



# Restoring Hope

2018 Annual Report



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Those who have provided \$40,000 or more in funding during the 2018 calendar year.

Each is recognized for their continued generosity and dedication to providing for those in need of services.

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# A LETTER FROM THE SAFE CENTER LI'S BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## **2018 was a year of perseverance, partnership, prevention and progress.**

Regardless of the unique set of challenges presented by individuals seeking assistance, The Safe Center tirelessly worked to ensure that each victim as well as his/her non-offending family members were provided with a safe and healing environment.

In 2018, agency Advocates, Counselors, Lawyers and volunteers:

- ♦ Responded to 836 allegations of child abuse through referrals to the Child Advocacy Center.
- ♦ Assisted 4,881 survivors and families impacted by Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Trafficking and Child Abuse.
- ♦ Collectively provided more than 50,786 vital services to survivors and their families, including mental health services, group counseling sessions, housing, legal assistance, emergency assistance and advocacy within the Criminal Justice, Civil, and Family Court systems.
- ♦ Responded to 5,645 hotline calls from survivors and community members seeking guidance and services.

Relationships with existing community partners continued to grow and strengthen and new partnerships with those intent on ending systemic cycles of abuse were formed. Notably:

- ♦ With generous grant funding from The Phyllis Backer Foundation, The Safe Home's 17 bed facility was upgraded to include new bedroom furniture, bedding, and a safer outdoor playground area.
- ♦ Through the UJA—Federation of NY's Project Hope, victims of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault living in underserved south shore communities can now easily access counseling and legal services provided by The Safe Center at an off-site location.
- ♦ The Ilene Barshay Impact Fund was formed to maintain and support emerging and growing client service needs and to provide clinical staff with increased access to cutting edge and emerging best practices for working with victims of trauma.
- ♦ Educators reached new audiences and provided age and industry appropriate trainings to nearly 19,200 individuals. This included a bilingual domestic violence awareness training to a group of mostly indigent immigrant workers employed at Belmont Park and Aqueduct Race Track.
- ♦ Safe Center Champions continued to hold fundraising events on behalf of the agency and helped to increase educational outreach and exposure to the 24-hour, seven days a week hotline: 516.542.0404.

As you continue to read about The Safe Center's programs and services and its accomplishments this past year, please know that we could not have provided this level of service without your continued support.

It is with great pride that we present our 2018 Restoring Hope Annual Report.



Stephen G. Bondi  
Board President



Cynthia G. Scott  
Executive Director



# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

"May you find hope in every sunrise and peace in every sunset."

-Unknown



# CRISIS INTERVENTION

## THROUGH THE HOTLINE (516.542.0404)

24-hours a day, seven days a week, The Safe Center hotline staff provide those in need of crisis intervention easy access to agency services. Crisis Intervention Counselors are prepared to assess each situation and offer emotional support and service assistance, whether the caller seeks information or expresses needs that must be addressed immediately. The safety of the caller is always a primary concern and all calls are confidential.

**In 2018, the Safe Center Hotline responded to 4512 calls from victims of domestic violence; 1089 calls from victims of rape/sexual assault and 44 calls from victims of sex and labor trafficking. In addition to those housed at the Safe Home, the hotline secured alternative or out-of-area housing for 89 adults and 66 children.**

## IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM

SAFER (Survivor Advocate for Emergency Response) Advocates are volunteers who complete a 30-hour training program. Upon completion of the program, the volunteers are prepared and are on call to provide emergency room advocacy to victims of rape, sexual assault and/or domestic violence and child victims of sexual abuse and/or assault who have been brought to hospitals in Nassau County and surrounding areas.

**25 individuals were trained to be SAFER volunteers in 2018. Along with others trained in previous years, Safe Center Safer volunteers provided hospital advocacy support to 123 rape/sexual assault victims and 37 domestic violence victims during the year.**

## IN COLLABORATION WITH THE POLICE

Through the Police Project, Law Enforcement connects victims of interpersonal violence to The Safe Center. The Nassau County Police Department and municipal police departments responding to a domestic violence incident provide the victim with information about The Safe Center's services while also notifying agency staff who will then contact the victim to inform him/her of available help. This collaborative outreach is a first step to ensure the future safety of a victim and their non-offending family members.

**1486 people were given access to The Safe Center's programs and services through its collaboration with Nassau County law enforcement on the Police Project.**



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RAPE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

## ADULT VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Safe Center Advocates provide a wide range of services to adult victims of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault, including the elderly who can be mistreated physically and/or emotionally or exploited financially. Services offered include intake and application assistance, telephone and face-to-face support, follow-up contacts with victims and their non-offending family members, advocacy, information and referrals, emergency assistance, as well as accompaniment to forensic interviews, medical exams, and Criminal and Family Court proceedings.

**284 people received over 2690 services from The Safe Center's Adult Victim Advocate Program in 2018.**

## RAPE & SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELING

Sexual Violence takes many different forms, including attempted rape, fondling or unwanted sexual touching, incest or molestation, or forcing a victim to perform sexual acts and penetration of victim's body by any object, also known as rape. However, one thing always remains the same: it is never the victim's fault. Victims, regardless of gender, that suffer from sexual violence (including adult victims of current assaults and/or adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse) respond uniquely to the various types of trauma, and each victim's recovery process is different. When a victim of sexual violence connects with The Safe Center, specially-trained trauma-informed Counselors immediately begin offering them services that include individual and group counseling. The effect of sexual violence can be devastating. However, with support, compassion, and time, a victim can heal and rebuild their lives.

