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A Message From Our Executive Director

On behalf of Safe Homes of Orange County, I am pleased to present our 2015 Annual Impact Report. The Annual Impact Report takes a look at the services we provided, our fiscal health, and acknowledges the amazing donors and funders who supported us throughout the year.

In 2016, Safe Homes will continue to offer all the highlighted services and seek opportunities to enhance them for the safety of our clients and the advancement of our mission. The past year has been extremely busy and exciting. While the need for services has not decreased and the impact of domestic violence, teen dating violence, and human trafficking is felt far beyond the county lines, we have been very fortunate to receive funding to expand our services to sexually exploited youth. In late fall, the Orange County Department of Social Services received funding to address commercially and sexually exploited youth in Orange County. Safe Homes was originally able to support a part-time position with this funding, however as we move into 2016 we are fortunate and grateful to be expanding the position to full-time. This position will be co-located in the Department of Social Services and will work collaboratively with many agencies within the county to identify, intervene, and support vulnerable youth in our community. In addition to providing direct support to victims, this position will chair the Safe Harbor Task Force and provide training throughout the County. Stay on the lookout for upcoming trainings and awareness building campaigns throughout the year.

In October Safe Homes received funding to expand our therapeutic counseling services from one full-time therapist to two full-time therapists. This could not have come at a better time. This service is relatively new to our agency and the program grew quickly. The additional funding from the Office for Victims of Services (OVS) and Senator Bonacic allowed Safe Homes to expand the project, and increase the number of clients that could benefit from this service.

Safe Homes is excited to report that we are closer than ever to moving forward with a new shelter in Orange County. As we mentioned in last year’s annual report, this will add 20 additional beds to our current 17. As our capability increases, so will our operating costs and our need for additional, steady financial support. We are going to need your support now more than ever. We are going to need the creative thinking, giving hearts and hands, and voice of the community to bring this all together. We cannot do this work alone and rely deeply on the unwavering support of so many within the community.

It’s hard to believe that we will be honoring 30 years of service this October. In so many ways we have come so far from our beginning at the kitchen table of a private home. Yet, the concerns and strategies remain the same: How do we continue to address the growing need for our services? How do we find sustainable, ongoing support? What are the most pressing needs of victims? The discussions have evolved over the years and yet there is always one constant that remains the same: no matter what we do—or how we do it—it must always be client-centered. It must always represent the voice of the victims and survivors among us. We must always continue to work every day in hopes that one day we will no longer be needed.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you that supported Safe Homes of Orange County in any way this past year. We know how valuable time is and the financial constraints on so many. Thank you for making Safe Homes and the work that we do your priority. My hope is that this report contributes to a better understanding of the work we do every day and may inspire others to get involved. For now, we walk forward one foot in front of the other, together with each of you, arm in arm. We build our network, we grow our circle.

In unity,

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2015 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Surviving domestic violence can be a daunting, unrelenting journey. We are humbled and honored to serve those who turn to Safe Homes as their passage to safety and a life free from violence and abuse. Here we sample the impact of our work throughout 2015, made possible by our funders and supporters. Safe Homes services are accessible through a variety of Non-Residential and Residential Programs, which include crisis intervention, risk assessment and safety planning, advocacy, case management, counseling support groups, and much more.

During 2015, Safe Homes Advocates provided services to 730 adult clients and 580 children through Non-Residential Programs, and 55 adults and 50 children through our Residential Program for a total of 4,689 nights of safety in our 17-bed Emergency Shelter.

Advocacy & Support Services

3,070 Hotline Calls offered safety planning and access to support services and resources.

5,507 Supportive Counseling services were provided to victims/survivors, creating 3,165 individualized Safety Plans.

15,700 Advocacy Services encompassed the areas of court accompaniment, legal support, law enforcement, medical, mental health, social services, housing, employment, immigration, economic empowerment, and education.

2,259 Emergency Services addressed immediate needs of children and basic needs as food, clothing, personal care, and critical household items.

132 referrals for our Therapeutic Counseling Program provided counseling to 92 individuals with 567 sessions being provided.

141 Support Groups were facilitated and offered in English and Spanish.

Community Collaborations

Worked collaboratively with Child Protective Services caseworkers on 500 cases involving indicators of domestic violence, reported child abuse and participated in 78 joint home visits.

Partnered with the District Attorney’s Office to provide assistance on 98 Grand Jury cases, advocated for survivors with Assistant District Attorneys (ADA’s) on 302 occasions, and received 36 referrals from ADA’s for Safe Homes services.

