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Volunteers Making a Difference

SafePlace volunteers find a meaningful, rewarding way to support survivors as they rebuild their lives after abuse. Our volunteers are integral to the services that we offer, and are ambassadors that help build a community which actively stands behind survivors as they heal.

Volunteering at SafePlace is a gratifying way to give back to your community, and can also be a healing experience for volunteers who have survived their own trauma. One advocate looks back at her own survivor story when asked why volunteering at SafePlace is special to her. “It took me 38 years to ever talk to anyone about the abuse growing up as a child and the abuse from my husband I endured for 19 years. I want to be there for a survivor who is ready to talk, wants to or needs to.”



Community members that volunteer help SafePlace expand the space available to meet one another with survivor-centered care, and create a place where community can turn when the challenges of enduring violence come to a head.

Want to get involved, but don't know if you're the right fit? SafePlace looks for a variety of different skill sets when interviewing volunteers. Volunteering at SafePlace can look like directly working with survivors or working in supportive roles that help SafePlace function as a whole.

Some of the services that volunteers help with include answering the Helpline, advocating with survivors during walk-ins or at our confidential shelter, responding to sexual assault examination calls at St. Peter's

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Safety Planning for a Safer Future

The presence of guns in domestically violent situations can escalate the situation with deadly results. Research shows that “an abuser’s access to a firearm increases the risk of femicide by at least 400%.”

Protective Orders are one way that survivors can take action in a domestic or sexual violence situation. When survivors obtain a Protection Order, the respondent’s ability to buy, sell or possess firearms might be temporarily suspended, and they may be ordered to give up any guns they own while

the order is in place.

However, courts and law enforcement aren't always aware of the firearms that the respondent might own or possess – leaving abusers with access to weapons despite preventative measures.

Modeled after a policy established by King County, SafePlace’s Legal Advocacy program is working on a procedure to better safety plan around firearm and weapon identification with clients who have or are seeking to obtain a Protection Order. This procedure includes a firearm assessment

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Amanda Shariah
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Cecily Sierra
Dan Sophie
Esmeralda Vanessa
Harley
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Message from our Executive Director



Communities come together. It is what they are designed to do. Sometimes, and most often, this can take shape in the wake of a hardship. Nothing unifies people like

overcoming a tragedy together – for a time. The challenge with unification in seasons like that is it often doesn't last long, and once the initial impact of trauma passes, people often slowly migrate back to their pre-existing corners of the community.

This past year has been an incredible reminder of the unity that is truly foundational in our community, and the care and compassion we collectively put into being in it together – perpetually. It is seen in the ongoing support that our community shows our agency, and in the

peaks of generosity in the holiday season. It is also incredibly evident in the way that volunteers offer hours of committed, engaging and client-centered services to our survivors out of the goodness of their hearts.

SafePlace is a part of so many stories of strength and power in our community, and the victories and transformations that come out of people's experiences are all of ours to share. I treasure the solidarity it takes to make our community safe, not only because of the benefit to SafePlace as we carry out this crucial work, but because without it none of us will ever truly be free from violence. May we continue to support one another relentlessly, today and always.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'sm Lloyd'.

Sarah M. Lloyd, Executive Director

PS- We're grateful for the tremendous example of the beauty of solidarity represented in recent Community Benefit Events listed below. Thank you!

Many thanks to the following businesses and groups for supporting SafePlace through Community Benefit Events from 9/15/2018- 2/1/2019

The Giving Tree hosted by 222 Market
Lucky Eagle Casino
Kroger Shopper's Rebate
Olympia Unitarian Universalist Church
Tumwater United Methodists Church
Calcara Family Chiropractic
Pokémon GO Olympia
Rotary Club of South Puget Sound
Sheryl Wisner House Concert
Dockside Bistro
Gull Harbor Art and Craft Show
Black Hills Junior Football League
Broadway Olympia Productions
Storman's
7th Grade Students at Nova Middle School
Lost Lake Buddy Club
Grace Community Covenant Church,
Women of Grace Donation Drive
India Hicks
TPUD Employees
PEO Chapter FO
EPA Holiday Luncheon
St. Peter Critical Care

