



2012 Annual Report

### A Letter from our President

Dear Friends:

Another year has passed, and again I am faced with reflecting on the past year as Board President of A Safe Place. I have to say that it has been a challenging year, and a year of cignificant change. I think that we all know that change can mean different.

significant change. I think that we all know that change can mean different things to different people. Some view change as negative, others view change as opportunity. Even in the dictionary, change takes several meanings. Here are a few: To make the future course different from what it is or from what it would be if left alone, to transform, to pass gradually into. I find myself drawn to the first one – To make the future course different from what it is or from what it would be if left alone. In and of itself, this definition isn't good or bad, positive or negative, just that things will be different.

We ended our fiscal year at the very tail end of a search for a new executive director. The search was not an easy or fast moving process. The good part

about it is the ability to strategize and think creatively about the characteristics that would be desirable for this role. Another positive outcome was the ability for the board to get more acquainted with the day to day life of the agency during the transitional period.

At the very start of this new year, our new executive director came on board. For those who did not get the announcement, her name is Patricia Davenport, and all I can say is that Pat came to A Safe Place ready to work, and work hard. With a change in leadership comes new energy, focus and ideas. Not only are we looking to continue to work hard but now we are looking at ways to work more efficiently and effectively, to use the same resources to get better results, and to measure our effectiveness in order to achieve more quality and success. All of these activities are things that we can be very excited and enthusiastic about. Kind of like how we feel enthused about our favorite sports team at the beginning of the season. Only in our case, our "wins" have a significantly greater impact on someone's life than a win on a sports venue.

As much as I started this letter talking about reflecting on the past year, I don't think I can fully express the anticipation that I feel about the coming year. Bringing us back to the change theme, I believe change presents opportunity. We now have an incredible opportunity to re-define the impact we want to have, to re-evaluate how to better serve our clients, and to further our relationships in the community. This will be another year of challenge. We are really looking to challenge ourselves to be better, more effective, and impact more lives both for intervention and prevention of the horrific crime of domestic violence.

Thank you to all of you who have been faithful to us. We are deeply grateful, and are very committed to continue to strive for the elimination of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

David Hesselbein

President

Board of Directors

A Safe Place

### Supportive Housing: A New Beginning

In July 2011, A Safe Place opened the doors of safety and security for 20 more families who were welcomed into our brand new supportive housing apartments. With support from the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Lake County HOME, Federal Home Loan Bank, and First Midwest Bank, A Safe Place constructed a 20-apartment addition to our existing building in Zion. The new building was developed in partnership with Brinshore Development, LLC of Northbrook.



At A Safe Place, we have found that the greatest barrier to future safety that a survivor domestic abuse faces is the lack of affordable housing in our area. Without a safe, affordable home, a formerly battered woman may return to the home of her abuser out of necessity. These twenty apartments will help survivors by providing a safe, affordable home so that no woman needs to make the choice between safety and homelessness for herself and her children From emergency shelter to transitional housing, and now with supportive housing, A Safe

Place offers a full continuum of housing programs that support women on their journey to safety.

A Safe Place's new supportive housing project was honored by the Illinois Housing Development Authority with the 2012 Gale Cincotta Illinois Affordable Housing Award. This award is given in recognition of innovation and excellence in affordable housing throughout Illinois to a new affordable housing development that advances affordable housing in the state.

This recognition highlights A Safe Place's groundbreaking work in developing a supportive housing program that focuses on providing housing and services to survivors of domestic violence. Ours is the



first IHDA-funded supportive housing development in Illinois with a focus on this special population. The affordable housing community has long recognized domestic violence as a factor that increases a woman's risk for homelessness. By developing our 20 -unit apartment building, A Safe Place is helping to prevent homelessness for women who have already struggled and survived so much. We are grateful to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for bestowing this honor upon A Safe Place.

## Awards



A Safe Place is proud to recognize Justice Anne Burke's contributions on behalf of abused women and children across the State of Illinois with an award that is named for A Safe Place's first president, Joyce Fitzgerald.

