



Celebrating 30 Years

OF SERVICES TO SURVIVORS

OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Congratulations on the 30th Anniversary of A Safe Place. The foundation of this wonderful organization lies not in the ground under the shelter or the Transitional Living Center. It lies in the hearts and minds of each and every one of you, who have participated in supporting those most in need of our services. Together, a relatively small group has tried to change the world. And if not the world directly outside our windows, it is the

world of the victims and their families who have turned to A Safe Place, because they could.



Over the past thirty years, what started out as a set of emergency services to support victims of domestic violence in our courts has grown to an emergency shelter with comprehensive services for the victim, their family, and in some cases the abuser. This year, A Safe Place celebrates the fourth year of the Transitional Living Center opening its doors. And this year, we expect to break ground on the second phase of our development, by offering an opportunity for permanent housing to survivors of domestic violence and their families. As you can see, over 30 years, this organization has come an amazingly long way. We add to our foundation every day.

As I leave the Board of Directors after eight years of service, including the last three as President, I look back with warm memories and a sense of pride in all that has been accomplished. I have worked with amazing staff members and volunteers, who are totally committed to the organization, its mission, and its clients. You do such much with limited resources. We may never truly understand how you do it, but we are glad you do, and as a Board are committed to do all we can do give you all the tools necessary.

In my role on the governing body of A Safe Place, I have met so many wonderfully committed and talented people, some of which I am lucky to now have as life-long friends. To each and every one of you, thank you for your efforts, time and passion. To future Board members, the role you play is essential for the ongoing development of this organization.

To the donor community, I applaud your support. We realize there are always limits and priorities in giving. Each of you give for a reason. On behalf of the organization, I would ask you consider sharing your passion with a friend,

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colleague, or business relationship. We make connections sometimes out of the most innocent of conversations. With more conversations, the potential to broaden our donor roster increases exponentially.

As a fledgling Board Member recruit, I met with Phyllis DeMott to discuss A Safe Place and what I could do to contribute. I have learned in my eight years that finding a way to support Phyllis' vision is the greatest path to best serving our communities. Anyone that has spent even a few brief minutes cannot help but understand the depth to which Phyllis lives and breathes A Safe Place. I am humbled by the stories she relays and have been driven to help her and her staff in achieving the mission.

I appreciate all that I have learned and have been blessed with being part of this organization for the past eight years. We will continue to strive towards the mission of A Safe Place — to end domestic violence in our communities. The organization has come a long way over its 30 years, setting a wonderful foundation to thrive in the future. To all, stay committed, stay involved, stay passionate. For together, we can make these dreams a reality.

All the best!

Robert Boyle, President



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

A Safe Place is having its 30th birthday! I can hardly believe that I have been its executive director for more than half of its life. I moved into an office in a brand new shelter building. Since then...



- » Our shelter beds have increased
- » We have added our court program
- » We have added our prevention program
- » We have implemented a more intense children's program for children at risk.
- » We have opened a centrally located office for non-residential counseling
- » We have added a comprehensive Latina component to all of our programs
- » We started a pilot "ride along" program in Mundelein; part of this program are follow up calls to survivors for all domestic violence calls, offering support and services.
- » We have constructed a twenty unit apartment building for victim/survivors of domestic violence and their child witnesses; and we are breaking ground for another 20 units in September.



- » We, along with the court, are opening the Family Visitation Center of Lake County to provide safe exchanges and supervised visitation for parents of children who have witnessed domestic violence in their homes.

One might ask, what else is there?

Of course, with regard to increasing services, there are major challenges. A Safe Place's emergency shelter is always full. For the first time in its history, A Safe Place has a

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waiting list for non-residential individual counseling for adults and children; we have huge waiting lists for our affordable, supportive housing programs; the opportunities for education and outreach are enormous.

It is, however, a priority for us to advocate for battered women and their child witnesses. We have so much to do. No matter how often we educate or advocate, there is still limited understanding about domestic violence, particularly on how domestic violence affects the decisions regarding child custody, charges made

against victim and abuser; how we talk with our teens about dating; and the list goes on.