Rainier Stampede Bowling League
Dept of Revenue – Taxpayer Division
Dept of Revenue – Audit Division
Brotherhood Lounge New Year's Eve Party
Timberland Regional Library Center
Building Industry Assoc of WA Employee Drive
Olympia Orthopaedic Associates
Olympia Do-Si-Do Square Dance Club
Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington
Thurston County Realtor's Association
Port of Olympia Holiday Auction
Selden's Furniture Promotional Event
Cardinal Glass Industries Donation Drive
Columbia Distributing Donation Drive
Women United Shelter Shower
Basics Northwest Food Drive
Child Care Action Council Care Bag Drive
Grand Vin
Boston Harbor Holiday Party
Olympia Sweet Adeline's Donation Drive
Fosbre's Academy & Salon
WSECU Donation Drive
Rainbow Girls Olympia Ch. Donation Drive

Freedom From Financial Abuse

What is financial abuse? The National Network to End Domestic Violence defines financial abuse as “subtle or overt but in general, includes tactics to conceal information, limit the victim’s access to assets, or reduce accessibility to the family finances.”

Financial abuse, also called economic abuse, is a manipulation tactic used to threaten and entrap the survivor. Studies show that financial abuse occurs in 99% of domestic violence cases. This can have long-term side effects that make it difficult to leave a relationship, including ruined credit scores, drained or moved savings accounts, defaulted loans, and difficulty obtaining mortgages or rental agreements.

Denying a survivor the ability to become employed is another form of financial abuse. Like all forms of abuse, financial abuse can happen to anyone, regardless of their gender, racial background, or socio-economic status.

SafePlace offers safety planning and support for survivors who are being financially abused. Financial abuse can

make it seem like the only option is to return to an abuser; SafePlace works to offer client-centered resources for rebuilding after domestic violence. Call SafePlace’s hotline at 360.754.6300 for more information about what financial abuse is and what resources are available.

“About Financial Abuse.” NNEDV, www.nnedv.org/content/about-financial-abuse/.

“16 Signs of Financial Abuse.” Domestic Shelters, www.domesticshelters.org/domestic-violence-lists/signs-of-financial-abuse

Signs of Financial Abuse

An abuser might...

- Sabotage employment opportunities
- Control how money is spent
- Force the survivor to provide receipts for every expense and purchase
- Deny access to bank accounts
- Run up large debts on joint accounts without permission
- Offer the survivor an “allowance”
- Force the survivor to work in a family business without pay
- Force the survivor to turn over paychecks or public benefits checks
- Withhold money for basic necessities like food, clothing, medication, or housing
- Give the survivor presents or pay for things, and expect something in return

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that can potentially be turned over to law enforcement or filed with the court as a guide during weapon relinquishment. Using photographs of different models of weapons that are commonly purchased and asking deeper-dive questions like if the respondent hunts or has posted any social media pictures of firearms can provide more guidance to law enforcement when retrieving firearms or weapons during a Protection Order.

Filing for a Protection Order can be one of the most dangerous times for a survivor. This may be the first time the survivor is speaking up against their abuser, and the first time that law enforcement becomes involved. For these reasons, safety planning can be an important tool for survivors pursuing legal action.

For more information about safety planning and other services, contact our Spanish-speaking Legal Advocate at 360.786.8754 or our 24-hour HelpLine at 360.754.6300.

Approximately 4.5 million American women alive today have been threatened by intimate partners with firearms. One million have been shot or shot at by their abusers.

1 in 3 female murder victims and 1 in 20 male murder victims are killed by intimate partners.

An abuser’s access to a firearm increases the risk of femicide by at least 400%.

Domestic violence incidents involving firearms are twelve times more likely to result in death than incidents involving other weapons or bodily force.

Stat Source: NCADV Guns & Domestic Violence

hospital, providing childcare, participating in community events or speaking engagements, and supporting administrative or development staff. SafePlace strives to offer holistic, creative services for our clients, and one way we do that is by having volunteers involved in many facets of our organization, lending their knowledge and weaving a web of support for survivors.

