

the safe center.

2023 IMPACT REPORT

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



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The Safe Center is a national leader in developing trauma-informed and client-centered programming. It is a privilege to serve as Executive Director for such a remarkable organization. I look ahead to our 10th year as The Safe Center with excitement about our bright future. We are grateful for our staff, Board, funders, and friends for their support as we create a vision for the next 10 years.

Joshua A. Hanson
Executive Director

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The “why” underpinning my unwavering commitment to The Safe Center extends far beyond the agency’s platinum model for domestic and interpersonal violence services by offering and delivering a comprehensive, multi-faceted range of programs. I serve because of the agency’s unwavering dedication and refusal to rest on the accomplishments of the first decade, and instead, ambitiously elevate the bar, creating impactful change to the service levels while also identifying new initiatives like the agency’s mental health clinic expansion to significantly serve more communities. I am inspired by the heart and drive for ending the cycle of abuse that our staff and leadership team bring to this difficult work 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Shanell Parrish-Brown
Board President

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The Safe Center has a long history of navigating change and evolving to meet the needs of the community we serve. Last year was no exception, with leadership transitions, program growth, and more demand for specialized trauma-focused services. The work continues this year with infusing survivor voices into systemic change processes and engaging the community in conversations about interpersonal violence.

Debbie Lyons
Associate Executive Director

The Safe Center's mission is to protect, assist and empower victims of family violence and sexual assault while challenging and changing social systems that tolerate and perpetuate abuse.

We are thrilled to share with you the many ways we have made a lasting impact in the lives of those we served throughout 2023.



CONTINUUMS OF CARE

**PROVIDING
SERVICES FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY AT
EVERY STAGE OF
THE HEALING
JOURNEY**

CLIENTS SERVED

5,122

SERVICES PROVIDED

48,524

CONTINUUM OF CARE: CRISIS INTERVENTION

— “ —

When I first walked into the Safe Home with my two children, I had absolutely no idea that it would be the start of our new life.

— ” —

NIGHTS OF
SHELTER
PROVIDED BY
OUR SAFE HOME

5,163

432

HOURS SPENT
ALONGSIDE
SURVIVORS
IN LOCAL
EMERGENCY
ROOMS

5,026

24-HOUR HOTLINE
& POLICE PROJECT
CONTACTS



CONTINUUM OF CARE: COUNSELING

— “ —

When I started group counseling I was able to finally share all my struggles with domestic violence and abuse.

— ” —



88%

OF CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
CLIENTS
EXPERIENCED A
REDUCTION IN
TRAUMA
SYMPTOMS

141

ADULT SURVIVORS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
PARTICIPATED IN
GROUP COUNSELING

366

ADULT SURVIVORS OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL
ASSAULT RECEIVED
INDIVIDUAL
COUNSELING

CONTINUUM OF CARE: ADVOCACY & LEGAL SERVICES



\$911,462

**SECURED ON
BEHALF OF OUR
CLIENTS THROUGH
MATRIMONIAL
ACTIONS**

305

**FAMILIES WERE
MATCHED WITH
CHILD VICTIM
ADVOCATES
AND CASE
MANAGERS**

25

**LEGAL Q&A
SESSIONS OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC WERE
HELD IN ENGLISH
AND SPANISH**

— “ —

**My case manager at The Safe Center
was so vital in helping me navigate
through the judicial system, social
services, etc.**

— ” —

CONTINUUM OF CARE: HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT



I enrolled in The Safe Center's Rapid Rehousing program to find an apartment and start my new life. Now, I have my own apartment with my children and no longer must live in fear. I feel safe and at peace knowing that I finally have my freedom back.



26

**INDIVIDUALS
SECURED
EMPLOYMENT
WITH SUPPORT
FROM OUR
VOCATIONAL
SPECIALIST**

27

**HOUSEHOLDS
WERE SERVED BY
OUR RAPID
REHOUSING
PROGRAM**



12

**INDIVIDUALS
AVOIDED
HOMELESSNESS
WITH THE HELP
OF OUR ONE-
TIME RENTAL
ASSISTANCE
FUND**

CONTINUUM OF CARE: PREVENTION & EDUCATION

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The Survivor Voice Project is a new initiative to promote healing and empowerment by offering survivors a space to use their voice. Survivors work one-on-one with a staff member to explore a meaningful moment from their healing journey to share through storytelling or art. They then have the opportunity to share that story with the people they most want to hear it.

