

# *A DREAM COME TRUE*



*A Safe Place Annual Report  
2011 Fiscal Year*

## *LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT*

Dear Friends:

A Safe Place has reached another milestone. The permanent housing facility has been completed, and is now almost fully leased up. This has been another tremendous undertaking, and came to be due to the dream and achieve attitude of this organization. Unfortunately, it is a clear reminder of how severe the issue of domestic violence continues to be. What is a huge accomplishment for an organization like A Safe Place is a constant visual reminder of a severe societal problem. We can celebrate the accomplishment of the building's completion, yet feel the incredible brokenness of those who need to live there.

As a resident of Lake County, I recently served in our judicial system as a grand juror. Although I have served on this board for four years, I never had my eyes opened as much as I did by hearing the graphic details of violence as I served. I have heard stories about certain victims, but I had never heard the stories with the graphic details that I heard each week in the jury room. It was most disturbing, and caused me to understand again what the value of A Safe Place is. This is also when I started understanding that just serving the victims is not enough. This issue goes on all around us, and we are mostly unaware. But, with the statistics of one in four women having been victims, it could be your neighbor. Or, maybe it is closer than that.

The victims that we all need to remember are those that are not victims yet. If you have a daughter or daughters like I do, go to A Safe Place's website, and talk about the signs of an abuser. Help your daughter or her friends to make the right dating choices and have the courage and self esteem to know that not having a boyfriend is much better than being abused. Unfortunately, an abuser will undoubtedly find a victim, but we must help our youth to understand the truth of society's sins. Prevention of this horrible crime is a burden we all need to bear. Understanding is one of the first steps of prevention. Please check it out and spread the word to others. It could save a life.

I want to commend the incredibly dedicated and compassionate staff of A Safe Place that continues to give and serve because they care. They are committed to these victims, and have continued to make the choice to help and care for people who need help and care. Thank you is never enough, and this staff deserves continuous accolades for their services. Also, a mention has to be made of our current board, who has undertaken strategic planning and has made significant progress toward ensuring that A Safe Place can continue to serve and reach as many as possible, through our current challenging economic times and into the future. This is a truly energized group of people, and I am very fortunate to be among these dedicated individuals who share the common purpose of trying to help victims.

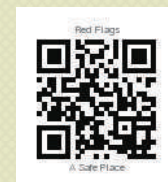
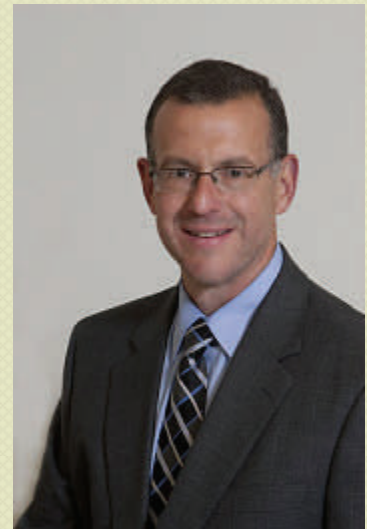
Lastly, to all who have helped support our mission, my sincere thanks. Looking into the future, state government support becomes less reliable, which makes us realize that private funding has become critical to our continued existence as well as any growth that we can undertake. Please continue to support us financially, and please consider increasing your giving. And, always tell others about us. As I mentioned above, an easy referral is just telling people with children of dating age about our site and danger signs. It is a difficult conversation to have with someone who is just starting to think about dating relationships, but they need to be aware. By talking about this topic, you may find someone who will take a real interest in our mission and organization, and we are always looking for ways to expand our donor list.

Here is the link to the "red flags": <http://www.asafeplaceforhelp.org/content/red-flags>

While you are there, check out our services and consider a monthly contribution. We all have an interest in working to eliminate this crime.