Volunteers at SafePlace enroll in Advocacy Core Training, or ACT, which meets for 48 hours total over the span of a month. The intensive training fulfills the prerequisites for volunteers to become an advocate in the state of Washington, as required by state coalitions and other agencies. Furthermore, the work volunteers do takes a lot of knowledge, compassion, and skill.

Ensuring that advocates have enough training to set them up for success is crucial, both for the volunteers' and survivors' well being. Participants in ACT learn, practice, role play, and give space for questions so that volunteers are prepared for their work with survivors. ACT helps prepare volunteers to better serve clients.

During the training course, one volunteer learned "how to be a great advocate – by listening without judgment. No matter how I think or feel, [I] always

believe the survivor. Most importantly it is about the survivor, not me."

If you are interested in investing in your community by volunteering at SafePlace, contact Madison, our Volunteer Coordinator, at madisonj@safeplaceolympia.org or by

calling our business office at 360-786-8754. Potential volunteers must complete an application, background check, disclosure, and reference forms; agree to a one year commitment of service; and attend ACT training.

Volunteer Spotlight

Barbara is a longtime SafePlace volunteer and a wonderful team mate. We're so thankful for her commitment to survivors and to the community.

Thank you for all that you do, Barb!

"I volunteer at SafePlace because I believe in loving people. I believe that every act of kindness makes a difference. I don't take this work lightly; I consider it an honor to meet survivors right where they are in what may be the most vulnerable place they will ever be."

– Barbara
SafePlace volunteer



How you can help

You can help support survivors by 'giving while shopping' with the following retailers.

AmazonSmile

- Simply go to smile.amazon.com and log in using your existing Amazon email and password (or set up a new account).

Fred Meyer

- Link your Rewards Card to SafePlace and support us every time you purchase. Either sign into your account or create an account at www.fredmeyer.com.

Stormans

- Bayview and Ralph's Thriftway support non-profit organizations through the 1% Community Rebate Program. Either sign into or create a ThrifteCard account at www.olythriftway.com.



Commemorative Gifts 9/15/2018 to 2/1/2019

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Carolyn McIntyre by Kay Lennartson

In Memory of Terry Graham by Keri Graham

In Memory of Theresa Wall by Chuck Gusak

In Memory of Beverly Bowers by Robert Bowers

In Memory of Lori Boyd by Cynthia S. and Christopher Wolfe

In Memory of Maryann McCarty by Marilyn Bremermann; Suzanne M. Morris; Broadway Olympia Productions; and Olympia Pokémon GO

In Memory of Judy Bricker by Robert P. and Linda L. Tjossem

In Memory of Christine Jensen Baker by Karen Lee Valenzuela

In Memory of Dorothy Bayley by Kathryn E. and Robert L. Long

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Bruce and Paz Hargrave by David Stevens

In Honor of Morgan Tobias by the Roig-Sampson Charitable Giving Fund

In Honor of Pat Baron by Carl Baron; and Lisa Daines

In Honor of Michele Hendrickson by Megan Ross Farrell

In Honor of Emily Hine by Lorraine A. and Bill

In Honor of Julie Boyer by Charla Dunham

In Honor of Candace Vogler by Shirley and Tim Erickson; Juliet Van Eenwyk; and Mary A. Pontarolo and Nancy Reid

In Honor of Kelly & Martin Hawk by Angela Hawk

In Honor of Sandy Swarouth by Cheryl Duryea

In Honor of Melanie Stewart by Cheryl Duryea

In Honor of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Marianne Partlow by Cheryl Duryea