**336 victims received counseling through the Rape & Sexual Assault Services Program in 2018. Counselors facilitated 127 support group sessions and 2050 individual counseling sessions.**

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING

Victims of domestic violence live with fear, secrecy, isolation, and shame and overcoming these barriers to healing is essential if victims are to establish safe, independent, productive lives and healthy relationships in the future. Through one-on-one counseling, victims build trusting, supportive relationships with trained counselors who specialize in helping domestic abuse victims. Group counseling offers victims a chance to connect with others and regain hope.

**478 domestic violence victims received counseling services in 2018. Counselors facilitated 125 group sessions and 2397 individual counseling sessions during the year.**

**Exciting New Initiative:** Through the generous fundraising efforts of the UJA Federation, Project Hope is positioned to provide culturally competent domestic violence services to the underserved Orthodox Jewish community. By locating a counselor at a site that is both easily accessible to victims and that allows them to utilize services without fear of community exposure, the project is reaching victims who have not previously had services. In the first four months of operation, the project served 20 victims.

*"Last week marked a year of my being a client at The Safe Center. Why do I keep coming back every week, by Long Island Railroad and taxi, often a two-hour trip, one way? Because I've been given the exceptional, extraordinary gift of expert, compassionate counseling, and the fellowship of being with my peers, as a victim of sexual assault, and being the recipient of their genuine empathy and understanding of my issues. The past year has been a rewarding experience beyond my expectations. My gratitude is more than I can express".*

*- Elderly Male Survivor of Rape/Sexual Assault*



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERVICES

## COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY

Within the past decade, individuals living and working in Nassau and Suffolk Counties have become increasingly more aware that sex and labor trafficking exist in their communities. To address this prevalent issue, The Safe Center is available as the leading provider of services on Long Island to victims of human trafficking. The Department provides female and male domestic and foreign-born victims of sex and labor trafficking with vital services which include individual and group therapy provided by licensed clinicians, court advocacy, crisis counseling, community referrals, supportive services, and case management. Services are bi-lingual and include English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese and Russian languages. Department staff offer trainings to professionals and community members on how to recognize human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of both adults and minors.

**90 adult victims of human trafficking were served in 2018.**

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERVENTION COURT

The Safe Center is the lead service provider for the Nassau County Human Trafficking Intervention Court which was created with the goal of shifting the perception of individuals arrested for prostitution from a criminal-based perspective to a victim-centered approach. The Court has a diversion program that enables a victim to rehabilitate through services provided by The Safe Center rather than being sentenced to jail. Victim services include individual trauma-informed and group counseling, case management, and court advocacy. Through this initiative, there has been a significant shift in the way prostitution is viewed by the justice system and community, supporting individuals who have been systematically exploited by pimps, buyers, traffickers, and johns.

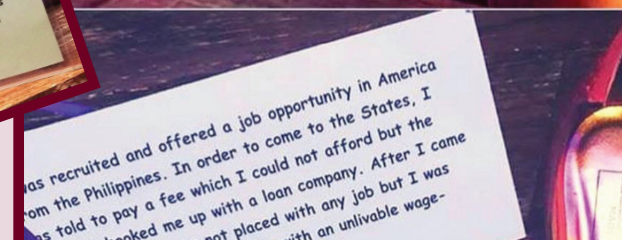
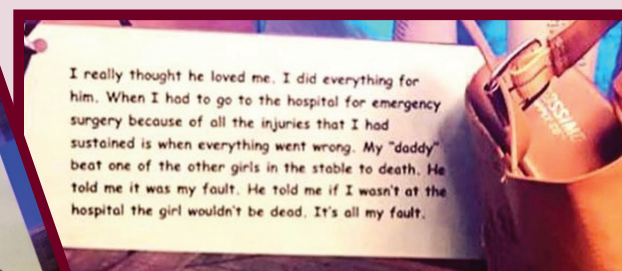
## SAFE HARBOUR PROGRAM

The Safe Harbour program is a collaborative network of child welfare professionals, law enforcement, prosecutors, medical personnel and service providers trained to identify and respond to the commercial and technology-facilitated sexual exploitation (child pornography) of children. The Department of Social Services designated The Safe Center as the facilitator and primary referral source for child trafficking cases in Nassau County. Safe Harbour Counselors and Advocates work directly with the Child Advocacy Center and in the community to ensure that both the child and their families receive a trauma-informed, multi-disciplinary response.

**In 2018, 134 new referrals were received by the Safe Harbour Program while agency staff continued to work with minors from 43 cases received in 2017.**

“You are my hero. I want to be like you and cannot wait to get better--xoxo”.

—Texted by a Safe Harbour Survivor to her Counselor





# SAFE HOME & SHORT TERM HOUSING

## EMERGENCY HOUSING AT THE SAFE HOME

Safe housing is a critical component of the response to domestic violence. Individuals fleeing from an unsafe home environment find safety and respite from desperate and often dangerous living situations at The Safe Center's Safe Home. This comfortable 17-bed facility, situated in a confidential location, is Nassau County's only safe house for victims of domestic violence and their children.

The stable, safe, and supportive environment provided by The Safe Home gives survivors time to explore options and take the next step in establishing a life free of abuse. Under the guidance of experienced staff, survivors start the healing process and think about a new future. Services provided include counseling, case management, advocacy, and legal services.

**In 2018, 119 domestic violence victims and 81 children received safe housing through The Safe Center. Of those, 56 adults (55 women and 1 male) and 23 children were housed at the Safe Home.**

## HORIZONS HOUSING PROGRAM

Funded on the federal level by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, this program is considered a Rapid Re-Housing program. Services provided include short-term housing support for survivors of domestic violence that are considered homeless or fleeing a domestic violence situation and do not have other resources.

Eligible individuals and families who participate in this program receive assistance in identifying and securing housing. Once housed they receive continued case management and advocacy services. In addition, monthly rental subsidies are provided based on each participant's income.