Sincerely,

David Hesselbein  
President



## ***PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS***

### **Family Visitation Center Opening**

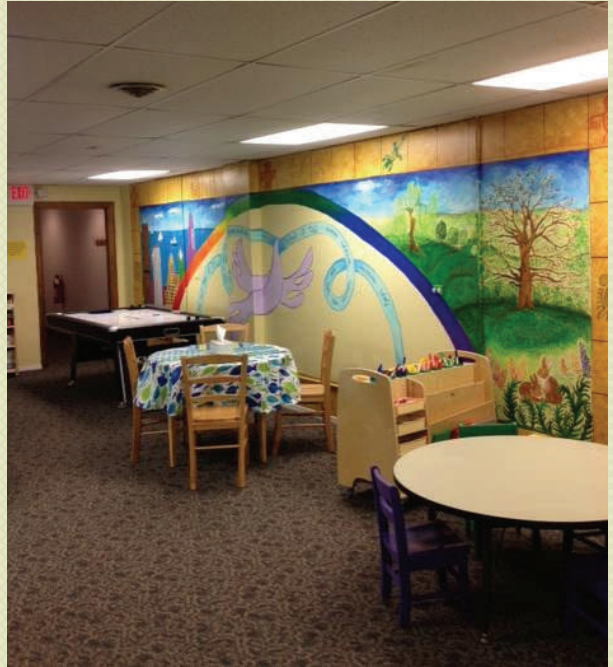
Through a partnership with Lake County and the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois, in November 2010, A Safe Place opened the county's first not-for-profit center to provide supervised visits and monitored exchanges, the Family Visitation Center. This program offers a safe environment for families who have experienced family violence to foster healthy and safe relationships between parents and children and provides the necessary referrals for other supportive services the families may need.

The Family Visitation Center's supervised visitation and monitored exchange services are designed to promote the safety and well-being of families and children who have experienced family violence. The program focuses on the formation of safe, nurturing and lasting relationships between parents and their children, and accepts referrals from the Court, third parties and individuals.

Supervised visits are provided when a parent must be monitored while interacting with their children. During visits, A Safe Place's trained facilitators observe all contact and communication between the parent and their children. Our center is equipped with toys, games and activities for all ages to promote interaction for families. In addition, staggered arrival and departure times and separate, secured entrances ensure no contact occurs between the adults.

The Family Visitation Center also provides monitored exchange services to parents who require or have requested a third party to provide oversight during exchanges of custody for off-site visits.

The Family Visitation Center is funded by a United States Justice Department, Office on Violence Against Women Safe Havens Grant.



### **Joyce Fitzgerald Award to Judge Jane Waller**

A Safe Place honored Judge Jane Waller with the Joyce Fitzgerald Award at our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Unmask the Violence on November 6, 2010. The Joyce Fitzgerald Award honors a unique woman whose ongoing leadership and true spirit of volunteerism advances the mission of A Safe Place, and whose dedication advances the rights of women.

Judge Waller has been involved with A Safe Place since its inception in 1980, and has been instrumental in shaping the programs of A Safe Place, including the emergency shelter, crisis line, court advocacy program and, most recently, the Family Visitation Center.

## ***PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS***

### **Affordable Housing Construction and Opening**

A Safe Place celebrated the beginning of construction on 20 new apartments for affordable housing for survivors of domestic violence with a groundbreaking ceremony in December 2010, and neared the completion of construction as the fiscal year ended in June 2011. The building was developed in partnership with Brinshore Development, LLC of Northbrook, and is located on A Safe Place's site in Zion. The new building is featured on the cover of this annual report.

A battered woman's greatest barrier to future safety often is the lack of affordable housing. Without access to safe housing that she can afford, a woman may find it necessary to return to the home of her abuser. These twenty apartments will help to further meet affordable housing needs for domestic abuse survivors in northern Illinois, and the building completes A Safe Place's continuum of housing programs that support women on their journey to safety.

The construction of the apartments, an addition to A Safe Place's building that houses twenty apartments for transitional housing, was funded in large part by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), including federal stimulus dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Additional construction funding sources included Lake County, Federal Home Loan Bank, and First Midwest Bank.



The twenty new apartments will assist Lake County domestic abuse victims who need secure and affordable housing as they continue on the path to self-sufficiency with supportive services for battered women and their children also provided by A Safe Place on-site.

