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SafeSpace



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*SafeSpace presents Chrysalis Award
to Margaret and Joe Temple*



For their extraordinary work in forwarding the mission of SafeSpace, Margaret and Joe Temple were awarded the organization's prestigious Chrysalis Award at the **Steppin' Out for SafeSpace** dinner dance on March 4.

Margaret has served as a SafeSpace volunteer for nine years, six of those as a Board Member and Board President, and brought the many skills honed in her successful marketing career to the non-profit. As Chair of the organization's Capital/Comprehensive Campaign, Margaret developed collateral materials that helped raise more than half of the \$2.5 million campaign goal. [Click here](#) to continue reading.

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SafeSpace recognizes incredible volunteer efforts at Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



SafeSpace recently honored its many dedicated volunteers during the organization's annual appreciation luncheon.

"The effort and dedication from our entire group of volunteers has played a fundamental role in saving and changing the lives of those affected by domestic violence throughout the Treasure Coast. Thanks to the help of our committed volunteers and staff, SafeSpace served more than 3,000 victims and their children and provided over 15,000 safe nights of shelter in the past year," said SafeSpace CEO, Jill Borowicz. [Click here](#) to continue reading.

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SafeSpace welcomes new board members



SafeSpace Board of Directors (front row) Joan Smith, Carl Dols, Shauna Bledsoe, Linda Hengerer, (back row) Natalie Desmangles, Captain John Perez, Karen Franke, Nancy Wong, Angela Novak, Major Eric Flowers, Dan Pimpo, Major David Thompson, Toni Abraham, Dr. Jack Mitchell, (not pictured) Joyce Page, Janice Norman, and Tom Bakkedah!

On June 13, four new members were inducted to SafeSpace's board of directors at its annual board installation dinner at the Santa Lucia Golf Club at Ballantrae. The

incoming directors are motivated and ready to prove their commitment to raising awareness for SafeSpace's mission to end domestic violence. Attorney Jason Berger, a former SafeSpace board member, served as the installation officer at this event. The new board members include:

- Toni Abraham
- Natalie Desmangles
- Captain John Perez
- Nancy Wong

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Rockin' Walk A Mile In Her Shoes®



Walk A Mile in Her Shoes® Co-Chairs: Martin County, Melissa Zolla and Jeff Endriss; St. Lucie County, Juliana Taylor Walker and Mitch Kloofain; Indian River County, Lewana Dupree and Eric Flowers.

For the eighth year in a row, SafeSpace will host its annual **Walk A Mile In Her Shoes®** event to bring greater awareness to the issue of domestic violence.

This year SafeSpace will be rockin' n' rollin' with three walks instead of one - to be held in each of the three Treasure Coast counties during the month of October in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

What started with a handful of brave men has grown to hundreds of community leaders, first responders, businessmen, women, youth groups, fathers and sons having the courage to step up to help end domestic violence.

[Martin County:](#)

Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Riverwalk Stage in Downtown Stuart

[St. Lucie County:](#)

Saturday, October 14 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Tradition Square in Port St. Lucie

[Indian River County:](#)

Saturday, October 28 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Indian River Mall in Vero Beach

Like SafeSpace on [Facebook](#) for the latest information on this year's **Walk A Mile In Her Shoes®**.

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Economic Justice Initiative



SafeSpace Economic Empowerment Advocate, Vickie Leasher.

Financial instability is one of the greatest obstacles for survivors of domestic violence and one of the reasons why a person might stay or return to an abuser. The ability to survive financially without the abuser can present challenges that can seem overwhelming, such as the loss of income, a place to live, childcare, healthcare, and access to credit.

SafeSpace's Economic Justice Initiative provides advocacy and case management to address the economic conditions that create barriers to the long-term independence and safety of survivors and their children. Ultimately, this program will assist survivors with the ability to make decisions about their lives and intimate relationships without fear of their negative financial effects.

Since the launch of the Economic Justice Initiative in January, SafeSpace has already demonstrated the impact of the program. Fifty-one program participants have received financial empowerment services using [Allstate's Moving Ahead Curriculum](#), 18 participants have gained employment, and 13 have identified and secured safe housing.

Economic assistance is available to all SafeSpace program participants, and services can be accessed by calling SafeSpace's 24/7 crisis hotline at 772-288-7023 (local) or 1-800-500-1119 (state).

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SafeSpace in the News



(Pictured left to right) Veronica Simpson, SafeSpace Supportive Living Program Manager; Mr. Jay Hoder, Grand Harbor Community Outreach; Tom Manwaring, SafeSpace Development Associate; and Jessie Adamson, SafeSpace Economic Justice Advocate.

- March 10 - [A Night Out for SafeSpace](#)
- April 3 - [SafeSpace honors couple with Chrysalis Award](#)

- May 1 - [Supporting SafeSpace](#)
- June 19 - [SafeSpace Announces Annual Volunteer Awards](#)
- July 17 - [John's Island Foundation presents \\$35,000 grant to SafeSpace](#)

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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.

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