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## **A Safe Place Receives Grant through Church of the Holy Spirit Mission and Outreach Program**

**LAKE COUNTY, IL** – A \$5,000 grant from Lake Forest’s Church of the Holy Spirit was awarded to A Safe Place to help support its domestic violence programs that assist victims rebuild their lives.

The grant is part of the Church’s Mission and Outreach, working with organizations that provide services and resources to its neighbors and enhance the life of the community. Recently, the Mission and Outreach group refocused its efforts around organizations that specifically reach out to children, families, and the food insecure.

The funds will be used to continue providing programs and services that are client-centered and provide a safety net to assist victims and their children from a Family Therapy perspective. Services are designed to meet the immediate crisis and long term needs of domestic violence victims and their children, and to support them in their journey to healing and living a violence free life.

A Safe Place is Lake County’s sole provider of services exclusively focusing on domestic violence victims. Through multi-faceted programs, A Safe Place provides lifesaving services to victims and their children, assists the whole family in transforming their lives after domestic violence, prevents future abuse by addressing its root cause through abuser intervention programs, and educates the community about domestic violence and how we can all be involved in its end. Last year, A Safe Place served over 13,000 community members.

As funding from the State of Illinois decreases, the grant from the Church of the Holy Spirit is needed now more than ever. Services and staffing is decreasing, threatening the foundation of all programs,

from emergency shelter and court advocacy to counseling and life skills. Last year, over 500 individuals were turned away due to lack of funding.

For more information about ASP's counseling program or services, call 847-731-7165 or visit [www.asafeplaceforhelp.org](http://www.asafeplaceforhelp.org).

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*Founded in 1978, A Safe Place is the leading advocate for eliminating domestic violence in northern Illinois, and is Lake County, Illinois' only provider of services exclusively for victims of domestic violence. A Safe Place provides emergency shelter, permanent housing, a 24-hour crisis line (847-249-4450), court and non-legal advocacy, individual, group, and children's counseling, art therapy, family visitation services, batterer intervention services; and community outreach, prevention education, and professional training. Our service area includes Lake, McHenry, and northern Cook counties in Illinois; however, our clients come to us from across the state, region, and country.*

*For more information about A Safe Place, visit [www.asafeplaceforhelp.org](http://www.asafeplaceforhelp.org), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).*