### **New Satellite Support Groups**

A Safe Place introduced new support groups at two locations in FY2011. Domestic violence support groups for nonresidential clients are now offered in English and Spanish in both Waukegan and Mundelein. Age appropriate children's groups meet at the same time and location to remove childcare barriers to attending, while offering flexibility to clients who wish to attend, making the groups accessible to more women and children.

The adult groups focus on education about domestic violence for victims and offer support for participants as they experience crisis related to their relationships. The sixteen-week curriculum is offered continually so that new members can join the group at any point in the cycle and continue through the full program. Topics discussed in the groups include the cycle of violence in intimate relationships, the effects of domestic abuse on child witnesses, seeking orders of protection, planning for physical and emotional safety, and other issues commonly faced by victims of domestic violence.

Concurrent children's groups are divided by age so that the domestic violence education provided to each group of children is age appropriate. Pre-school age children understand their experience of violence at home very differently from older children, and their abilities to respond are also very different. By addressing their understanding and issues of violence at their developmental level, children can be well prepared for how they react to and address violence they witness or experience as primary victims. All of the children are educated on coping strategies and how to effectively plan for their own safety, empowering them to react most effectively as they grow and develop new understandings of the relationship between the adults in their lives.

## Participation in Community-Wide Planning Efforts for Human Services

Domestic violence does not occur in a vacuum. While the worst of the violence may take place behind closed doors, its effects spread throughout the community when victims are absent from work or school, need medical care, and call upon the police and justice system to assist them in staying safe. In addition, victim-survivors often need additional assistance with childcare, mental health services, housing and finances. A Safe Place assists our clients in finding the additional support that they need from other providers in the community. To best advocate for all victims of domestic violence in the area, we work closely with other non-profit agencies and government offices who also serve our clients. Of note in our fiscal year 2011 are:

- Lake County Human Services Task Force: This group of human service providers from across the county was convened by the Lake County Community Foundation to address the need for better collaboration and communication among the sector. A Safe Place has participated in training sessions, discussion groups and the task force's strategic planning efforts toward developing a human services alliance for Lake County.
- Early Childhood Services Task Force: This coalition is working toward bringing more early-childhood support services, including home-visiting services into Waukegan Township. A Safe Place was asked to join to provide the coalition with domestic violence knowledge and expertise.
- Planning for Collaborative Service Delivery: A Safe Place is planning with Mano a Mano to expand A Safe Place's counseling service offerings to Mano a Mano's Round Lake location to make support groups more easily accessible to English and Spanish speaking victims in northern Lake County. A Safe Place is also discussing options to bring service to western Lake County through a partnership with Lake County Affordable Housing that will expand affordable housing and supportive services into Lake Zurich.



## A Safe Place Honored with a Special Grant from the Mary Kay Foundation

In 2010 A Safe Place was chosen to receive a \$20,000 grant from The Mary Kay Foundation as part of the organization's annual \$3 million national domestic violence grant program. A Safe Place is one of 150 domestic violence organizations recognized through this program. The grant provided safe, emergency shelter and comprehensive counseling services to adult and child victims of domestic violence in Lake County.

“This is an amazing honor for A Safe Place, and will help victims in many ways,” said Phyllis DeMott, Executive Director. “Not only does this help in making up for decreased funding from the State of Illinois and other foundations this year, but it reminds us of the importance of our work. Domestic violence is not going away and deserves very serious attention. Programs that help battered women and their children require a lot of resources and support from the full community. That's why we are so thankful, and honored, that The Mary Kay Foundation has selected A Safe Place for this grant this year, and is helping families in Lake County.”

