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**Homepage**

* Slogan: "Connecting Cultures, Empowering Generations – Celebrating Malayali Roots in the USA"
* Brief Introduction about the foundation
* Call-to-action buttons (Join Us, Upcoming Events, Donate)

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**Brief Introduction about the Foundation**

The **Malayali Cultural Exchange Foundation for Education and Events** is a vibrant, community-driven organization based in New Jersey, USA, dedicated to **reviving real Malayali culture**, empowering the next generation through education, and offering a nostalgic sense of home to our community. Our mission is to preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of Kerala while fostering a deeper connection among Malayalis in the USA, creating a sense of belonging and unity.

We focus on providing **quality events that go beyond face-value interactions**, offering genuine cultural experiences and values. Through educational programs, cultural events, and community-building activities, we aim to engage and inspire the new generation. Whether it's learning the Malayalam language, participating in Kerala's traditional festivals, or understanding the deeper meanings of our customs, we ensure that our initiatives go beyond surface-level celebrations.

At the heart of our foundation is the belief in the power of cultural exchange. We strive to create opportunities for our community to reconnect with their roots while also sharing the beauty of Kerala with others. Our events are specifically designed to attract and engage young people, helping them build a deeper appreciation for their heritage, while also offering a sense of nostalgia and connection to those already established in the USA.

The **Malayali Cultural Exchange Foundation for Education and Events** serves as a home away from home, offering a place to celebrate, educate, and embrace the vibrant spirit of Kerala. Join us in our mission to nurture the next generation of Malayalis and continue the traditions that define our culture, fostering a stronger, more connected community in the USA.

**Vision Statement**

Our vision is to create a thriving community where **Malayali culture is celebrated, preserved, and passed on to future generations**. We envision a foundation that acts as a hub for cultural exchange, education, and unity, fostering pride in our heritage while adapting it for the modern world. By building lasting connections, both within the Malayali community and with others, we strive to contribute to a greater understanding and appreciation of Kerala’s traditions and values in the USA. We aim to be a beacon of empowerment, nostalgia, and cultural pride for generations to come.

**Story Behind the Foundation**

The **Malayali Cultural Exchange Foundation for Education and Events** was born out of a deep passion for preserving and sharing the rich cultural heritage of Kerala with the Malayali community in the USA. The idea emerged when a group of passionate individuals, united by their love for their roots, began to realize the power of genuine, quality cultural experiences in fostering connection and belonging.

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Through intimate gatherings, educational programs, and cultural celebrations, we witnessed firsthand the positive impact of quality events—ones that went beyond surface-level interactions to truly engage participants, invoking nostalgia, pride, and a sense of home. These moments of connection made it clear that there was a growing desire for a space where people could celebrate the richness of Malayali culture while empowering the next generation to continue these traditions.

This understanding fueled the creation of our foundation: a platform that focuses on **quality over quantity**, where every event is designed to foster deeper cultural understanding and create lasting bonds within the community. Our goal has always been to offer something more than just a celebration—we aim to provide experiences that honor the values of Kerala while adapting them to the modern context, ensuring they remain relevant and meaningful for future generations.

The foundation is not just about holding events; it’s about creating a legacy. It’s about offering a nostalgic sense of home to those who have moved far from Kerala and empowering younger generations to carry forward the cultural torch. We are driven by the belief that every interaction, no matter how small the crowd, is a step toward preserving and passing on the vibrant traditions of Kerala for years to come.

**Upcoming Cultural Events, Educational Programs, and Community Gatherings**

We are excited to announce **SPIRIT OF KERALA** – a grand celebration of Kerala’s most iconic festival, **Onam**, set to take place in the USA in 2025. This event promises to be an unforgettable experience, capturing the true essence of Onam through a **power-packed performance** that showcases the vibrant culture, traditions, and spirit of Kerala.

Stay tuned for more details on the event, and how you can get involved!

**Cultural Workshops and Educational Events**

Our **Cultural Workshops and Educational Events** are designed to engage participants of all ages, providing an opportunity to learn and immerse themselves in the authentic traditions of Kerala. These workshops aim to educate and inspire while offering hands-on experiences that celebrate the arts, language, and history of Kerala.

**1. Malayalam Language Classes:**  
For those eager to learn or refresh their Malayalam, we offer language classes that emphasize not only speaking and writing but also the cultural significance of words, phrases, and expressions. These classes cater to beginners, intermediate learners, and those looking to become more fluent in the language of Kerala.

