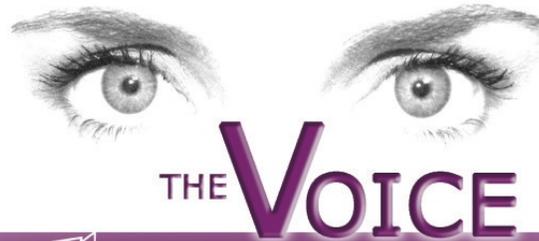


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**We hope you enjoy this edition of
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Through a Survivor's Eyes

It's the middle of the night. Her husband has been verbally and physically abusing her for hours. She tries to remain calm for the sake of her three young children who are witnessing the abuse. He pulls out his gun and waves it at her menacingly. She locks herself in a bedroom with her kids and, fearing for their lives, calls 911. As he continues yelling and banging on the bedroom door, the police arrive and arrest him. They tell her he will probably bond out in the morning, and she needs to get help. The officer gives her the hotline number for SafeSpace, the only certified domestic violence center on the Treasure Coast. She calls the hotline and a SafeSpace Advocate kindly walks her through a safety/escape plan and offers her a safe haven at the Emergency Shelter in Martin County. She is terrified and overwhelmed but agrees to go there. [Continue reading.](#)



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Giving Tuesday is a global giving day that falls on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. After two days of shopping and getting deals on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday is a day for giving back to your favorite nonprofit organizations! Donate to SafeSpace this #GivingTuesday and help to save & change lives on the Treasure Coast!

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New SafeSpace Programs

Injunction for Protection (IFP) Project awarded by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV)



- The IFP Project will address the critical gap in legal services by providing attorneys for survivors of domestic, dating and sexual violence and stalking to complete and file petitions for injunctions for protection to help survivors obtain the initial ex parte temporary injunction, and represent survivors at the final hearing to help them obtain the final injunction.
- This seamless approach, with one attorney representing the survivor from the ex parte through the final injunction hearing, ensures a higher number of survivors will obtain temporary and final injunctions, thus increasing their safety.
- The IFP Project lawyers also will represent survivors in contempt proceedings if there is a violation of an injunction, removing the burden from a pro se survivor to ask the court to hold the batterer accountable.

Economic Justice Project

- This Initiative will staff Economic Empowerment advocates at participating certified domestic violence centers and will focus on addressing financial abuse and provide the opportunity for Florida's centers to implement economic empowerment programming for survivors.
- The local programs will promote financial literacy and financial freedom from the abuser by working with survivors to create financial plans, open bank accounts, implement matched savings programs, provide economic advocacy, and gain access to Earned Income Tax Credits.
- Survivors will learn how to effectively meet their individual financial goals by taking advantage of microloans, micro enterprises, or matched savings/Individual Developmental accounts provided by the participating certified domestic violence centers.
- Job readiness and job training will also be provided as well as literacy classes for survivors in need of such services.

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Walk A Mile In Her Shoes®



Hundreds of SafeSpace supporters from across the Treasure Coast came together in downtown Fort Pierce on October 15 for the 7th annual **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®** event to raise awareness and take steps towards ending domestic violence. SafeSpace, the only certified domestic violence center in the region, coordinates the event in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year's event raised more than \$20,000 and will provide shelter for 40 victims and their families, as well as education, outreach and support services. [Click here to read the story on TCPALM!](#)

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month Recap



October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), an initiative of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in which thousands across the country take steps towards ending domestic violence.

SafeSpace launched a social media campaign throughout the month of October in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month which included a series of graphics indicating red flags of abuse. An additional effort involved many posts encouraging others to take a stand and let victims know that "Love Shouldn't Hurt!"

We are so thankful to everyone who supported us during this campaign, and we hope you will continue to advocate for victims of domestic violence not just during the month of October, but all year long. Always remember: you are not alone.

In case you missed the social media campaign, check it out on our [Facebook](#).

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SafeSpace in the News



- [Ready to Walk \(10-21 Hometown News\)](#)
- [Treasure Coast crowd fights domestic violence abuse one mile at a time \(10-24-Luminaries\)](#)
- [SafeSpace's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes supports domestic violence victims \(10-26 Your News\)](#)
- [Your Neighborhood in Pictures - Walk A Mile \(11-03 Neighborhood Post\)](#)
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- [SafeSpace's Walk A Mile In Her Shoes Event \(11-11 Palm City Spotlight\)](#)
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Save the Date

Steppin' Out for SafeSpace
Saturday, March 4, 2017

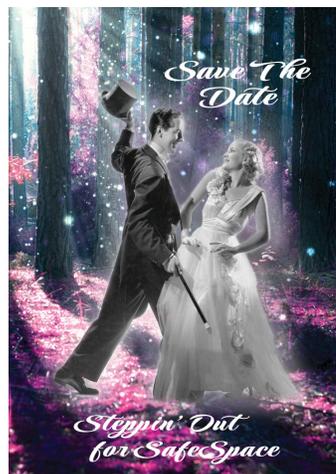
Please join us for cocktails, dinner and dancing to celebrate SafeSpace's successes helping victims of domestic violence become survivors. Entertainment will be provided by the band, Memory Lane.

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Santa Lucia River Club at Ballantrae
3325 SE Ballantrae Blvd - Port St Lucie

Tickets are \$150 per person.

For more information or to reserve your ticket call 772-233-2399.



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Ways to Help

Your contributions keep the emergency shelter and supportive living programs operating, fund the 24-hour helpline, and support legal advocacy, health care, counseling, support groups, children's programs and outreach services. Because of your support SafeSpace has been able to provide these vital programs and services to thousands of victims of abuse in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River

Counties.



Click these links for information on [volunteer opportunities](#) & [ways](#) to help!

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