**THREE OUT OF FOUR  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
SHELTERS (77 PERCENT)  
REPORT AN INCREASE IN  
WOMEN SEEING  
ASSISTANCE FROM  
ABUSE.**

According to the second “Mary Kay Truth about Abuse” national survey conducted in March 2010, domestic violence shelters indicated the economic downturn has increased demand for services. Due to the economy, the survey also revealed:

- 88 percent of domestic violence shelters expect their overall situation will worsen, or remain the same into 2011.
- Three out of four domestic violence shelters (77 percent) report an increase in women seeking assistance from abuse.
- 51 percent of shelters nationwide note the abuse is more violent now than before the economic downturn.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2011 AND 2010**

	ASSETS	
	2011	2010
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 60,676	65,316
Unconditional promises to give, net	63,830	74,069
Grants receivable	344,247	65,314
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	<u>329,073</u>	<u>76,660</u>
Total current assets	797,826	281,359
LAND, BUILDING, AND EQUIPMENT, NET	10,804,679	5,001,558
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Investments, at market	<u>8,151</u>	<u>6,386</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>11,610,656</u>	<u>5,289,303</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	48,705	48,546
Accrued developer fees	94,336	-
Construction costs payable	1,402,968	103,322
Accrued compensation and related costs	122,596	92,110
Deposits payable	3,503	2,624
Short-term loans payable	171,000	215,000
Current portion of capital lease obligations	1,318	-
Current portion of term loans and mortgages payable	<u>2,900,864</u>	<u>55,808</u>
Total current liabilities	4,745,290	517,410
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Accrued developer fees	75,813	-
Capital lease obligations	10,556	-
Term loans and mortgages payable	<u>2,213,030</u>	<u>1,310,131</u>
Total long-term liabilities	2,299,399	1,310,131
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	3,791,461	3,380,343
Board designated for building and equipment replacement	5,000	5,000
Board designated for endowment	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Subtotal	3,801,461	3,390,343
Noncontrolling interests	<u>702,776</u>	-
Total unrestricted net assets	4,504,237	3,390,343
Temporarily restricted	<u>61,730</u>	71,419
Total net assets	<u>4,565,967</u>	<u>3,461,762</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>11,610,656</u>	<u>5,289,303</u>

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**  
**(WITH SUMMARIZED TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010)**

		<u>2011</u>		<u>2010</u>
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Total
<b>REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
Government grants				
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$ 130,079	\$ -	\$ 130,079	\$ 117,980
Illinois Department of Human Services	561,299	-	561,299	610,200
Federal Home Loan Bank	130,000	-	130,000	-
Supervised Visitation, Safe Havens for Children	135,785	-	135,785	7,755
Energy efficiency grants	136,883	-	136,883	-
Other government grants	<u>55,695</u>	-	<u>55,695</u>	<u>72,739</u>
Total government grants	1,149,741	-	1,149,741	808,674
United Way allocations	78,419	61,730	140,149	139,351
Foundations	289,501	-	289,501	328,503
Contributions	480,766	-	480,766	448,869
Capital contributions	710,000	0	710,000	-
Abuser services	52,388	-	52,388	48,388
Special events (net of cost \$48,127 and \$39,762, during 2011 and 2010, respectively)	96,754	-	96,754	54,124
Rent income	22,460	0	22,460	19,886
Interest and dividends	4,765	-	4,765	223
Unrealized gain on investments	1,610	-	1,610	374
Development fees	202,150	-	202,150	-
Other revenue	95,765	-	95,765	3,854
Insurance proceeds and gain from casualty	-	-	-	1,965
Net assets released from restriction	<u>71,419</u>	<u>(71,419)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues and other support	<u>3,255,738</u>	<u>(9,689)</u>	<u>3,246,049</u>	<u>1,854,211</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program services				
Residential programs	537,429	-	537,429	496,415
Nonresidential programs	589,647	-	589,647	533,211
Transitional living	312,910	-	312,910	275,083
Community education	148,325	-	148,325	208,284
Abuser services	<u>115,286</u>	-	<u>115,286</u>	<u>111,915</u>
Total program services	<u>1,703,597</u>	-	<u>1,703,597</u>	<u>1,624,908</u>
Supporting services				
Management and general	279,498	-	279,498	229,509
Fundraising	<u>158,749</u>	-	<u>158,749</u>	<u>167,137</u>
Total supporting services	<u>438,247</u>	-	<u>438,247</u>	<u>396,646</u>
Total expenses	<u>2,141,844</u>	-	<u>2,141,844</u>	<u>2,021,554</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,113,894	(9,689)	1,104,205	(167,343)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>3,390,343</u>	71,419	<u>3,461,762</u>	<u>3,629,105</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>4,504,237</u>	61,730	<u>4,565,967</u>	<u>3,461,762</u>

