

2019 AT SafePlace

freedom from violence

Work at SafePlace is centered around our community – and is only made possible by the strength of our neighbors and their investment in the mission working towards freedom from violence. As SafePlace continues to grow change and add services to best meet the needs of survivors, we are constantly struck by the strength of our community, and the grace and generosity you all show to some of our most vulnerable neighbors at some of the hardest points in their lives.

Your investment in this organization helps us offer holistic, creative solutions to survivors as they navigate aspects of leaving abuse such as court hearings, moving to secure housing, and accessing support groups and other tools for healing. The feedback SafePlace gets from clients speaks to the importance of offering care both through crisis and beyond. We are honored to be a piece of the puzzle that is rebuilding after experiencing violence.

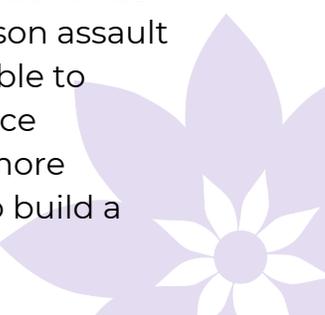
One housing client, “Tara,” recently reached out to her housing case manager after settling into the apartment she and her children were able to move into with help from SafePlace:



“I’m doing okay! ... The kids are in a good school district, a safe area and lots of nature! I’m about halfway through my schooling program!!! It’s been a tough road but I am so thankful for everything SP did for my children and I, and especially you going above and beyond for us. I will never forget it!! It will come back to you and the organization. Thank you so much!”

SafePlace was able to quickly find “Tara” housing in the neighborhood she wanted to raise her children in - thanks to connections with community members like you. Through strong relationships with landlords in Thurston County, donations of home furnishings and gift cards to buy food and clothing, “Tara” and her kids are able to concentrate on healing now that they are safely housed.

And this is just one facet of the work your support enables SafePlace to continue doing. From legal clinics to parenting classes, emergency shelter to prison assault response, walk-in advocacy, support groups and beyond, SafePlace is able to weave a web of support for survivors thanks to our community. SafePlace provided direct services 1,239 survivors in 2019 - plus several thousand more served through 24/7 phone helpline - thanks to you. It takes all of us to build a community free from violence. Thank you for joining the movement.



2019 Highlights



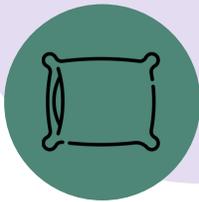
Advocacy

Advocated to 976 walk-in clients at our Community Services Center



Youth & Parenting Program

95% of students agree that they are likely to use the information they learned in our Healthy Relationships workshops



24-Hour Emergency Shelter

Provided 6,925 bednights to 193 adults and children



Housing Program

170 clients received services, including eviction prevention, rental subsidies, bill payments, & relocation assistance



Sexual Assault Program

279 survivors of sexual assault received services including legal and medical advocacy