The goal of the program is to rapidly house individuals and families, provide them with supports and connect them with resources that will help them to sustain permanent housing once they have moved on from the program.

**33 adults and 26 of their children were housed in The Safe Center's Housing Programs in 2018.**



### **Marian's Challenges and Concerns of Safe Home Living:**

Ambivalence; helping her two children to adjust; lack of financial resources; struggles with community living; concerns about future housing and employment; and limited English proficiency

### **Notable Successes After Her Stay:**

Both Marian and her children engaged in counseling; received legal services; found future housing and employment; had access to ESL classes; celebrated daughter's birthday with others at the house; increased hope and confidence; reduced migraines; better coping skills with setting boundaries; Marian and her children will continue to receive services from The Safe Center as long as they need support.

# LEGAL SERVICES

## LEGAL SERVICES AND COURT ADVOCACY

To further ensure that victims of interpersonal violence and their children are protected and free of their abusers, legal services are a critical component to the array of services available. The Safe Center's Legal Department provides various legal services and advocacy to victims of domestic abuse, dating violence, elder abuse, rape and sexual assault in Nassau County. Attorney representation and advocacy are available for custody and visitation matters, child and spousal support, family offenses, divorces, immigration, and for other legal issues arising from the abuse. To meet those needs, the agency's attorneys, advocates, and Pro Bono attorneys who collaborate with the Legal Department provide services in the Supreme Court and Family Court of Nassau County, the Domestic Violence and Integrated Domestic Violence Courts, and also advocate with the criminal justice and law enforcement systems. The Legal Department is familiar with and is prepared to address the unique challenges the legal system poses for the unserved and underserved populations such as the Latino and Muslim communities, victims who are monolingual, and those lacking proficiency in the English language. In addition to having attorneys on staff and coordinating Pro Bono attorney services, the Legal Department further increases awareness, education, and the availability of services by offering internships and externships to qualified law students who exhibit a sincere interest in assisting victims of abuse.

**In 2018, 708 Safe Center clients received 5297 legal services. Attorneys worked with 304 individuals**

*"The most helpful thing about the program was having someone who understands domestic violence (and) knows how hard it is to face an abuser in or out of Court. I would never have been able to do this alone". – Domestic Violence Survivor*

## PRO BONO PROJECT

The Safe Center Pro Bono Project supplements the availability of legal services provided by the agency and recruits attorneys for pro bono representation to underserved clients. The agency also offers an established Mentor/Mentee program which pairs inexperienced lawyers with seasoned matrimonial attorneys. Trainings offered through the Pro Bono Project include the "Impact of DV in your Legal Practice" and the "Effect of DV in Matrimonial Proceedings".

**In 2018, pro bono lawyers accepted 80 new cases and continued to work on approximately 45-50 cases that were assigned prior to 2018. The Pro Bono Project recruited and trained 35 potential new volunteer attorneys and currently has a total of 150 attorneys participating in the program.**

**Pro Bono Project Impact:** A female survivor of human sex trafficking, age 18, with arrests in multiple counties was referred to The Safe Center for professional services for herself and her family. The young woman feared that having a criminal record would derail any attempts at securing stable employment which was key to her being able to break away from her victimizers.

*Pro Bono Attorney, Elizabeth Kase, Esq. of Abrams Fensterman compassionately and skillfully provided representation for the young woman and was able to get an Adjournment in Contemplation of Dismissal in all counties. This major victory paved the way for the victim to rebuild her life as a survivor!*  
– Debbie Lyons, LMFT, The Safe Center's Child Advocacy Center Director

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

The Safe Center is proud to facilitate the Nassau County Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The CAC is a child friendly facility in which multidisciplinary professionals work together to investigate child abuse, help children heal from abuse, and hold offenders accountable. The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) approach helps investigative team members obtain information in a developmentally appropriate manner to evaluate child abuse allegations and because this information is shared with all team partners, it ensures each member can do their part to support children and their families. Together with our MDT partners, the Nassau County CAC responds to more than 700 allegations of child abuse per year. The MDT partnership consists of the following programs:

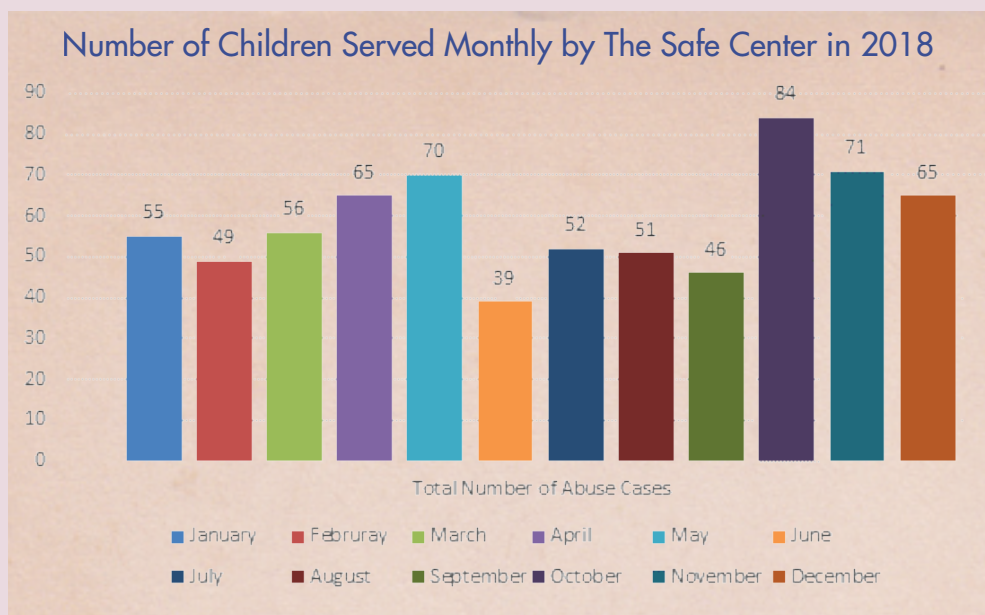
- ♦ The Safe Center - Child Victim Advocate, Forensic Interview, Children's Mental Health, and Rape & Sexual Assault Programs
- ♦ Nassau County Police Department- Special Victims Squad
- ♦ Nassau County Child Protective Services- Sex Abuse and Severe Physical Abuse Units
- ♦ District Attorney's Office- Special Victims Bureau
- ♦ County Attorney's Office- Family Court Bureau
- ♦ Nassau University Medical Center- SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) program
- ♦ Nassau County Probation – Criminal and Family Divisions
- ♦ Westchester Institute for Human Development – Child Abuse Pediatrics Program