### **Honoring Justice Burke**

A Safe Place honored Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke with the Joyce Fitzgerald Award at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Unmask the Violence event on October 29, 2011. 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. Justice Burke has endeavored to provide a voice to society's most fragile citizens throughout, and prior to, her distinguished legal career. Before her appointment to the judiciary, Justice Burke was a leading advocate on behalf of Chicago's most vulnerable of young people. As a physical education teacher with the Chicago Park District, she worked with children with disabilities. Out of that experience, she went on to found the Chicago Special Olympics in 1968. She later served as a director of that organization as it grew to become the International Special Olympics represented in more than 160 countries. A career advocate of children and society's most vulnerable citizens, Justice Burke also served as the director of the National Review Board of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops which examined the

# Dignity for Victims: The Humana Grant

clergy abuse scandal.



A Safe Place was honored to receive the Humana Communities Benefit – Chicago Grant in October 2011. The \$100,000 award helped A Safe Place to address building maintenance and outdated technology that have inhibited our effectiveness in assisting clients and have created inefficiencies among staff. With the renovation of the heating and air conditioning systems at A Safe Place's 20-year old shelter building, replacement of computers at all facilities, creation of computer labs for shelter and housing residents, and the purchase of new furnishings for transitional living apartments, Humana's grant helped A Safe Place to restore a comfortable environment that reflects a positive attitude so that clients feel better about themselves and the decisions they have made in leaving their abusive partner. Computer labs will allow residents to participate in computer training, search for employment and create resumes or complete school work.

New furnishings and the updated heating and cooling system have helped to create an environment that reflects the respect and dignity that A Safe Place promotes for each survivor who seeks support in our shelter and housing programs.

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Pay w the Order of: _	A Safe Place	\$ 100,000
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### **Statistics**

#### **Outreach and Education** Type Number of Number of Presentations **Participants** 10 **Institutional Advocacy** 72 **Professional Training** 214 10 **Prevention Education** 119 3550 **Public Education** 119 3913 **Totals** 258 7749

Nights of shelter provided: 7,519

A Safe Place responded to 3,379 crisis calls in the 2012 fiscal year

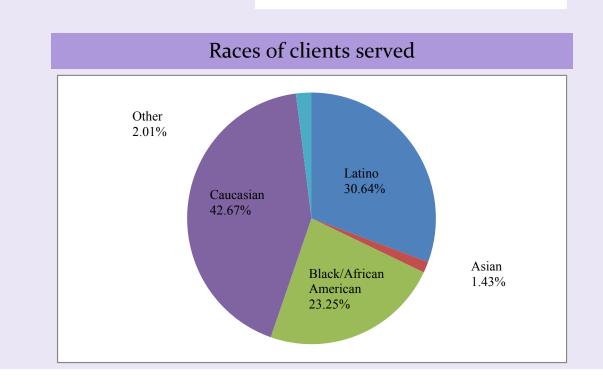
Clients served
Adult victims 2,217
Child witnesses 285
Abusers 153

# Legal Advocacy

Orders of Protection 1,636

### **Family Visitation Center**

Supervised Visits 858 Custody Exchanges 343



# LAKE COUNTY CRISIS CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INC. a/k/a A SAFE PLACE

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### Unaudited for the Year Ended June 30, 2012 With Summarized Totals For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

