita Ghosh, in her words- I have worked as a licensed social worker in clinical settings for 34 years. I had retired from The State of Michigan and was looking to work with survivors of domestic violence. A friend told me about Mai Family Services and I have been with this agency since May 2016. I chose to work for MaiFS because of my dedication to the cause of domestic violence and its impact on families and the community. I feel so very fortunate to have found an organization that is as dedicated to the cause as I am. This work is not done in isolation. The support that I have received from all board members and co-
workers has made my work easier and I feel part of a wider community that is dedicated to the cause.

*Rani Sailaja Dronamraju,* in her words- I am a Social Worker and therapist with experience for the past 30 years in Mental Health settings in the community. I feel fortunate to be a part of MaiFS as a volunteer caseworker to assist individuals who deal with DV and Family Issues. Working with and trying to assist individuals who are dealing with clinical and personal issues is my passion. I endeavor to connect them with resources and hope to support them to reach their optimal place in life.

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**Upcoming Community Outreach Event!**

*Mai Family Services Outreach Team is coming to your neighborhood on Thursday March 5th!*

Where: Independence Green Apartments, 24360 Independence Dr, Farmington Hills, MI 48335
When: Thursday, March 5th, 2020
Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Light refreshments provided)
What: Get to Know Mai Family Services!
Admission: FREE

Please come and bring a friend to know more about Mai Family Services, a non-profit organization.

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**International Women’s Day celebration!**

Please come and celebrate WOW hosted by MIINDIA, DIWA, SAAVI, AIWA & MaiFS on March 8. All proceeds go to MaiFS.
Mark your calendar & Spread the Word for our upcoming annual fundraiser event!

"Ishq Bina" - A musical saga
In Partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service

Mai Family Services
STOP Grant Empowerment Program

The STOP Grant Empowerment Program provides minority women in Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties **FREE Computer Skills, English as a second language, Financial Literacy, and Soft Skills classes.** Additionally, the grant defrays child care and transportation costs on a case by case basis to help and encourage enrolled students to maintain class room attendance. The grant also helps run **Support Groups** for South Asian women experiencing domestic violence situations.

*For any inquiries or questions regarding the program and/or classes, please contact STOP Empowerment Program office @ (248) 795-4639, (248) 795-4567 or send an email to stopinfo@maifamilyservices.com*

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<td>3. A place giving temporary protection from bad weather</td>
<td>1. The ability to bounce back after something bad happens</td>
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<td>6. A place to call if you are fleeing Domestic Violence</td>
<td>2. Advice and support that is given to someone to deal with the problem.</td>
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<td>7. A time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger</td>
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<td>9. A person who argues or supports a cause or policy</td>
<td>10. To give assistance to someone</td>
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<td>8. A person who presides over court proceedings</td>
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Stay tuned for the answer key in our next newsletter!
Mai Family Services is inviting applicants for following Part-time PAID position:
Caseworker: Part-time position (20 hrs/week). Please [click here](#) for details of the position. Please e-mail a cover letter detailing your relevant experience and resume to [Jobs@maifamilyservices.com](mailto:Jobs@maifamilyservices.com).

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**Other Ways to Give!**

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.

[Donate](#)

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

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