Several weeks ago, we all read about the mother who killed her five-year-old stepson. We were all horrified; however, during our staff process of this event, we all were asking, "What possible abuse had this woman experienced that contributed to this act?" While this is not an excuse, it is important to acknowledge the abuse that 25% of women experience and the possible ramifications of that abuse, not only to the woman herself, but on the community and her family. None of the responses printed in the newspaper even acknowledged what this woman, herself, might have experienced.

It takes a community to eliminate domestic violence—police, churches, schools, courts, social service agencies, everyday citizens. It not only takes money to fund programs and services, but also a willingness to speak out about the crime of domestic violence and challenge ourselves to get involved in making sure that we all recognize, educate and work toward the goal of eliminating domestic violence in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis A. DeMott".

Phyllis A. DeMott, Executive Director

A SAFE PLACE — 30 YEARS OF SERVICE
TO VICTIM-SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In 1980 A Safe Place opened its doors to provide safe emergency shelter to battered women. There were eighteen beds to fill, and no one was sure who might come. We quickly learned that our concern for filling the beds would not be an issue, and by the end of the first week were faced with the new challenge of finding overflow shelter options for the many nights when there were more than eighteen women and children who needed to escape the abuse at home.



Thirty years later, A Safe Place has helped over 50,000 women and children transform their lives after domestic violence. We continue to operate with a Field of Dreams philosophy: “If we build it, they will come.” And come they do.

When we opened A Safe Room at the courthouse in Waukegan to assist victims in seeking Orders of Protection, women came. When we built a new shelter with 30 (and later 35) beds, more families continued to come. When we started to offer group and individual counseling in offices across Lake County, women came and asked for services for their children. (We responded with age-appropriate children’s groups and individual counseling for kids.) When we built 20 apartments for transitional housing, abused women came in droves. History has proven that our services to victim-survivors of domestic violence are needed, and that women draw upon tremendous courage to seek help from A Safe Place at a time when they are facing the greatest danger and are most at-risk from lethal violence.

Each of our clients over the years has a unique story of abuse and isolation. Some are memorable for the horrors they suffered at home. Others for the success they created for themselves after leaving their abuser. These are just a few whose stories have impacted A Safe Place over the years.

Lucia was among the clients who came to our shelter in the early years. She brought her six children with her, knowing that some would have to sleep on the floor so that they could all be in the same room. She left the shelter vowing to never return to her abusive husband. Like many women we serve, Lucia lost touch with A Safe Place soon after leaving the shelter, but she reconnected with us in 2007 when she was in the courthouse on business, dropping in to A Safe Room to “just say thanks.” In that visit she reconnected with her advocate from the shelter who now leads the court advocacy program. Lucia shared that after leaving the shelter she finished college, started a her own business and won a seat in her local municipal elections as her way of giving back to the community that supported her when she

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desperately needed help rebuilding her life after the abuse. Lucia proudly shared that all of her children had finished college, and among them were two doctors and a lawyer. They all look back on their stay at A Safe Place’s shelter as a time that shaped their desire to help others.

Other stories are more easily summed up, as ten-year-old Michael did upon seeing his family’s new apartment in A Safe Place’s transitional living building. “Mom, I told you if you left him we would be OK.” He

was confident from the start that this was a good move for the family, and confirmed that as they moved out of their apartment two years later when he told his counselor, “This was the safest I’ve ever felt at home.”

Barbara shared her experiences of change with support from A Safe Place in her letter:

A Safe Place assisted me and my children in getting our life back. We were accepted into the transitional living facility where our healing began.

They helped me and my children to love each other, communicate and respect one another. I learned to conquer my fears and set boundaries that were right for me and my family.

I have been in abusive relationships for over 15 years of my life and I didn’t know any life could be different.

But thank you staff and counseling at A Safe Place for helping me to help myself and my children to see there is a different life out there and I am living it right now.

I know my red flags, signs and boundaries now and I practice them every day. I truly appreciate the assistance and showing me there is help out here and people care.

I tip my hat to A Safe Place for an excellent job in caring for me and my family.