**2. Traditional Dance & Music Workshops:**  
From the graceful movements of **Kathakali** to the rhythmic beats of **Chenda Melam**, our dance and music workshops offer a deep dive into the classical and folk traditions of Kerala. Participants will have the chance to learn the basics of traditional Kerala dance forms, music, and instruments, led by experienced instructors. These workshops not only teach the art forms but also delve into their historical and cultural context, providing a richer understanding of Kerala's vibrant artistic heritage.

**3. Kerala Cuisine & Onam Feast Cooking Classes:**  
Food is an integral part of Kerala's culture, and our culinary workshops explore the diverse and flavorful dishes that make Kerala cuisine unique. Whether you’re interested in learning to prepare the perfect **Sadya (Onam feast)** or diving into the rich world of **Kerala curries**, our cooking classes offer both practical skills and an understanding of the cultural significance behind each dish.

**4. Art and Craft Workshops:**  
Kerala has a long tradition of unique crafts, from **Mural Painting** to **Kasavu Sari weaving**. In these workshops, participants can learn the techniques behind these age-old crafts and create their own artistic pieces, all while understanding the cultural stories that each art form tells.

**5. History and Cultural Lectures:**  
Our educational events feature lectures and interactive discussions on the history of Kerala, exploring everything from its ancient maritime trade connections to its modern-day cultural evolution. These events provide insights into Kerala's heritage, promoting a deeper understanding of its people, practices, and contributions to the world.

These workshops and educational events aim to not only preserve Kerala's traditions but also share them with future generations and the wider community. Whether you're looking to deepen your knowledge of Kerala's culture, or simply enjoy learning something new, these events offer a unique, enriching experience for all.

**Resources for New Immigrants**

At the **Malayali Cultural Exchange Foundation**, we understand that moving to a new country comes with its own set of challenges, especially when it comes to adjusting to a different culture and lifestyle. To support new immigrants and help them feel at home, we offer a variety of resources designed to ease the transition and empower the Malayali community in the USA.

Finding work in a new country can be challenging, so we offer resources and networking opportunities that connect newcomers to employment opportunities within the Malayali community and beyond.

To foster a sense of belonging, we encourage newcomers to engage with the community by participating in **volunteer activities** and **social groups**. These programs not only provide opportunities to give back but also offer newcomers the chance to connect with others and make lasting friendships.

**How to Join and Participate**

At the **Malayali Cultural Exchange Foundation for Education and Events**, we welcome all individuals who are passionate about preserving and promoting the rich heritage of Kerala.

1.Become a Member

To become a member, simply fill out the membership form on our website and choose the membership plan that works best for you.

2. Participate in Events and Workshops

Our events are open to all, and we encourage everyone to participate in the following: **Cultural Celebrations**:, Educational Programs, Community Gatherings

3. Volunteer with Us

Volunteers are the backbone of our foundation, and we are always looking for passionate individuals to contribute their time and skills. Whether you have experience in event planning, marketing, teaching, or just want to help out in any way, there are numerous opportunities to get involved.

4. Donate and Support Our Mission

If you’re unable to join us physically but would like to support our efforts, you can also **donate** to help us continue our mission. Your donation goes directly toward funding events, educational programs, and community outreach.

5. Stay Connected & Spread the Word

Even if you’re not able to join in person, you can still be a part of the foundation by staying connected with us online. Follow us on social media, sign up for our newsletter, and share our events with friends and family.

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[Learn more](https://support.google.com/websearch?p=ai_overviews&hl=en)

To achieve automatic browser reloading when you make changes to your static HTML pages, you can use a tool like the Live Server VS Code extension or a similar tool that provides live reload capabilities.