Jenna Sachs, LCSW
Asst. Dir. Trauma-Informed Practice

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838

TRAININGS WERE
PROVIDED TO
STUDENTS AND
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

28,365

STUDENTS AND
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS
ATTENDED
TRAININGS

IN
2023

WE LAUNCHED
THE SURVIVOR
VOICE PROJECT.



CONTINUUM OF CARE: COLLABORATIVE APPROACH



We tailor our Human Trafficking services to an individual's needs. We understand the unique dynamics of trafficking. We start by listening with empathy and without judgement. We educate other human services agencies and the community so they can assist in identifying youth and adults who are at risk of, or are, being trafficked and let them know there is a safe place to get help.

Corinne Giordano, LCSW-R

Director of Multidisciplinary Team Services



447

MEDICAL AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT
PERSONNEL
PARTNERED WITH
SAFE CENTER
ADVOCATES

933

CHILDREN WERE
SERVED BY THE
NASSAU COUNTY
CHILD ADVOCACY
CENTER AT THE
SAFE CENTER

154

VICTIMS WERE SERVED
BY OUR HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
PREVENTION TEAM IN
COLLABORATION WITH
NASSAU COUNTY'S SAFE
HARBOUR & HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
INTERVENTION COURT



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS



WENDY WALDMAN
SAFER HOSPITAL
ADVOCACY VOLUNTEER
SINCE 2021

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I think it's very important to support people when they are at their most vulnerable and reassure them that they are not alone. Victims of abuse have the right to feel safe and cared for. It's my hope that as an advocate I can do that for them.



JEAN PRICE
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION
CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER
SINCE 2023

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I began this journey after having gone through 12 years of sexual abuse from the ages of 3-15. As I tried to navigate life during those years of trauma, I realized I never had someone to hear my story and, most importantly, help me through it. I made up my mind that I never wanted another child to experience that kind of abuse. So my purpose is to enlighten those that don't understand, to protect those that do, and celebrate those that rise above it.



TOM LOCASCIO
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT,
MEMBER AND ADVOCATE
SINCE 2016

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As Vice President of the Board of Directors at The Safe Center LI, it is both a privilege and a joy to support our mission of advocacy and empowerment. Serving on this board is not just about governance; it's about being part of a compassionate community dedicated to providing safety and healing to those in need. Together we are committed to creating a future where all individuals have the support and resources to live safely and thrive.