Sincerely,

Barbara

The key to the success of A Safe Place and the continued safety of victims is the response of our entire community to the urgent needs of abused people. Our services assist victims in transforming their lives from violence to safety, but no victim is solely responsible for her safety. Instead, we move forward into the future of A Safe Place with the goal of building a comprehensive whole-community awareness of the needs of victims, and services that respond to the need to make every home safer for every family.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position — June 30, 2010 and 2009

	2010	2009
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$65,316	\$46,790
Unconditional promises to give, net	\$74,069	\$81,774
Grants receivable	\$65,314	\$88,745
Prepaid expenses	\$76,660	\$32,054
Total current assets	\$281,359	\$249,363
LAND, BUILDING, AND EQUIPMENT, NET	\$5,001,558	\$4,891,213
OTHER ASSETS		
Investments, at market	\$6,386	\$92,633
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,289,303	\$5,233,209
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$48,546	\$76,966
Construction costs payable	\$103,322	\$25,318
Accrued compensation and related costs	\$92,110	\$93,219
Deposits payable	\$2,624	\$10,095
Short-term loans payable	\$215,000	\$150,000
Current portion of long-term debt	\$55,808	\$46,410
Total current liabilities	\$517,410	\$402,008
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Term loan payable	\$140,114	\$0
Mortgage payable-IHDA	\$298,475	\$286,484
Mortgage payable-other	\$871,542	\$915,612
Total long-term liabilities	\$1,310,131	\$1,202,096
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	\$3,380,343	\$2,953,018
Board designated for building and equipment replacement	\$5,000	\$430,928
Board designated for endowment	\$5,000	\$167,012
Total unrestricted net assets	\$3,390,343	\$3,550,958
Temporarily restricted	\$71,419	\$78,147
Total net assets	\$3,461,762	\$3,629,105
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$5,289,303	\$5,233,209

Consolidated Statement of Activities for the Year Ended June 30, 2010 with Summarized Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2009

	Unrestricted	2010 Temporarily Restricted	Total	2009 Total
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Government grants				
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$117,980	\$0	\$117,980	\$104,039
Illinois Department of Human Services	\$610,200	\$0	\$610,200	\$667,400
Other government grants	\$80,494	\$0	\$80,494	\$77,331
Total government grants	\$808,674	\$0	\$808,674	\$848,770
United Way allocations	\$71,432	\$67,919	\$139,351	\$120,793
Foundations	\$328,503	\$0	\$328,503	\$282,135
Contributions	\$448,869	\$0	\$448,869	\$561,878
Abuser services	\$48,388	\$0	\$48,388	\$58,858
Special events (net of cost, \$39,762 and \$45,071)	\$54,124	\$0	\$54,124	\$48,927
Rent income	\$19,886	\$0	\$19,886	\$18,800
Interest and dividends	\$223	\$0	\$223	\$2,524
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	\$374	\$0	\$374	\$(9,911)
Other revenue	\$3,854	\$0	\$3,854	\$4,758
Insurance proceeds and gain from casualty	\$1,965	\$0	\$1,965	\$45,156
Net assets released from restriction	\$74,647	\$(74,647)	\$0	\$0
Total revenues and other support	\$1,860,939	\$(6,728)	\$1,854,211	\$1,982,688
EXPENSES				
Program services				
Residential programs	\$496,415	\$0	\$496,415	\$771,346
Nonresidential programs	\$533,211	\$0	\$533,211	\$586,448
Transitional living	\$275,083	\$0	\$275,083	\$337,346
Community education	\$208,284	\$0	\$208,284	\$210,929
Abuser services	\$111,915	\$0	\$111,915	\$135,712
Total program services	\$1,624,908	\$0	\$1,624,908	\$2,041,781
Supporting services				
Management and general	\$229,509	\$0	\$229,509	\$243,263
Fundraising	\$167,137	\$0	\$167,137	\$170,244
Total supporting services	\$396,646	\$0	\$396,646	\$413,507
Total expenses	\$2,021,554	\$0	\$2,021,554	\$2,455,288
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$(160,615)	\$(6,728)	\$(167,343)	\$(472,600)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$3,550,958	\$78,147	\$3,629,105	\$4,101,705
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$3,390,343	\$71,419	\$3,461,762	\$3,629,105

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FISCAL YEAR 2010



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Back row: Phyllis DeMott, MaryKay Foy, David Hesselbein, Michael Rosengarden, Robert Boyle, Colleen Cramlet, Shannon Towson

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Not pictured: Moira MacGregor, Jude Rake, Mario Ventrelli, Ingrid Wiemer