**In 2018, the Child Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team responded to 836 allegations of child abuse.**

## CHILD VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

The Child Victim Advocate Program assists families in addressing concrete needs (i.e., transportation, housing referrals, etc.) as well as providing information and support for families involved with the Child Advocacy Center. Support provided by the trained staff Advocates increases engagement and lessens anxiety about interactions with the criminal justice and child protective systems. Advocates are available to accompany families to medical appointments, meetings with the District Attorney and any court appointments, including Grand Jury, trial proceedings and sentencing. Referrals for community services are provided, and ongoing follow-up contact is maintained as needed throughout the life of the case.

**In 2018, the Child Victim Advocate Program provided 2550 direct services to 924 individuals.**





## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Safe Center's Children's Mental Health Department works to help children heal and break the cycle of abuse. Trained staff provide trauma-focused mental health services to children and adolescents impacted by domestic violence, sexual abuse, teen dating violence, and commercial sexual exploitation/trafficking. These services include:

- ◆ Crisis intervention
- ◆ Intake and assessment
- ◆ Individual and family therapy
- ◆ Parent guidance
- ◆ Advocacy and case management
- ◆ Referrals and linkage to other service providers
- ◆ Group work and programs for children, teens, parents, siblings and caregivers such as:
  - Project Kidz Talk©
  - Healthy Relationships Group
  - Children's DV Support Groups
  - Teen Trauma Survivors Group
  - Caregiver Resource Group
  - Parenting to Break the Cycle and Active Parenting Groups
  - Counseling services to Safe Home Shelter Clients

*"A MALE CHILD SURVIVOR OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LIVING AT THE SAFE HOME WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY OPENING UP DURING COUNSELING SESSIONS. AFTER TAKING THE CHILD OUTDOORS TO THE NEW SAFE HOME PLAYGROUND, HE STARTED SHOWING OFF ALL THE TRICKS HE KNEW AND THE GAMES HE MADE UP. WHEN WE WENT BACK INTO THE COUNSELING SESSION, THE CHILD WAS ABLE TO RELAX, CONNECT AND TALK ABOUT SOME THINGS THAT HAD BEEN BOTHERING HIM."*

*- CHILD COUNSELOR*





# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## PROJECT KIDZ TALK©

Project Kidz Talk© is a group work program for children who have been sexually abused and their non-offending family members. Its purpose is to increase social support, reduce isolation, and help families cope with the effects of sexual abuse. In 2018, Spanish-speaking programming for Project Kidz Talk© was strategically moved to a location in Hempstead creating easier access for Latinx families. Families are now more engaged and enrollment has increased significantly.

**In 2018, 145 children received mental health services at The Safe Center. Counselors facilitated 60 group sessions and 1485 individual and family sessions.**

## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS GROUP

The Safe Center's Healthy Relationships Group is a support group for teen dating violence victims and at-risk teens. In 2018, the agency further developed and expanded services for this underserved, often hidden, population.



## Girls Retreat

Sponsored by a generous grant from CA Technologies, The Safe Center welcomed 36 girls to the "We Run the World" Girl's Retreat in August. This all-day retreat, held at Nassau County BOCES, provided an opportunity for developing supportive social relationships following an incident of abuse. Attendees participated in canvas painting, making friendship bracelets, STEM and yoga activities. The highlight of the day was when 1-800 FLOWERS presented a beautiful Planter Decorating Workshop for all to learn and enjoy. This all-day annual event is geared towards encouraging camaraderie, boosting self-esteem, team building, trust and fun.

*"I LOOK FORWARD TO THE GIRL'S RETREAT EVERY YEAR. IT IS MY FAVORITE EVENT OF THE SUMMER" – GIRLS RETREAT ATTENDEE*

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

The Safe Center's Substance Abuse Specialist and Substance Abuse Case Coordinator work collaboratively with Nassau County Child Protective Services to address cases where there is suspicion that substance usage has impacted a caregiver's ability to safely care for their child(ren), in order to support their ability to parent their child effectively.

The Substance Abuse Specialist provides substance abuse testing, assistance with case planning and disposition, and participates in joint field visits with Child Protective Services workers. The Substance Abuse Case Coordinator facilitates linkages with local substance abuse treatment centers and assists with connecting caregivers with the appropriate level of care.

The trauma of abuse can often be a causal element in substance abuse. For victims in substance abuse recovery, domestic violence can be a relapse trigger. The Safe Center's DV/Substance Abuse Counselor works with victims who are impacted by both domestic violence and substance abuse, whether they struggle with substance use themselves or are affected by another's usage.