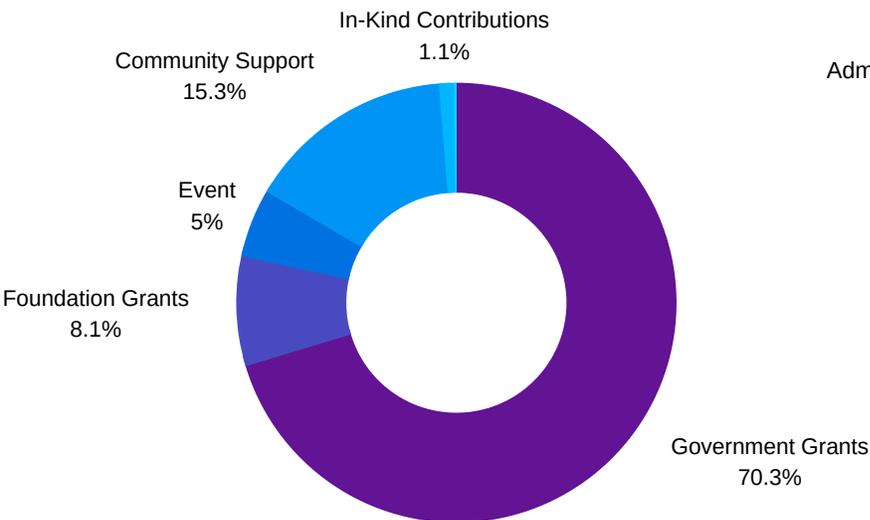


Volunteer Program

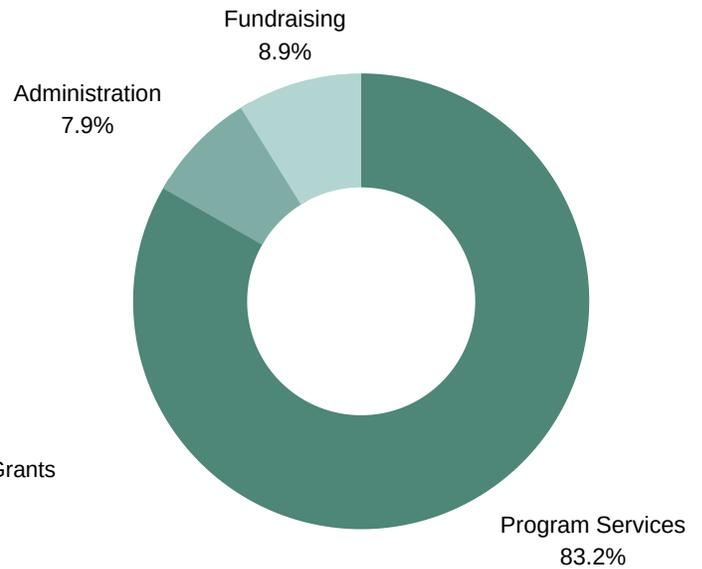
32 volunteers, staff & community members attended Advocate Core Training hosted by our Volunteer Program

2019 Funding & Expenses

Funding Sources

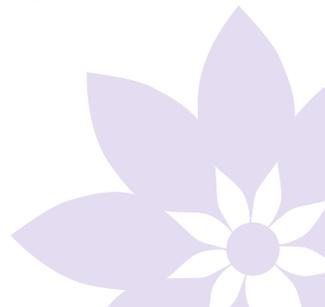


Expenses



Thank you to all of our 2019 Funders. Together, we can build a community free from violence.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." –Coretta Scott King



A Letter from Our New Development Director



1981 - SafePlace was officially founded in 1981. The year that the film *Ordinary People* cleaned up at the Academy Awards. Journey's *Don't Stop Believing* was the new hit during that phase in music-listening history when the cassette tape was replacing the 8-track. In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman ever on the United States Supreme Court.

From then through now, SafePlace has remained. And the transformation over these past four decades has been remarkable! In 1981, this was an agency with a few volunteers helping a few people. Entering 2020, SafePlace is an established community entity with a few dozen full-time employees providing direct services to several thousand people each year!

Just as *Don't Stop Believing* has remained a constant on the airwaves all this time, SafePlace has sustained as the go-to resource for domestic violence and sexual assault services in this region. SafePlace continues to operate the 24/7 helpline, sexual assault response program, and confidential emergency shelter. In addition, SafePlace expanded services like supportive housing, legal advocacy, and youth prevention and education.

These 24/7 responsibilities are intense! When the hospital calls at 3:00am because they are treating someone who has been sexually assaulted, a SafePlace advocate is dispatched to meet. Or when a survivor, family member, or concerned community member phones the crisis helpline any time, a SafePlace advocate is on the other end of the line to provide support and resources at any time.

All of you who support these efforts at SafePlace have a critical role in helping survivors and their children affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Your donations of time and money - and your willingness to collaborate for the benefit of survivors - positions our community to prevent another generation of this epidemic of abuse.

Following its mission to create societal change, SafePlace continues to adapt, learn, and grow in this region of Southwest Washington where the population has doubled since 1981. Despite the negatives that still contribute to continued problems, it is extremely encouraging to see the societal shift towards prevention efforts and trauma-informed approaches in recent years. These positive shifts are great indications as SafePlace moves into 2020 and beyond!

Thank you to all who contributed to the successes at SafePlace outlined in this 2019 Year in Review!

Pat Hughes
Development Director