As part of the Orange County Safe Harbor Initiative, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services received 58 referrals for youth identified as being at risk or experiencing trafficking (September to December).

Within the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Domestic Violence Liaison conducted 267 domestic violence and waiver assessments for applicants of DSS assistance and provided 323 waivers to enable survivors to safely comply with DSS requirements throughout the application process.

In partnership with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Safe Homes Family Justice Center housed a full-time attorney and paralegal who handled 143 cases, assisting clients with orders of protection, custody, visitation, divorce, and child and spousal support.

Safe Homes Volunteers contributed a total of 708 hours of service.

Safe Homes is grateful for the commitment we have from the Federal, State, County, and local officials. The above speakers pictured are from our open house and press conference kicking off Domestic Violence Awareness Month on October 2, 2015.

Top left to right: Senator John Bonacic, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, and spokesperson Brian Maher with Senator William Larkin

Middle left to right: District Attorney David Hoovler, County Executive Steve Neuhaus, and Assemblyman James Skoufis

Bottom left to right: OC DSS Commissioner Darcie Miller, Mayor Judy Kennedy, and City of Newburgh Police Department Sgt. Rich Carron
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Outreach & Education

Safe Homes offers free education on issues surrounding teen-dating violence, violence prevention, and healthy relationships to community groups, schools, workplaces, law enforcement agencies, healthcare, government, and human service organizations. Trained educators design presentations or workshops according to the needs and characteristics of each group or audience, in English and in Spanish.

137 presentations reached 3,373 adults raising awareness on topics such as the dynamics of domestic violence, stalking, technology safety, human trafficking, the impact of domestic violence on children, and domestic violence in the workplace.

Safe Homes Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program held 318 age-appropriate presentations reaching 5,128 adolescents and teens. Topics included abusive versus healthy relationships, physical and online bullying, the impact of stereotypes, sexism, bystander intervention, and other cultural-competency themes.

Safe Homes Youth Educators led the 4th annual Youth Leadership Academy over two weeks in July for students ages 14-17. With support from the Orange County Youth Bureau, Safe Homes offered two academies, one in Newburgh and one in Port Jervis, with a total of 30 Orange County youth participating. During this training youth exercised and enhanced their leadership skills while gaining knowledge and participating in conversations on teen dating violence, equality, safety, respect, healthy boundaries, consent, messages from the media, systems of privilege and oppression, bystander empowerment, communicating effectively, what makes a true leader, and how to make a difference in their own community. Youth were challenged to think outside the box, to challenge themselves, and to challenge others.

On February 7, 2015 we announced the winner (pictured right) of our 1st annual Safe Love is … Art Show and Scholarship Contest. With the sponsorship of The Law Office of Benjamin Greenwald, 39 students from across Orange County (grades 9-12) submitted artwork expressing their vision and voice in ending teen-dating violence for a chance to win the $500.00 scholarship.

Financial Statement

SUPPORT & REVENUE: $1,738,417

- Program Revenue .........................$551,505
- Grants & Contracts .....................$1,089,173
- Donations ..............................$60,081
- Special Events .........................$36,557
- Interest* ..................................$1,101

* $1,052 from Perpetual Trust

EXPENSES: $1,653,346

- Program .................................$1,543,193
- Administrative & General ..........$98,558
- Fundraising .............................$11,595

Total Agency Budget: $1,653,346

93 cents of every dollar donated to Safe Homes goes directly into programs.
Thank you …

**VOLUNTEERS, FUNDERS, DONORS, FRIENDS, & NEIGHBORS**

Safe Homes comprehensive support services and outreach programs are sustained by the dedication of our volunteers, the solidarity of our community, and the vision of our funders and government leaders.

We gratefully acknowledge all forms of support for the Safe Homes mission and for the individuals and families we serve. All gifts, big and small, move our work forward. The following names represent organizations, groups, and individuals who made monetary or in-kind gifts valued at $50 or more, during 2015. Please contact us if you feel your name was inadvertently left out. Thank you.