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	Shanique Tait, <i>Advocate</i>
	Daisy Vasquez, <i>Family Therapist</i>

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VOLUNTEERS

*A Safe Place is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers serve in our programs.
We thank these volunteers for their service to A Safe Place and our clients.*

Barbara Beck	Cassandra Gordon-Fletcher	Claudia Pannell
Jessica Bridgewater	Elizabeth Hernandez	Angela Pastorek
Sandy Browe	Julie Holdman	Geanina Pavel
Alma Bullman	Jordan Houtz	Catherine A. Pecklay
Diane Clavedetscher	Louis L. Joseph	Karen Rand
Hannah Cohen	Betty Kamy	Susan T. Robbins
Marilyn Craig	Julie Kapecki	Andrea Rosengarden
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Jim Donald	Lisamarie Keskar	Kristen Savage
Dorothy Ellis	Sheila Klemperer	Gina Sinagra
Margaret Evert	William Kohler	Beverly A. Sleep
Susan Felber	Pamela Kopach	Susan Soble
John Flynn	Savanna Lacey	Marcela Torres-Caro
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Concie Fowler	Joan Lomont	Cmdr. Terry Vandergrift
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Christie Gonzales		

SERVICES AND STATISTICS

A Safe Place Service Statistics, FY2010

NUMBER OF CLIENTS — ALL PROGRAMS

	<i>Victim Residents</i>	<i>Victim Non-Residents</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Batterers</i>	<i>Total</i>
Women	130	1,718	1,848	18	1,866
Men	0	308	308	286	594
Children:					
Female	56	58	114	0	114
Male	58	59	117	0	117
TOTALS	244	2,143	2,387	304	2,691

CLIENT RACE/ETHNICITY

Native American	12	0.45%
Asian	33	1.23%
African American	744	27.65%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	7	0.27%
Caucasian	1,238	46.01%
Unknown	34	1.26%
Native American and Caucasian	1	0.03%
African American and Caucasian	17	0.63%
Asian and African American	1	0.03%
Asian and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	0.03%
Hispanic	603	22.41%

PROGRAM SERVICE STATISTICS, FY 2010

Residential Services

A Safe Place provided a total of 6,656 nights of shelter to 244 victims of domestic violence in 2010. Emergency shelter clients included 130 women and 114 children who received services in our building or at a local hotel. A Safe Place made significant renovations to our shelter building during the year, which required that clients be provided shelter in hotels for four months of the year. The renovation work is now complete.

Nonresidential Services

Counselors and Advocates at A Safe Place provided advocacy, individual counseling and group services to 2,143 nonresidential clients in 2010. This includes 1,718 women, 117 children, and 308 men.

Court Advocacy/Orders of Protection

In 2010, A Safe Place assisted clients seeking orders of protection in 1,580 court appearances in Waukegan's 19th Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois.

24-Hour Help Line

A Safe Place operates a 24-hour help line for victims and concerned friends to call for information about domestic violence and to receive services from A Safe Place. In 2010, A Safe Place answered 4,619 calls for help.

Transitional Housing

A Safe Place provided transitional living apartments to 24 women and 25 of their children in 2010. Women sign six-month leases and can renew for up to two years in our transitional living program. Along with affordable housing, the tenants receive on-site supportive services, including domestic violence support groups, life skills training, and counseling services for adults and children.

Intervention Program for Domestic Abuse and Violence (IPDAV)

In addition to meeting the direct needs of victims, A Safe Place provides additional safety to victims through our IPDAV program. IPDAV provides 24-week group counseling sessions for abusers. The group focuses on changing attitudes and behaviors, and having abusers take responsibility for their abuse. In 2010, 304 abusive partners received services at IPDAV.

Community Education and Prevention Programs

A Safe Place offers education and awareness programs to audiences across our northern Illinois service area. We speak to students in junior high and high schools, community and church groups, professionals who encounter victims of domestic violence in their work, and the community at large. In 2010, we presented education and prevention programs in the following areas:

PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS

100 programs presented · 3,432 students reached

PUBLIC EDUCATION

55 programs presented · 2,628 people reached

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

25 programs presented · 442 professionals reached

INSTITUTIONAL ADVOCACY

80 programs presented · 792 people reached

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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