In Honor of Dennis and Christine Peck by Cheryl Duryea

In Honor of Jacqueline L. White by Cheryl Duryea

In Honor of Sally H. Kauffman by Walt Waitkevich

In Honor of Phillip Smith by Polly L. Rosmond

In Honor of Mary A. Pontarolo by Lisa Gosiaco; and Mary MacDonald

In Honor of Kathryn Ashe by Lance Williams

In Honor of Patricia Skeel by Lance Williams

In Honor of Harry and Rita Beeler by Lance Williams

In Honor of Rick and Deborah Noble by Lance Williams

In Honor of Michael and Sylvia Dickerson by Lance Williams

In Honor of Michael and Patricia Douglass by Lance Williams

In Honor of Lana and Duane Dillard by Lance Williams

In Honor of Richard and Janie Gibson

by Lance Williams

In Honor of Thomas Hayes by Lance Williams

In Honor of Lisa Iverson by Lance Williams

In Honor of Gary & Carol Lindstrand

by Lance Williams

In Honor of Rick Burdorff and Rachel Lee by Lance Williams

In Honor of Brenda Barcom by Lance Williams



In Honor of Don and Lisa Merz by Lance Williams

In Honor of Greg Morris by Lance Williams

In Honor of Bill and Carol Noble by Lance Williams

In Honor of Charles and Tanya O'Gorman by Lance Williams

In Honor of Sue and Tommy Rickards by Lance Williams

In Honor of Jeff and Libby Sawyer by Lance Williams

In Honor of Betty Young by Lance Williams

In Honor of Roy and Stephanie Allen by Lance Williams

In Honor of Georgia Armstrong by Lance Williams

In Honor of John and Phyllis Lindsey by Lance Williams

In Honor of Bernice Orr by Lance Williams

In Honor of Carmelita and Larry Barr by Lance Williams

In Honor of Tami and Joe Shaughnessy by Lance Williams

In Honor of Tom and Sue Tinsley by Lance Williams

In Honor of James Smith by Lance Williams

In Honor of Joan Lindskog by Lance Williams

In Honor of Barbara Ronald by Lance Williams

In Honor of Ross and Mary Register by Lance Williams

In Honor of Anne-Marie Young by Lance Williams

In Honor of Cheryl Fambles by Chazmin Peters

In Honor of Nancy Reid by David Kerr

In Honor of Rebecca Goodvin by Eric Whitaker

In Honor of Alan Anderson by Deepak Krishnan

In Honor of Kari McClain by Kris McClain

In Honor of Moriah Freed by Helen Freed

In Honor of Marcia Naismith by Katherine Hoffman

2018 Community Grants

Community Foundation of South

Puget Sound

Dawkins Charitable Trust

Diocese of Olympia Inc

Horizons Foundation

Junior League of Olympia

Lewis Community Spouses' Club

Ludlow Foundation

Mary Kay Foundation

Medina Foundation

Nisqually Tribe

Norcliffe Foundation

NW Children's Foundation

OneFamily Foundation

Rotary Club of Olympia

Squaxin Island Tribe

Thurston County Bar Association

TJX Foundation

United Way of Thurston County

Wave Foundation

Women United

Zonta Club of Olympia





SafePlace has been recognized as a leader in survivor-centered support around domestic and sexual violence for the past 38 years. Because of the generous support from this community, thousands of survivors are leading safer, healthier lives.

Together, we raised

\$2,146,415

which funded **9** programs

reaching more than

10,000

individuals in our community

- 24-hour Residential Services Program
- 24-hour Sexual Assault Response Program
- 24-hour Prison Sexual Assault Response Program
- 24-hour Helpline
- Community Services Program
- Youth & Parenting Program
- SafeHome Housing Program
- SPEAK Peer Education Program
- Volunteer Program

“Changing lives and keeping families together and safe is a beautiful thing. Thanks so much for giving my family a chance. We came with nothing and left stronger and happier.”

INCOME

Private

Community Support: \$434,498
 Foundation Grants: \$210,494
 Event \$102,139
 In-Kind Contributions \$43,594
sub total private \$790,725