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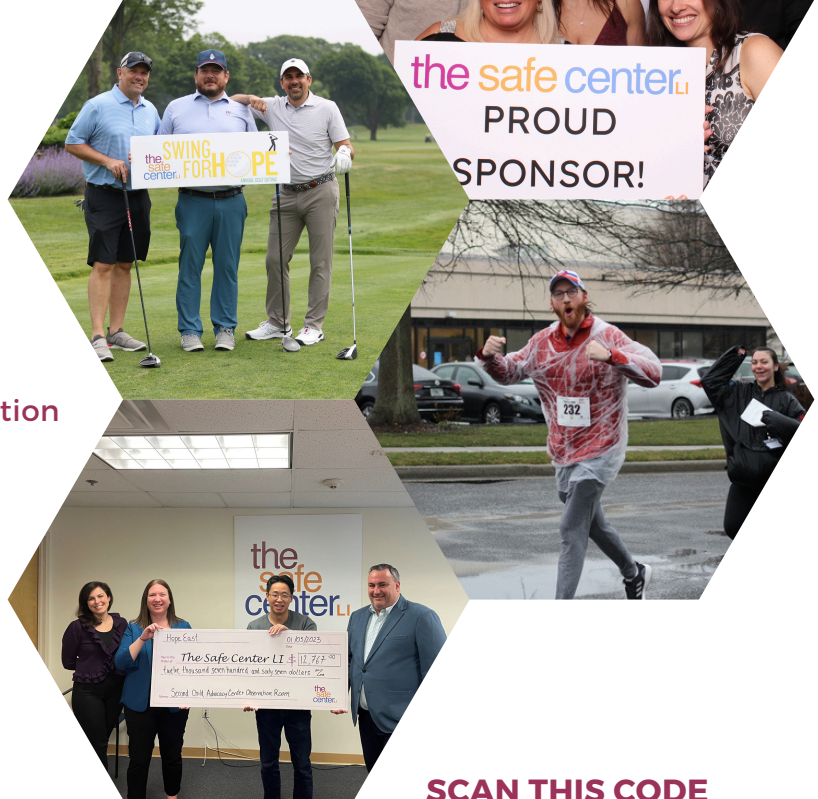
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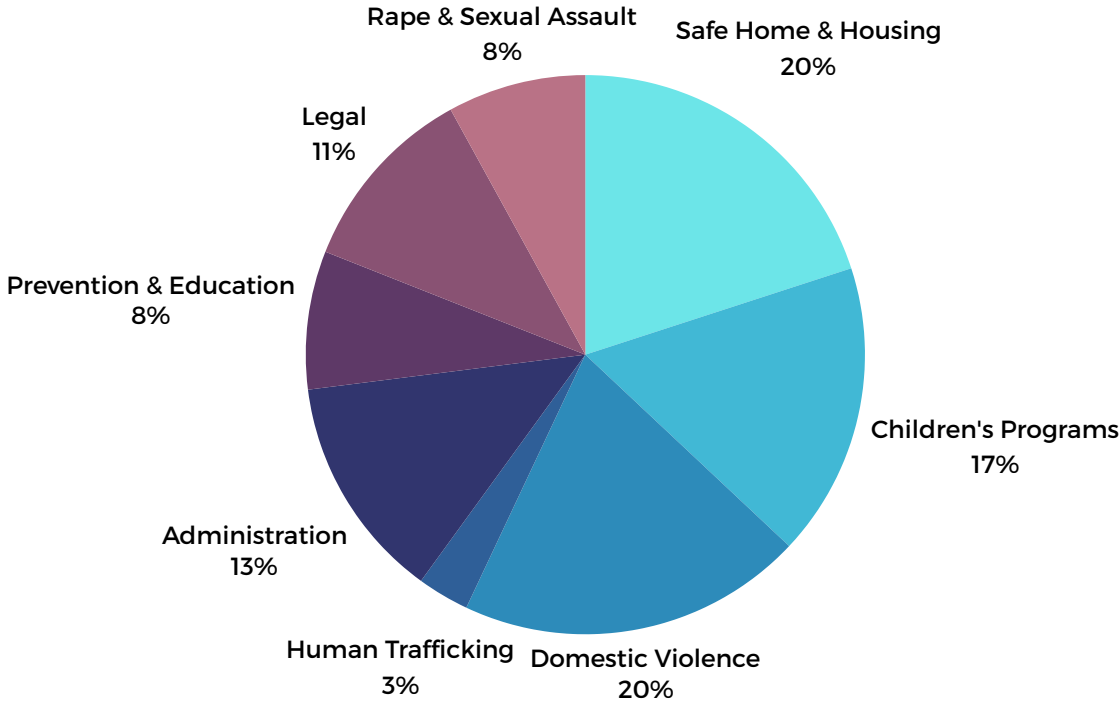
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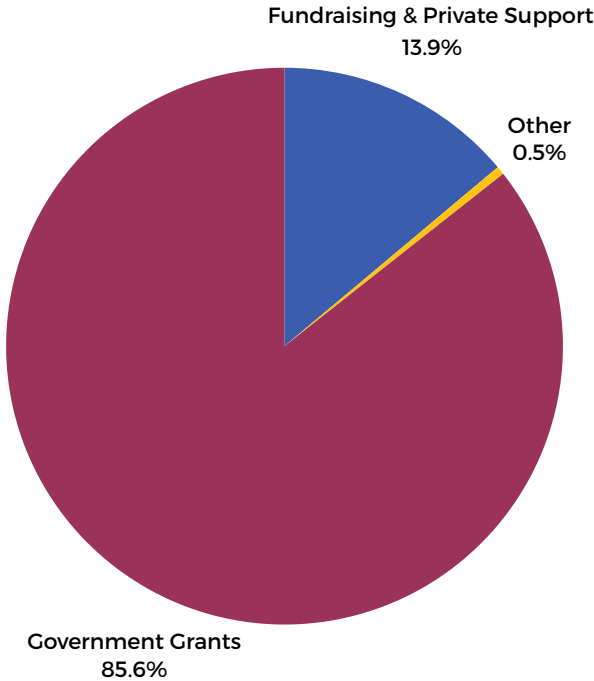
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