

SafeSpace

*Saving and Changing Lives
of Domestic Violence Victims*



IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023

SAFESPACE ENVISIONS COMMUNITIES UNIFIED IN
ACHIEVING FREEDOM FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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SafeSpace empowers the safety and well-being of adult victims of domestic violence and their children by providing intervention, prevention, and advocacy services.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear SafeSpace Friends,

Together, with our donors, dedicated staff, and strong community partners, SafeSpace has had an impactful year of serving and empowering survivors of domestic violence. Your support and generosity has made it possible for SafeSpace program participants to have access to services at no cost to them. These essential services include emergency shelter for both adults and their children, outreach, advocacy, and legal support to help ensure the safety and increased independence and sustainability of all of our program participants.

One of the impacts of the pandemic was a decreased level of community involvement in many nonprofit organizations including SafeSpace. We are proud to say we have a passionate and dedicated Volunteer Coordinator who is quickly rebuilding our volunteer program. Our volunteers are instrumental in increasing our service-base, increasing community awareness of the intimate partner violence that is happening in our own communities, and helps promote community involvement. We are exceedingly grateful for our volunteers.

I am genuinely thankful for our staff who tirelessly advocate and work to improve the lives of our program participants.

I also want to thank our dedicated Board of Directors, donors, and community supporters. Your time and financial generosity have helped bring about stronger more sustainable programs.

Together, we continue to create life-changing safety and freedom in the lives of the families we serve. We look forward to a year of continued growth increasing our reach and impact throughout the Treasure Coast!

JENNIFER FOX

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

OUR SERVICES

SAFESPACE EMPOWERS THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF ADULT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THEIR CHILDREN BY PROVIDING INTERVENTION, PREVENTION AND ADVOCACY SERVICES.

The SafeSpace Crisis Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to all survivors seeking support services. Professionally trained staff members assess the caller's safety, and provides crisis counseling, support, information, referrals, and a lethality assessment.

SafeSpace provides **Emergency Shelter** for survivors of intimate partner domestic violence and their children from Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Outreach Advocate Services include safety and action planning, lethality assessment, relocation assistance, counseling, legal assistance, referral and linkage to community services, support and educational groups, job assistance, medical and therapeutic assistance, long term housing assistance and other services outside of residential facility.

The Intimate Violence Enhanced Services Team is the partnership of a SafeSpace advocate with local Police Officers to identify victims at high risk for homicide and to intervene in an effort to enhance their possibility of receiving safety from further victimization.

Child Protection Investigations Project aims to keep children out of foster care and in the home of non-offending parents while holding batterers accountable.

Injunction for Protection Program provides legal assistance and representation free of charge in filing injunction against intimate partner and obtaining temporary child support.

Economic Justice Empowerment Program provides advocacy and case management through information and resources to address economic conditions that create barriers to long-term independence and safety of survivors and their children. Assistance is provided with developing personal financial plans, pursuing educational goals, obtaining employment, establishing credit score and banking relationships, and other tactics to become and stay self-sufficient financially.



DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 3 Women and 1 in 4 Men have experienced Domestic Violence (DV) by an intimate partner. 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year and that 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

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4,626
HOTLINE CALLS

14,392
SHELTER NIGHTS

892

Adults & Children
Served Through
our Programs

451

Survivors Served
by SafeSpace
Attorneys

1,388

Financial and
Personal Safety
Plans Created

1,343

Children Served
through the
Y.O.U.R Program

10,949

Individual & Group
Sessions provided
to Survivors



PARTICIPANT TESTIMONIALS

"I have noticed SafeSpace is many things to many people; a community of women for women, a place of resources and guidance, and a safe space to wait out the storm. For me, it is all of those things and more.

When I had to upend my life, the women at SafeSpace gave me the advice and resources I needed to help me through one of the most traumatic experiences of my life. Without them, without SafeSpace, I don't know where I would have gone or who I could have turned to, to have helped me through this difficult time.

SafeSpace provided me excellent counseling, support groups, injunction lawyers, and most importantly a sense of community and understanding amongst the group of women that come to this shelter. Places like SafeSpace need to exist for the community because anyone from any demographic can be affected by domestic violence. Domestic violence knows no limits and has no boundaries. I'm very grateful for SafeSpace's existence and for the wonderful donors that help keep this vital resource alive and well."

-SafeSpace Participant

"Thank you very much for SafeSpace! Each staff member as a team contributes to the well-being of each participant and the community. The staff tirelessly responds to the participants daily and varied needs for each physical necessity and establishes, maintains the rapport to address and respect each as an individual.

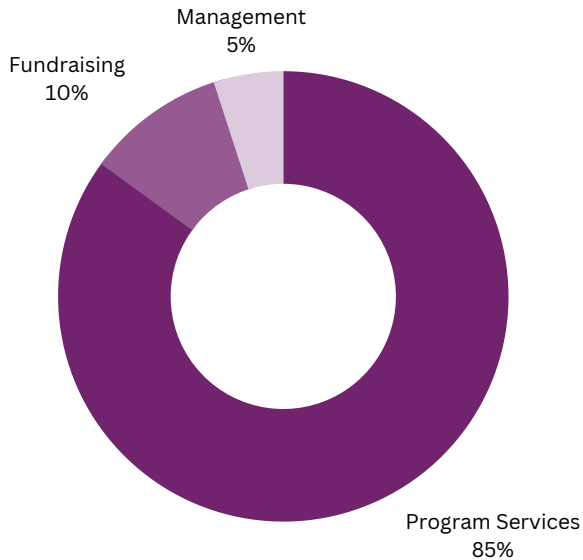
The staff and counselor remind those fortunate to be here that their lives, goals, plans matter. They readily share resources to help the participant re-establish, remake their lives. Moral support is always near.

Every member of the staff makes SafeSpace the unique yet essential gift a survivor might only dream of having. Thank you also for the thoughtful and very helpful safety gifts- a door, door jam, portable keyring security alarm and four window alarms!!"

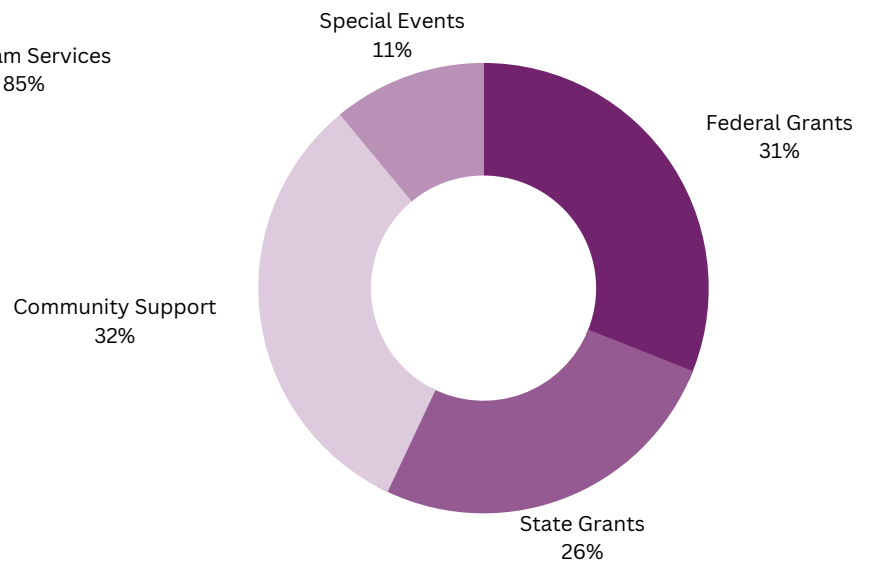
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