Public

Government Grants \$1,353,848
sub total public \$1,353,848

Other Revenue

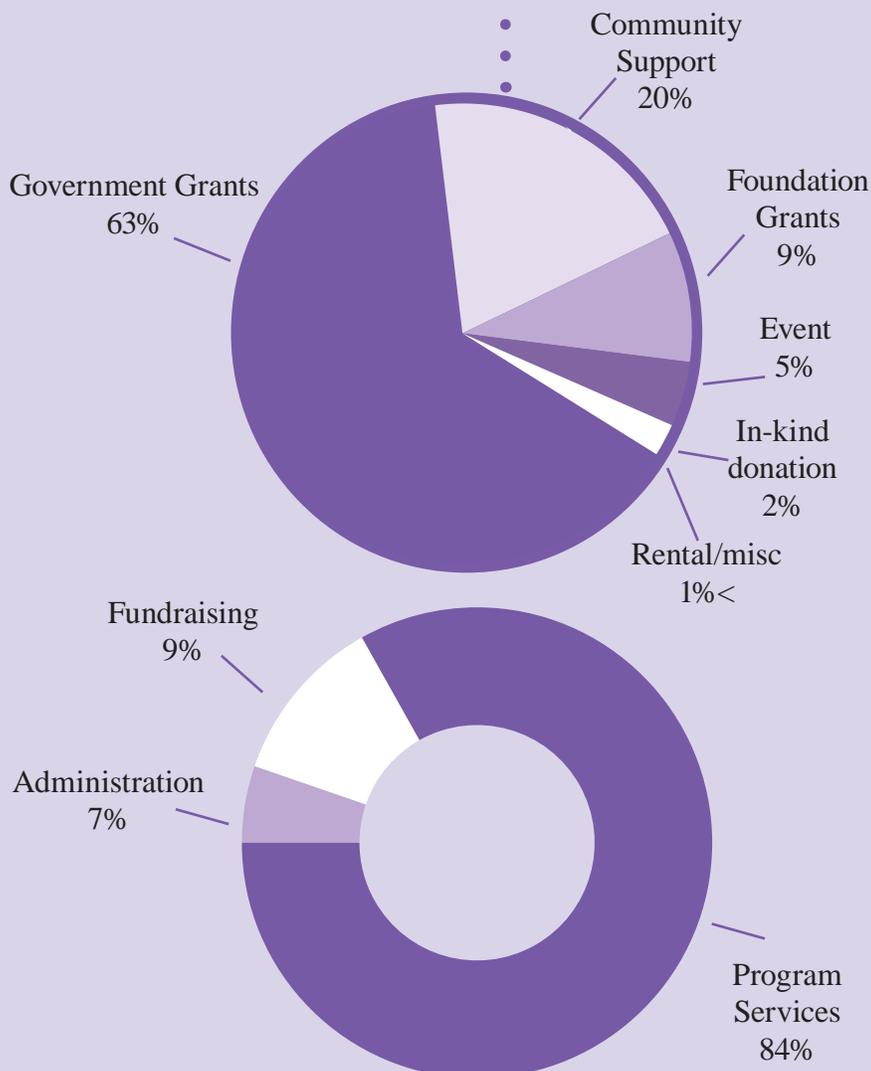
Rental Income, Misc. \$1,842

TOTAL INCOME \$2,146,415

EXPENSES

Program Services \$1,739,538
 Administration \$150,133
 Fundraising \$193,688

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,083,359





2018 Report to the Community SafePlace at a Glance

Mission

SafePlace works for societal change to prevent sexual and domestic violence while offering crisis intervention, education, and long-term advocacy services.



Youth Prevention Participants

3,809

Advocate Core Training

50

In-person Advocacy

1,348

Helpline Calls

5,603

Shelter Bednights

6,531

Advocacy Hours

11,372



IMPACT



75%

youth who participated in 'Healthy Relationships' prevention activities feel they will use the information

81%

adults exiting our shelter now feel they have a stronger support network

53

families now have their own housing

What survivors are saying....

When entering the SafePlace shelter....

I am able to talk about my feelings about the abuse 38%

When leaving the SafePlace shelter....

I am able to talk about my feelings about the abuse 62%

When entering the SafePlace shelter....

I have healthy ways to help myself when I feel troubled 48%

When leaving the SafePlace shelter....

I have healthy ways to help myself when I feel troubled 75%



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Save the Date
SafePlace annual
Speak Up, Speak Out Gala

Sunday Sept. 15, 2019
2-5PM

Join us for a garden party at Albee's (west Olympia).
Enjoy mint juleps and small bites from Dillinger's Cocktails and Kitchen,
music, croquet, silent auction, and a short program.

Be sure to wear your favorite derby hat.



Pass the hat to support survivors