**In 2018, the Substance Abuse Specialist received 243 referrals and conducted 134 tests on behalf of the Department of Social Services. The Substance Abuse Case Coordinator collaborated on 31 cases to discuss substance abuse treatment.**

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Safe Center's Education Department is committed to raising awareness of interpersonal violence issues across Nassau County by educating individuals and system responders to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to all forms of abuse and sexual violence. The Department trains individuals from a variety of fields, including:

- ◆ law enforcement
- ◆ child protection
- ◆ education
- ◆ business community
- ◆ mental health professionals
- ◆ attorneys
- ◆ judges

The Safe Center also provides trainings to people of all ages to help increase awareness about family violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking. School-based prevention programs are offered to middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities, and focus on sexual assault prevention and healthy relationships. The Safe Center is an authorized provider of continuing education units for Social Workers, Mental Health Counselors, Substance Abuse Counselors, Certified Prevention Professionals/Specialists and Attorneys if they are presenting in one of The Safe Center's presentations, allowing us to provide continuing education workshops based on the latest research in the areas of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and the effects of trauma on individuals and families.

**In 2018, The Safe Center educational staff facilitated 677 trainings for 19,196 attendees along with 32 community outreach events where 1,009 people stopped by our tables to receive information about our services.**



# PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

The Safe Center's Enough is Enough Initiative is funded by New York's Department of Health to collaborate with Colleges and Universities in Nassau County. The goal is to reach students in their daily lives to raise awareness of the prevalence of sexual violence and how it can be prevented. The Safe Center, in partnership with colleges and universities throughout Nassau County, is engaging students in the critical dialogue regarding how to keep their campus communities safe.

The Safe Center is currently working with New York Institute of Technology, Adelphi University, Hofstra University, Molloy College, LIU Post, Nassau Community College SUNY Old Westbury, New York School of Professional Medicine, and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories.

**The Safe Center facilitated 74 Enough is Enough trainings in 2018 reaching 4,274 attendees consisting of faculty, staff, and students.**

## ENOUGH ABUSE CAMPAIGN

The Enough Abuse Campaign is a prevention initiative designed to empower parents and community members to reduce the occurrence of child sexual abuse. The Safe Center is one of the only approved Enough Abuse training site on Long Island. Through ongoing trainings, the agency continues to expand the network of community members who have been trained to protect children.

In June 2018, The Safe Center recruited and trained 12 volunteers, which increased the pool of available Enough Abuse facilitators to nearly 50. These trainers are available to go into the community to train parents, professionals and community members on how to keep children safe from abuse.

**In 2018, a total of 390 people received training on how to recognize and keep children safe from abuse during 20 different facilitated Enough Abuse trainings. 28 additional volunteer trainers joined the Enough Abuse campaign in 2018. To date, we have educated over 1,500 adults throughout the Long Island community about Enough Abuse.**



## MANY FACES OF FAMILY VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

In April, The Safe Center, in collaboration with LIU Post and the Nassau County Executive's Family Violence Task Force facilitated the 9th Annual Many Faces of Family Violence Conference. Nationally known speaker Emily May provided the keynote address and a workshop on bystander intervention.

The event was a full day of workshops related to various facets of interpersonal violence attended by nearly 400 social workers, human services practitioners, psychologists, Child Protective Services caseworkers, law enforcement officers, teachers and school staff, juvenile justice workers and counselors from Long Island and New York City.

**April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.** On April 25th, Denim Day, The Safe Center hosted a screening of a series of sexual harassment PSAs entitled "That's Harassment." The five clips were created by the Ad Council, Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), and the National Women's Law Center to highlight the prevalence of harassment and assault in different life situations. Attendees were engaged in discussion with professionals from the agency. The room was surrounded by a display of the denim jeans decorated by clients were on display to honor survivors of sexual violence.

## Ask Me Why I Wear Denim on April 25th

*Denim Day is an international day of awareness that encourages individuals to wear jeans (denim) to honor survivors of Rape and Sexual Assault. The day was developed as a response to a 1992 case tried in Italy in which a judge later overturned a conviction of rape because the young female victim wore tight jeans. It was argued that she must have had to help her attacker remove her jeans, making the act consensual.*





# SUPPORTING THE SAFE CENTER



Although The Safe Center is largely supported through government contracts and grants, 15% of annual revenue for 2018 was raised through individual support, foundation grants, special events and campaign fundraisers which included Taste That Jazz Food and Beverage Tasting, Swing for Hope Golf Outing, Every Home A Safe Home Gala and 2018 Season of Giving. Other revenue generated income accounted for 1% of total revenue.

## Safe Center Champions

Both monetary and in-kind donations are received annually via The Safe Center Champions initiative. Associations, advocacy groups, local businesses, corporations, college and university clubs and others who select The Safe Center as their "charity of choice" provide much-needed support for programs and services not fully covered under government contracts and grants.



**In 2018, over 120 individuals visited The Safe Center to learn more about programs and services, tour the agency and explore opportunities from contributing as a Champion.**

## Sandy Oliva Special Needs Fund

The Sandy Oliva Special Needs Fund receives monetary donations designated for the purchase of basic client necessities including food, clothing, bedding, personal hygiene items, toiletries, and transportation expenses (metro cards, gas cards, and cab fare).



**Generous donations to the Fund amounted to over \$14.7K in 2018.**

## School Supply and Holiday Gift Card Drives

Each year, client families receiving services from The Safe Center are provided with gift cards so that they can make their own decision when purchasing school supplies and gifts, as well as other family necessities, during the holiday season. Gift cards and monetary contributions to purchase gift cards are generously donated by supporters of the agency.