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**“TOO OFTEN WE UNDERESTIMATE  
THE POWER OF A TOUCH, A SMILE, A  
KIND WORD, A LISTENING EAR, AN  
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SMALLEST ACT OF CARING, ALL OF  
WHICH HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO  
TURN A LIFE AROUND.”**

**- LEO BUSCAGLIA**

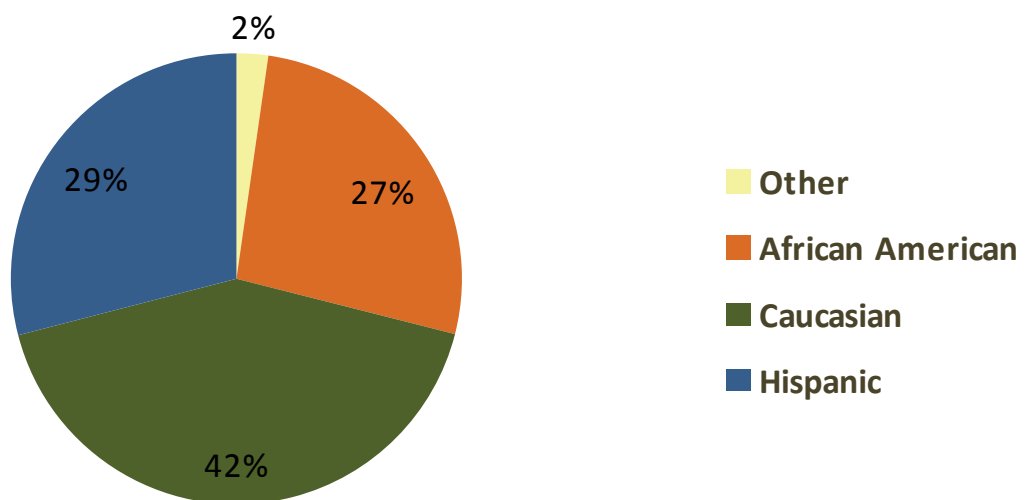
# STATISTICS

## CLIENTS SERVED

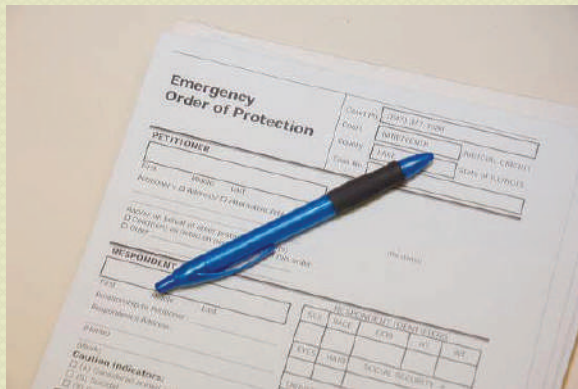
ADULT VICTIMS	1,987
CHILD WITNESSES	301
ABUSERS	244
<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>2,532</i>



## Races of Clients Served



**A SAFE PLACE  
RESPONDED TO 3,676  
CRISIS CALLS IN THE 2011  
FISCAL YEAR.**



### **ORDERS OF PROTECTION**

<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>1,017</b>
<b>INTERIM</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>PLENARY</b>	<b>326</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,359</b>

### **OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PRESENTATIONS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</b>
<b>INSTITUTIONAL ADVOCACY</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>393</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL TRAINING</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>874</b>
<b>PREVENTION EDUCATION</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>3545</b>
<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>3556</b>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>8368</b>



**OUR MISSION**

*A SAFE PLACE IS THE LEADING ADVOCATE FOR  
ELIMINATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN  
ILLINOIS.*

**OUR VISION**

*WE WILL LEAD THE NATION IN BREAKING THE  
CYCLE OF VIOLENCE, THUS CREATING SAFE AND  
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.*

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