

Metropolitan Asian Family Services seniors celebrates three decades of community services



- Pictured are the MAFS Team : Santosh Kumar (founder president and chairman), Sagar Kumar, Prashant Kumar, the executive board directors and the advisory board. (Courtesy of Suresh Bodiwala)

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Metropolitan Asian Family Services, Inc (MAFS) launches yet another star-studded yearly, global gala fundraiser to digitally shape the future of our seniors to celebrate the three decades of community services, with illustrious elected officials from around the world, including U. S congressman, Streamwood village board of commissioner, renowned international professionals, entrepreneurs from the U.S. and around the world.

Vibrant and charming Sameer Saini and Shweta Vasudeva were the emcees who did a tremendous job and kept the show exciting until the very end. The event commenced at 6:30 p.m. at the IUWV, in Streamwood IL, on Oct 15, 2023.

Dr. Santosh Kumar, executive director/founder of MAFS, and the President Dr. Firdaus Jafri, warmly greeted all the dignitaries as they assembled in the auditorium. The auspicious lamp lighting was done by the MAFS board members, Founder/Executive Director Dr. Santosh Kumar, FIA Founder and Chairman Mr. Sunil Shah and community leaders like Mr. Neil Khot, and Ajeet Singh. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi's short visit to the annual fundraiser was impactful to the present audience with his social interaction with everyone. This was certainly a big honor for MAFS! Next was an elegant dance performance, Ganesh Vandana by renowned dancer Madhura Sane's students, who filled the stage with their graceful and pious dancing praising Lord Ganesh. Dr. Bharat Barai, medical director of Cancer

Institute, president of medical staff and chairman of the medical executive committee. in his speech praised Dr. Santosh Kumar for her outstanding work for the community for more than 30 years. He urged people to donate to the good cause and dedication of MAFS.

Following this was "MAFS' Story" a video illuminating MAFS' history of service for three decades. Next, MAFS Grants Director Ms. Roshita Pandey took the attention of the audience

to explain why MAFS is different, what value it gives to the seniors, needy, and destitute by giving the true counts of the number of services and how many lives it has touched and changed for betterment. She stressed the fact that MAFS is a nonprofit organization with limited funding. She amplified that to continue its programs which are much needed by our seniors we depend on gracious donors to cover the expenses that the grants do not cover. Her passion for MAFS programs to help the community was obvious in her speech. Kudos to you Roshita Pandey!

Later, Dr. Santosh Kumar, founder and executive director of MAFS, took center stage and she put some light on how MAFS was created, evolved, and multiplied to the 14 well-equipped centers. Dr. Santosh Kumar shared her experience working for seniors for three decades and providing them with all possible education, knowledge, and a positive attitude toward life. She felt happy and proud when the seniors appreciated and thanked her for giving them the MAFS! Next, the community awards were given by Dr. Santosh Kumar and President Dr. Firdaus Jafri. The Pramod Kumar Philanthropy Award was granted to Dr. Umang Patel, for his philanthropic community services in India and the U.S.A. The Community Service Award was given to Mr. Suresh Bodiwala, chairman of Asian Media USA. Partnership Award was aptly awarded to Mr. Krishna Bansal, resident, and CEO of Q1 Technologies.

Next was an elegant dance performance, by renowned dancer Madhura Sane who filled the stage with her graceful and pious dancing on a medley of instrumental music to pay tribute to Legendary. Bollywood Singer Kavita Krishnamurthi. Her beautiful and eloquent dance moves were a treat to watch.

The highlight of the evening was the musical performance by the legendary Bollywood singer, Kavita Krishnamurthi Subramaniam. Her nightingale voice was hypnotic to hear. She made everyone believe that she was the best singer of the millennium. She enthralled and dazzled audiences from around and outside the Chicago area with her performance. Known for her enchanting voice and versatile singing style, Kavita Krishnamurthi a renowned name in the Indian music industry, and her performance at our Annual Fundraiser was a musical extravaganza like no other.