**In 2018, over 200 Gift Cards were distributed to Safe Center families during the Back-to-School Gift Card Drive and 227 children and 69 adults benefited from gift cards distributed during the Season of Giving.**







The Safe Center's 2018

*Every Home A Safe Home*

Annual Gala

Remembers Past Board President and Member  
Ilene H. Barshay



for 25 Years of Service to The Safe Center and those qualities she inspired.

- ◆ Compassion for Those Less Fortunate ◆ Commitment to Making a Difference ◆
- ◆ Leadership by Example ◆ Unwavering Dedication and Strength ◆

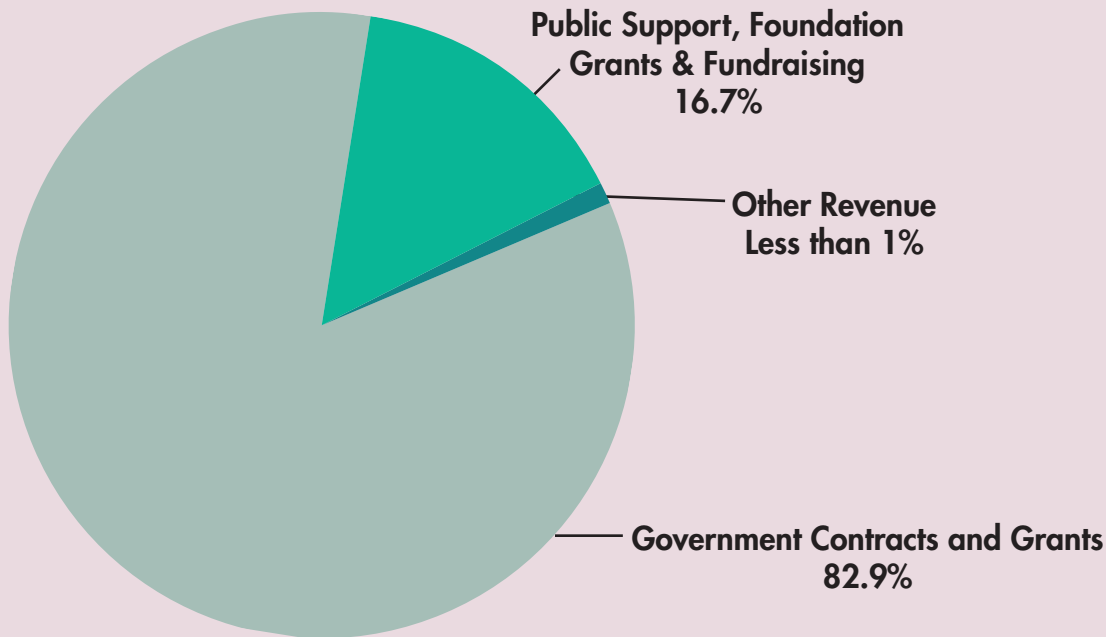
The Ilene H. Barshay Impact Fund  
was announced by former Co-Executive Director, Sandy Olivia at the 2018 Gala.

**The Fund, proudly established with love by the family of Ilene H. Barshay:**

- ◆ Creates a legacy for Ilene that inspires others to help victims of abuse
- ◆ Creates initiatives that work to end cycles of interpersonal violence
- ◆ Supports and maintains emerging and growing Safe Center client service needs
- ◆ Provides agency clinical staff with increased access to cutting edge and emerging best practices for working with victims of trauma

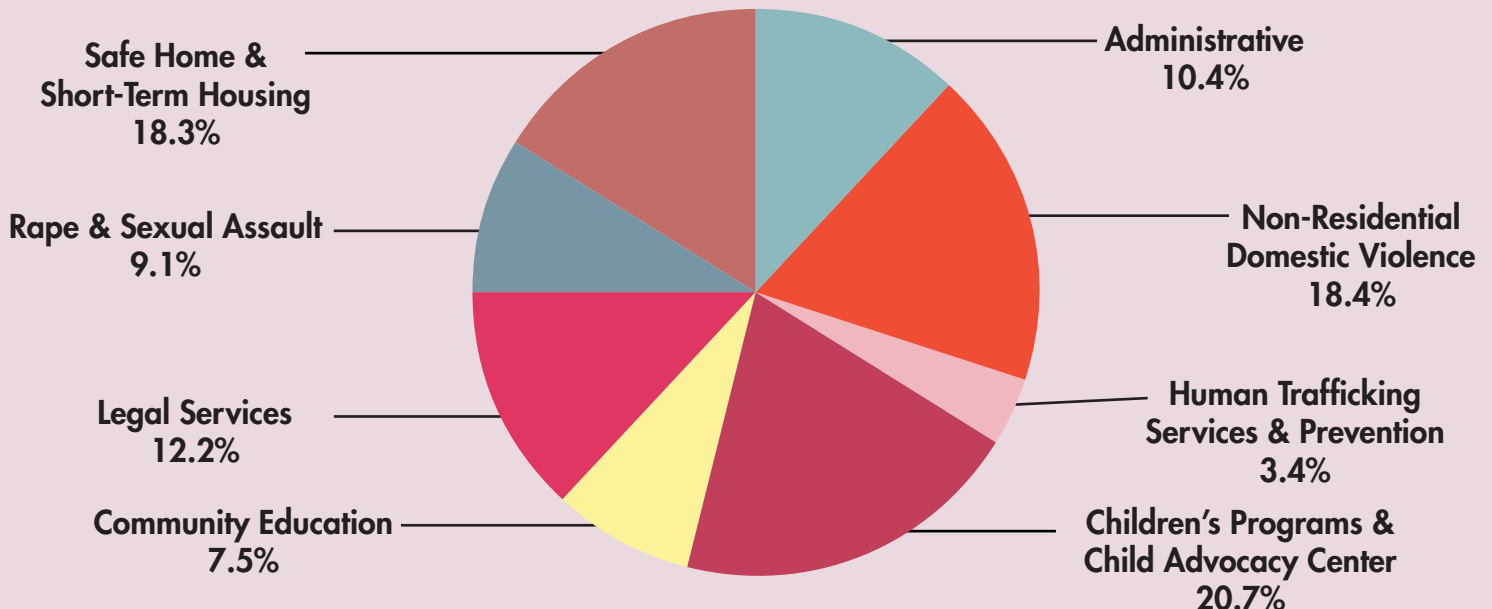
# REVENUE BROKEN DOWN BY SOURCES OF FUNDING

