

October 4, 2018

Abrams Fensterman
2 Dakota Drive
Lake Success, NY 11042

To Whom It May Concern:

An 18 year old female presented to The Safe Center in Bethpage hoping to connect with professionals that could help her and her family. This young woman was the victim of human sex trafficking. Human sex trafficking is an egregious form of psychological and physical violence that requires a compassionate and just response. This victim had already survived several traumas in her childhood and was now being exploited by a pimp.

The Safe Center worked closely with both the victim and her caregiver to provide supportive counseling, advocacy, and safety planning. During that time, this victim was manipulated by a pimp and placed in a situation that led to her arrest and charges in multiple counties. The victim was at a loss of how to advocate for herself in the criminal justice system when her family had limited financial resources. She feared that having a criminal record would derail any attempts at securing stable employment which was the key to her being able to break away from her victimizers.

The Safe Center then reached out to Elizabeth Kase, Esq. at Abrams Fensterman and member of the Safe Center's Pro Bono Attorney Project. Elizabeth heard about the circumstances for this young woman and agreed to take on her case pro bono. With the skillful and compassionate response from Elizabeth, the victim was able to get an Adjournment in Contemplation of Dismissal in all counties. The victim was able to get back on track with her counseling and education goals. This major victory paved the way for the victim to really feel like a survivor!



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On behalf of The Safe Center, thank you for responding to the call for help and advocating for one of our more vulnerable community members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Debbie Lyons, LMFT
Director of the Child Advocacy Center



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