### VOLUNTEERS
- Suzanne Beloise
- Antonella Benedict
- Tanya Bray
- Judith Cady
- Alicia D’Amico
- Carol Flaitz
- Angelyn Galati
- Cristal Kadet
- Elizabeth Merritt
- Mickey Morgano
- Mary Randall
- Saishree (Kiki) Rao
- Michelle Roach
- Anne Thoet

### CORPORATE
- A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc.
- Ball Corporation
- Bass/AM Retail Group. Woodbury Commons
- Bon Secours Charity Health Systems
- COTY Inc. New York
- Crystal Run Healthcare
- Eileen Fischer, Inc./Retail Division
- Fidelity Brokerage Services
- Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union
- IBM Employee Services Center
- M&T Bank
- Macy’s
- Mary K
- Mediacom
- Mid-Hudson Federal Credit Union
- Nationwide Equities Corp.
- Orange & Rockland Utilities
- Orange Regional Medical Center
- Seely & Durland, Inc.
- Victoria’s Secret
- Walmart

### GOVERNMENT
- Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- County of Orange
- NYS Office of Children and Family Services
- NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
- NYS Office of Victim Services (NYSOVS)
- Orange County Department of Social Services
- Orange County District Attorney’s Office
- Orange County Youth Bureau
- Police Chiefs’ Association of Orange County
- Senator John J. Bonacic, NYSDCJS
- United Way of Dutchess - Orange Region
- United Way of Western CT

### FOUNDATIONS
- 1st Lt. Louis Allen Foundation
- Avon Foundation
- Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan
- Dyson Foundation
- Verizon Foundation
- Warwick Savings Foundation
- Yoko Ono Foundation

### COMMUNITY
- AARP Greater Middletown Chapter
- AMVETS Post 2015
- Bishop Dunn Memorial School
- Bloomingdeals Resale Store
- CDA Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419
- Central High School Key Club
- Community Garden of Pine Bush
- Creative Children Christian Preschool
- CSEA Local 1000
- Delancey’s
- Dr. Michelle Winchester-Vega & Associates
- English Rose Day School
- Essential Power Systems
- FAANNY Organization
- First Class Daycare & Learning
- Friends of Newburgh Crew, Inc.
- Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson
- Goshen Acupuncture
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Hamptonburgh Seniors
- Harriet Earnest, CPA
- Healthy Transitions 4U
- Highland Mills United Methodist Church
- Hudson Valley Region MARC, Inc.
- Kiwanis Club Chester
- Lions Club of Warwick
- Lobiondo Law Office
- Manju’s Beauty Palace
- Mima’s of Warwick
- Montgomery Montessori
- Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel
- Mountainville Methodist Church
- NY Association of Nurses Zone 5
- OCNY Moms
- Otisville Correctional Facility
- Otisville Grange #1020
- Otisville Lions Club
- Painter’s Cornwall-on-Hudson
- Roe’s Orchards
- Rotary Club of Port Jervis
- Saint Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Society
- St. Anne’s Episcopal Church
- St. James Episcopal Church
- St. Johns Lutheran Church, Middletown
- Staff at American Shoring
- Staff at Ball Corporation
- Staff at Depew Oil
- Staff at Global Foundries
- Staff at Home Depot
- Staff at Mediacom
- Staff at Middletown District Attorney
- Staff at Orange Ulster/BOCES
Staff at Time Warner Cable
Staff at Wells Fargo
Student Association Women's Rugby
Tedd Cycle
The Journey Church of Hudson Valley
The Model "A" Restorers Club
Tourcom Gender in Medicine Interest Group
United Presbyterian Church of Middletown
Vail's Gate United Methodist Church
Valley Christian Church
Walden Savings Bank
Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce
Warwick Valley Humane Society & Animal Shelter
Warwick Valley Rotary Club
West Point Association of Graduates
Wild Soul Yoga
Winona Lake Ladies Auxiliary

INDIVIDUALS
Delores Arkel
Dana Asher
Helen Barden
Suzanne Beloise
Carol Bennett
Bento Family
Marlyn Bohannon
Loretta Breedveld
Karen Brisman
Maria Britton
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Michael Buckley
Wanda Cabrera
Marie Cantu
Debra Carmody
Katherine Chauncey
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Mary Latino & John Yates
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Christine Lindland
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Christine Sadowski Love
Susan Maloney
Robert Markell
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In 2016, we call on our donors to join our Sustainers Circle and make a difference every day of the year with a recurring, monthly gift. Sustaining donors provide a consistent base of support and help us plan for the future. To enter the Sustainers Circle go to safehomesorangecounty.org and find our “DONATE” button. Thank you!

Mission

Safe Homes of Orange County is a private non-profit agency dedicated to providing confidential assistance to victims of domestic violence and their children. Our mission is to work to eliminate all forms of domestic violence through education, outreach, and provision of services to individuals and families affected by domestic abuse. Safe Homes is client-centered. We educate and empower people to make informed choices. We serve with compassion and dignity.

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