Here's a breakdown of how to set this up:

1. Using the [Live Server VS Code extension](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=176b5e4dadc3be54&cs=0&sxsrf=AHTn8zreQSDH2nPHd-avZ73ZfBl43l4pSg%3A1743916943512&q=Live+Server+VS+Code+extension&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiuhovv1MKMAxUpF1kFHbySBFYQxccNegQIDBAC&mstk=AUtExfAWEX_tGXUFX5p_24QrwXbFLGw3ulOgpayfdaRApWmgNd45I-hnVi7nAoTy8MMVKHL-TM8pov2z4m7f0Va24AP8PgLJpN7L_KWH10ztdj94VY3mLReUo-fYB0yjPfcc1T-SNoacApNUlUU9v3Hkk_BmaW4PZMfUY6lXHeyjBOedB_tFZGrz5GnVK9zx89S_JNqyG_5-cTiOvLUFB8nd_ZTdXUgh9vrhiT-VfuSIqaZ9q8Y1qibwXV-nq0bVk5oC8a-CEMO_NwxsxZ9V6cdSz3xN&csui=3):

* **Install the extension:** Open VS Code and go to the Extensions view (Ctrl+Shift+X or Cmd+Shift+X). Search for "Live Server" and install it.
* **Open your HTML file:** Navigate to the HTML file you want to preview in your browser.
* **Right-click and choose "Open with Live Server":** Right-click in the editor and select "Open with Live Server".
* **Automatic Reload:** Now, whenever you save changes to your HTML, CSS, or JavaScript files, the browser will automatically reload to reflect those changes.

**S3 hosting…**

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<https://mcefee-nj-web-site.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/NJ-Malayalees-MCEEFEE-Charity-Site/index.html>

* s3 hosting tutorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l83oqcaTHg>

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"Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::mcefee-nj-web-site/NJ-Malayalees-MCEEFEE-Charity-Site/\*"

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Transfer Domain :

To transfer a domain from GoDaddy to AWS and set it up with your S3 static website with HTTPS, here are the steps you'll need to follow:

**Step 1: Prepare for the domain transfer**

1. Unlock the domain at GoDaddy
2. Disable privacy protection (if enabled)
3. Verify your contact information is up-to-date
4. Obtain the authorization/EPP code from GoDaddy

**Step 2: Set up S3 bucket for static website hosting**

1. Ensure your S3 bucket is properly configured:

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aws s3 website s3://mcefee-nj-web-site --index-document index.html --error-document error.html

1. Verify your bucket policy allows public access if needed

**Step 3: Register the domain in AWS Route 53**

1. Go to Route 53 in AWS Console
2. Select "Registered Domains" and click "Transfer Domain"
3. Enter your domain name and follow the transfer wizard
4. Input the authorization code from GoDaddy
5. Complete the registration process and payment

**Step 4: Set up Amazon CloudFront for HTTPS**

1. Create a new CloudFront distribution:
   * Origin Domain: mcefee-nj-web-site.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com
   * Origin Path: /NJ-Malayalees-MCEEFEE-Charity-Site
   * Viewer Protocol Policy: Redirect HTTP to HTTPS
   * Default Root Object: index.html
2. Wait for the CloudFront distribution to deploy (it can take 15-30 minutes)

**Step 5: Set up SSL certificate in AWS Certificate Manager (ACM)**

1. Go to AWS Certificate Manager
2. Request a public certificate for your domain (e.g., yourdomain.com and [www.yourdomain.com](http://www.yourdomain.com))
3. Use DNS validation (recommended)
4. Create the validation CNAME records in Route 53
5. Wait for the certificate to be issued

**Step 6: Update CloudFront with the certificate**

1. Edit your CloudFront distribution
2. Under "General" tab, click "Edit"
3. Set "Custom SSL Certificate" to your newly created certificate
4. Save changes

**Step 7: Configure DNS in Route 53**

1. Create a hosted zone for your domain if not automatically created
2. Create two record sets:
   * Record type: A
   * Name: @ (apex domain)
   * Alias: Yes
   * Alias Target: Your CloudFront distribution

And:

* + Record type: A
  + Name: www
  + Alias: Yes
  + Alias Target: Your CloudFront distribution

**Step 8: Verify the transfer and DNS propagation**

1. The domain transfer can take 5-7 days to complete
2. Once completed, verify that DNS is resolving to your CloudFront distribution
3. Test both HTTP (should redirect) and HTTPS access

**Step 9: Set up domain auto-renewal in Route 53 (optional)**

1. Go to "Registered Domains" in Route 53
2. Select your domain and enable auto-renewal

With these steps, your domain will be transferred to AWS, your S3 static website will be accessible via your domain over HTTPS, and HTTP requests will automatically redirect to HTTPS.

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contact #

[contact@mcefee.org](mailto:contact@mcefee.org)

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Connect with us to learn more about our community initiatives and how you can get involved in preserving and promoting Malayali culture across the United States. Join us in fostering cultural exchange and building stronger connections within our diverse communities.

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