	2012			2011	
		Temporarily			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total	
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT					
Government grants					
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$ 139,008	<b>s</b> -	\$ 139,008	\$ 130,079	
Illinois Department of Human Services	583,742	100	583,742	561,299	
Federal Home Loan Bank	-	223	=	130,000	
Supervised Visitation, Safe Havens for Children	144,915	; <del>-</del> 4	144,915	135,785	
Energy Efficiency Grants (Invested in A Safe Pla	-	-	10.1012.039-	136,883	
Other Government Grants	145,518	525	145,518	55,695	
Total Government Grants	1,013,183	-	1,013,183	1,149,741	
United Way allocations	71,729	50,389	122,118	140,149	
Foundations	299,510	141,448	440,958	289,501	
Contributions	360,648	17	360,648	480,766	
Capital Contributions	4,031,801	1.0	4,031,801	710,000	
Abuser services	64,366	(8)	64,366	52,388	
Special events (net of cost, \$44,954 and \$48,127)	100,176	(5)	100,176	96,754	
Rent income	205,534		205,534	22,460	
Interest and dividends	593	( <del>-</del>	593	4,765	
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	265		265	1,610	
Development Fees	50,537	-	50,537	202,150	
Other revenue	29,891	-	29,891	95,765	
Net assets released from restriction	61,730	(61,730)			
Total revenues and other support	6,289,963	130,107	6,420,070	3,246,049	
EXPENSES					
Program services					
Residential programs	523,021	12	523,021	537,429	
Nonresidential programs	625,803	( <del>4</del> 8	625,803	589,647	
Transitional living	298,426		298,426	312,910	
Permanent Supportive Housing	548,013		548,013	2 .7	
Community education	140,265	-	140,265	148,325	
Abuser services	108,094	-	108,094	115,286	
Total program services	2,243,622	<b>*</b>	2,243,622	1,703,597	
Supporting services					
Management and general	284,071	-	284,071	279,498	
Fundraising	134,872		134,872	158,749	
Total supporting services	418,943	<b>*</b>	418,943	438,247	
Total expenses	2,662,565	÷.	2,662,565	2,141,844	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	3,627,398	130,107	3,757,505	1,104,205	
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,504,236	61,730	4,565,966	3,461,762	
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 8,131,634	\$ 191,837	\$ 8,323,471	\$ 4,565,967	

# LAKE COUNTY CRISIS CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INC. a/k/a A SAFE PLACE

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### Unaudited for the Year Ended June 30, 2012 With Summarized Totals For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

#### ASSETS

ASSE15	2012	2011
CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 287,517	\$ 60,676
Unconditional promises to give, net	150,389	63,830
Rents Receivable	5,253	•
Grants receiveable	89,710	344,247
Prepaid expenses & other assets	57,615	36,123
Total current assets	590,484	504,876
LAND, BUILDING, AND EQUIPMENT, NET	10,841,560	10,804,679
OTHER ASSETS		
Security Deposits Held in Trust	19,062	3
Restricted Assets & Funded Reserves	599,845	*
Deferred Fees, Net	252,057	292,950
Investments in marketable equity securities, at market	8,485	8,151
Total current assets	879,449	301,101
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 12,311,493	\$ 11,610,656
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 81,346	\$ 48,705
Accrued developer fees	•	94,336
Construction costs payable	-	1,402,968
Accrued compensation and related costs	87,045	122,596
Deposits payable	16,734	3,503
Short-Term Loans Payable	-	171,000
Received in Advance	796	1 218
Current portion of capital lease obligations Current portion of long-term debt	65,851	1,318 2,900,864
Total current liabilities	251,772	4,745,290
LONG TERM I (4 BU IFUE)	58 <del></del>	
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Accrued developer fees Capital lease obligations	-	75,813
Term loans and mortgages payable	3,736,250	10,556 2,213,030
Total long-term liabilities	3,736,250	2,299,399
	3,/30,230	2,299,399
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Undesignated	2 692 = 12	2 501 161
Board designated for building and equipment replacement	3,683,742 5,000	3,791,461 5,000
Board designated for endowment	5,000	5,000
Subtotal	3,693,742	3,801,461
Noncontrolling Interests	4,437,892	702,776
Total unrestricted net assets	8,131,634	
Temporarily restricted	191,837	4,504,237 61,730
Total net assets	8,323,471	4,565,967
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 12,311,493	\$ 11,610,656

# A Safe Place Board of Directors

### **Board Members**

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### **Volunteers**

A Safe Place is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers serve in our programs. In FY12 volunteers provided 4,833 hours of service to A Safe Place. We thank these volunteers for their services to A Safe Place and our clients.

Marcella Torres-Caro
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The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

-Mitch Albom

### A Safe Place Staff

**Stacey Acevez** *Crisis Advocate* 

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Alana DeVaughn
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Nonresidential Counselor



A Safe Place is grateful to the many donors who contribute to the success of our programs and the clients who receive services in those programs. These generous supporters help to ensure that survivors of domestic violence find the help that they need at A Safe Place. Our services open the doors to safety and independence. Thank you for ensuring that our doors are open to victims in need of our help.

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Benefit	Services	Foundation	Armin & Esther Hirsch
Illinois Coalition Against	Lake County Community	Baxter - Employee Giving	Foundation
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