



MAI - FAMILY SERVICES

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Chairperson's Message

My fellow Readers, I am sure, after reading our first Newsletter in April, you know more about us and the services we provide. I sincerely hope that you have also forwarded our Newsletter to your friends. If not, please do so.

As we make progress in our community outreach efforts, many people have learnt of the FREE services available when in distress. We, at MAI Family Services, have seen a significant increase in our call volume.

This requires additional resources in terms of man power as well as financial. Our goal is to assist victims who call our Help Line until the crisis has been addressed.

For this reason, our annual operating budget has to be increased. In order to meet these financial needs, we are having a fund raising program on October 11th. Please familiarize yourself with the details of the program appearing in this newsletter and help us by attending the event with your family and friends. This effort will be a direct "SEVA" for victims who will be beneficiary of our services.

Sincerely,

Brij Mohta

(Chairperson, MAI Family Services)

[Report on annual Picnic](#)

This year the picnic organized by Dipti Sharangpani, Mona Sashital and Nina Shah was held on Saturday, July 20th in Marsh Bank Park in West Bloomfield. Board members, volunteers and their families gathered in the park for lunch and games.

The delicious menu included grilled corn, Bhel and Pav Bhaji prepared on location (thanks to Nina). After initial introductions we played fun games including Antakshari, badminton and darts. Those who were young at heart enjoyed a game of Badminton and darts.

Picnic was a very enjoyable event for all. It gave an opportunity for families of board members and volunteers to know each other and have an enjoyable afternoon together in an informal setting. We decided to make this a annual event every summer.

Click on the link here to see pictures taken at the picnic:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/novimona/MAIFamilyServicesAnnualPicnic2008#>

[Free Workshop on Life Philosophy by Renu S. Malhotra](#)

Renu S. Malhotra started Seed the World with the belief that individuals can make a difference in our global society by helping others help themselves. She has studied Vedanta (a way to understand the mind) for 20 years.

Topic: Calm in the Midst of Ups & Downs of Life

Date: Sunday, September 21st

Time: 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Place: Jain Temple, 29278 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Light refreshments will be served

To register, call 248-305-8718 or email: info@maifs.org

[Annual Fundraising Event presenting](#)



Fall Musical Extravaganza!!

Directed by Mr. Narendra Sheth featuring Artists of National Repute

Date: Saturday, October 11th

Time: 6:00 PM Social Hour, Program starts at 7:15 PM

Place: Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield, MI 48075

Tickets: VIP, \$50, \$35, \$25 (*Tax Deductible*)

Light refreshments will be served

For tickets, call 248-348-3066 or 248-305-8718

An appeal to the community

Hello friends,

Each one of us is touched and saddened when we hear stories about families in crisis and want to do what we can to help out but don't know where to start. Here is your opportunity to do so.

Our goal at MAI Family Services, for past 20 plus years has been to provide immediate assistance and help to individuals and families experiencing any personal, family related, medical, mental health and financial problems.

The nature of financial assistance that MAI Family Services provides includes attorney fees, food, transportation, and temporary housing costs as well as direct cash assistance to victims who face dire circumstances such as discontinued services by Utility companies.

Until I joined the organization as a volunteer, I too was in denial about the need of such an organization. Now I realize the importance of these services. There is an increased need of our services in our community. Sadly, client call analysis shows that our second generation is not exempt from domestic violence problems. As a result, we are using increased resources to fund the needs of our clients.

MAI Family Services, the volunteer run organization, runs on donations and grants received from our patrons and Corporations.

I am sending you a personal invitation to attend MAI Family Services annual fund-raising event on October 11th, 2008.

I am counting on your generosity and big heart to help us make this event a big success. Your contribution will help us significantly in meeting our financial requirements and commitments.

I would like to thank you all in advance for your support and hoping to see you all at the event in large numbers.

With warm regards,

Mona Sashital

(MAI Family Services Annual Fundraising Event Manager)

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