January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018



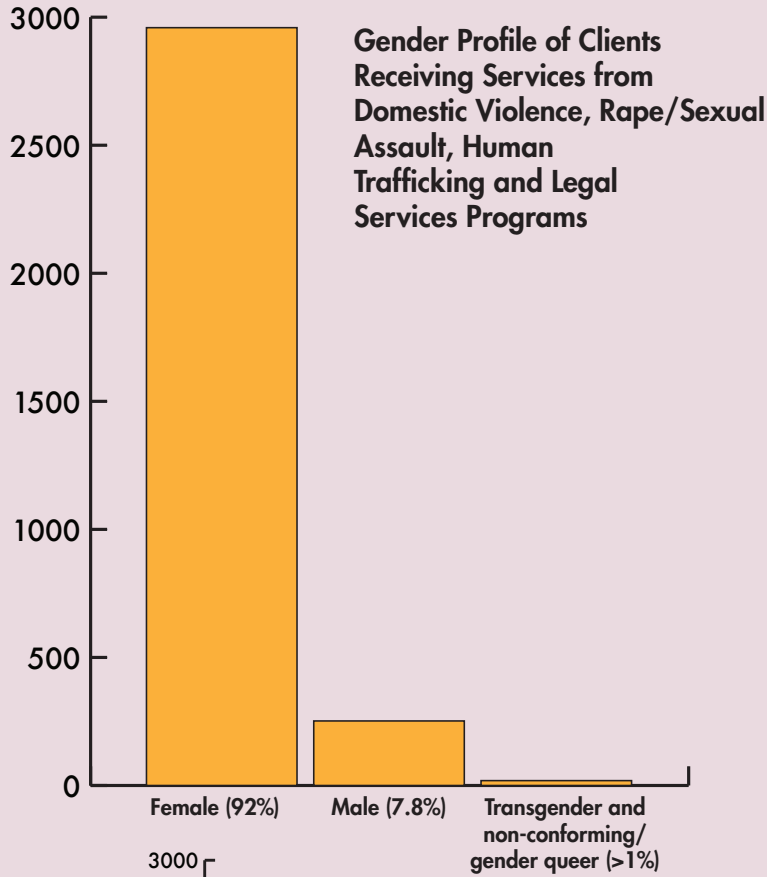
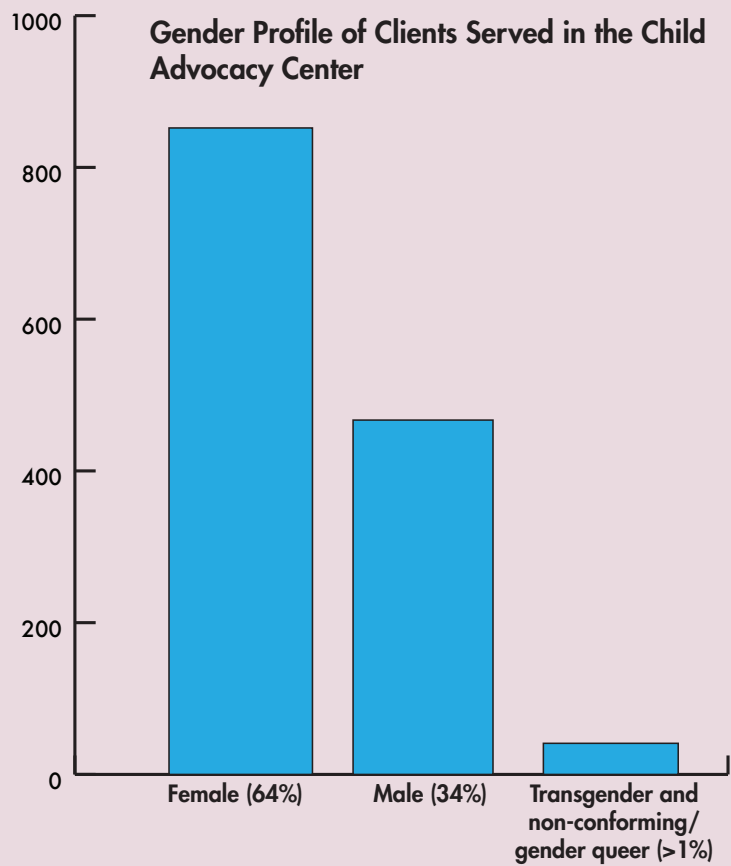
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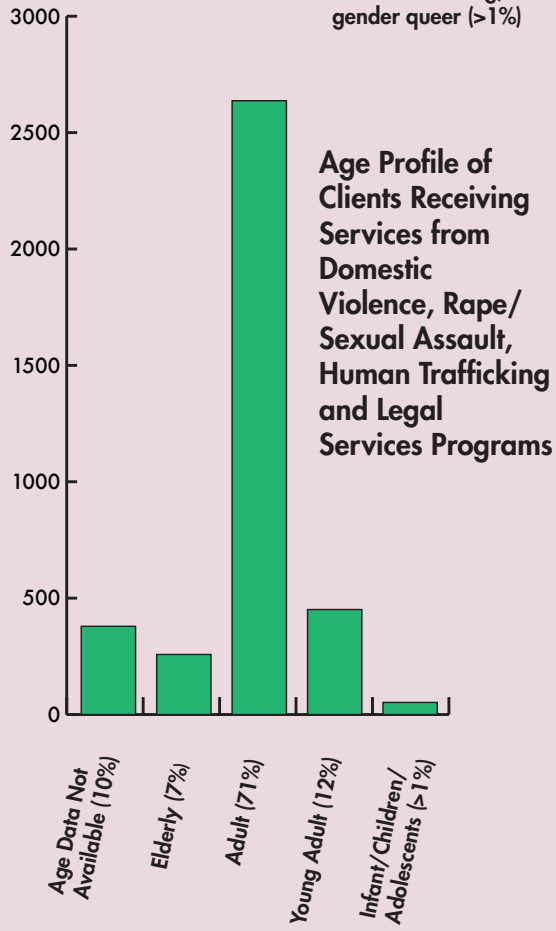
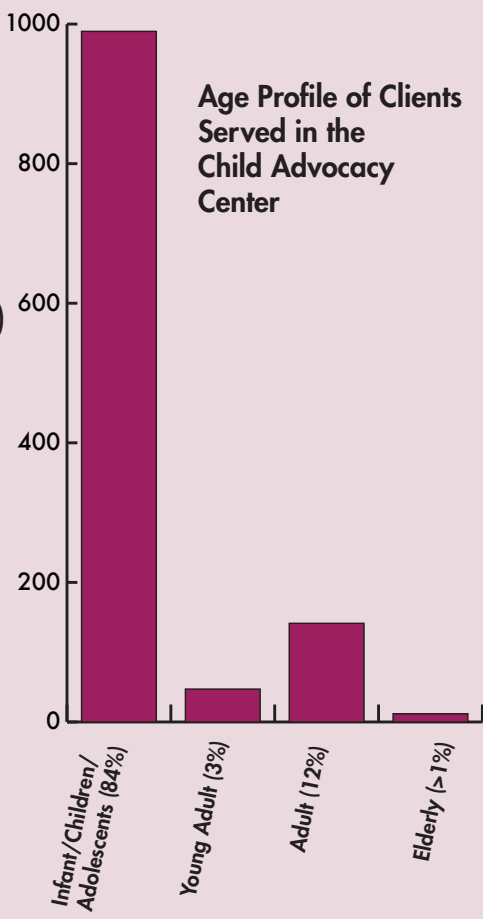
For a copy of The Safe Center's most recent Audited 990, please visit [www.tscli.org](http://www.tscli.org).

# POPULATIONS SERVED BY THE SAFE CENTER



**BREAKDOWN OF AGE GROUPS:**

- Infant/Children/Adolescents (Age 0-17)
- Young Adult (Age 18-24)
- Adult (Age 25-59)
- Elderly (Age 60+)



Ethnic populations served by The Safe Center include White, Latinx, Black, Asian/SE Asian/Indian, and American Indian/Alaskan/Pacific Islander adult and child victims of abuse.



# CHAMPIONS AND SUPPORTERS

## January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

### Associations, Foundations & Charitable Funds

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**Subcontracted Awards From:** Central Nassau Guidance and Counseling Services, Inc. and Family and Children's Association

## In-Kind Donations of Products and Services

In addition to generous monetary donations received in 2018, The Safe Center accepted in-kind donations of products and services from members of the Long Island community throughout the year. These donations which included baby care items, new clothing and bed linens, household and cleaning supplies, kitchen essentials, paper goods, toiletries and gift cards to local Target, Walmart & Stop and Shop helped to offset expenses incurred for client needs at both the Safe Home and the agency. Local businesses, restaurants, and retail stores also contributed to our fundraising efforts by providing products and services which were used as raffle and silent auction items at special events.

### Message to all Safe Center Champions

Administrative staff work very hard to present a complete listing of all who make donations in support of Safe Center's programs and services. The listing of Association, Corporate, and Individual Donors include those who have contributed \$500 or more in the 2018 calendar year. The Safe Center apologizes if an acknowledgement of support was inadvertently missed and extends its heartfelt appreciation to each of you who had provided support at any level. Support provided by Safe Center Champions is invaluable. Thank you for being an important part of The Safe Center family.

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Employees and volunteers of The Safe Center work tirelessly to ensure that adult and child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members are safe, receive the necessary services to heal from abuse without shame, and restore hope for a better future. Staff members of The Safe Center include Attorneys, Counselors, Social Workers, Advocates, Educators, program interns, and administrative personnel, many of whom are bilingual service providers. The Safe Center requires new staff to attend educational trainings that provide an overview of the types of abuses addressed by the agency including child abuse, domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, and human trafficking. Our volunteers are compassionate individuals from all walks of life who train to provide support to those in need, and to aid in the work of the agency.



## **MISSION**

To protect, assist and empower victims of family violence and sexual assault while challenging and changing social systems that tolerate and perpetuate abuse.

## **VISION**

To Restore Hope For Victims of Abuse

## **APPROACH**

Due to the visionary leadership of Executive Director, Cindy Scott, and The Board of Directors, The Safe Center has become a beacon of hope within Nassau County and surrounding communities that provides a fast and easy path to resources that assist in saving and changing lives of women, men, children and elderly victims of family violence and sexual abuse. The Safe Center addresses the impact of abuse on victims as well as their families so that cycles of abuse can end. Services are bilingual and confidential.


## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**


Services provided by The Safe Center are available for all persons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, marital status, disability, or age. The Safe Center welcomes everyone and works hard to overcome each victim's unique barriers to safety.





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