A Message From Our Executive Director

As I begin my 10th year as the Executive Director of Safe Homes, I find myself feeling as if I am just beginning my journey with so much I hope to accomplish. Safe Homes has experienced incredible growth in the past decade, but at times it can feel like we are still fighting the same battles: lack of awareness and understanding of intimate partner violence and human trafficking, and lack of empathy for and the continued blaming of victims. Over the last 12 months, as a nation, we have seen increased opportunities for victims to have a voice. We bore witness to the continued strength, courage, and resiliency of survivors connected to the Me Too movement. We watched Dr. Ford bravely share her story. Yet, we still live in a society where the cultural narrative around sexual assault has not changed much since 1991.

Here at Safe Homes, we continue to work, train, and educate around the larger systemic issues that create space in our society for domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking to occur. Most people can agree that physical acts of domestic violence and sexual violence are not okay and those who use such behaviors should be held accountable. The larger issue is that these behaviors are the least common tactics of control that abusers/traffickers use. Currently there are no laws that adequately address tactics of emotional and psychological terror—the invisible chains which keep victims entrenched and entrapped. Ceasing the objectification of women and girls and creating new messaging around positive gender roles is still not the priority in media, music, marketing, or within the education system. While some companies have taken a stand, we still experience messaging that reinforces traditional gender roles and stereotypes, the objectification of women and girls, and toxic masculinity in everything from cartoons, movies, print media, to the nightly news. The list could go on and on; we still have a lot of work to do.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Trafficking is the response to the demand for prostitution, and the sale of human beings is projected to surpass the sale of both drugs and guns as our largest global criminal enterprise. With the growing capabilities of technology and more platforms available to move video and images, participation in trafficking can occur without ever having to leave one’s home. Collectively, we are often outraged by the idea of trafficking, with many unable to comprehend that it is happening right here in our own backyards. However, when we start to have deeper conversations around the correlation between prostitution, pornography, and trafficking, that hard fast line once held starts to bend. There was very little community conversation when an international pornography company chose a nearby community this past fall to receive free leaf cleanup as part of a marketing campaign. If you were to look at the comments online, most people thought it was a great idea and took no issue with local businesses agreeing to place this company’s logo on their vehicles as advertisement for an online pornography empire. All of which brings me back to saying that we still have a lot of work to do.

Changing the curtains in a home does nothing about the cracks in the foundation. One has to start at the core of the structure in order to stabilize it, or we might need to tear it down and build something new. Everywhere we turn, the oppressive social constructs of racism, sexism, homophobia, and xenophobia prove again and again to be the bricks and mortar of the country in which we live. Policies bear no weight if there is no process for implementation, procedure for moving forward, or accountability for failure to follow. I’m sure you can guess what I am about to say: clearly, we have a lot of work to do. For those of us who do this work every day, at times it can feel overwhelming, but it can also be transformational and even healing. To keep fighting for equality and justice is the only option — anything else feels unbearable.

As we move forward into 2019, we hope you will join us on our mission. To all of the amazing individuals, groups, and communities who have chosen to take this journey with us by joining the conversation, sharing our information, creating space for victims' voices, and supporting Safe Homes unconditionally: THANK YOU! When we work together, we have the power to create change and save lives.

Forward we march,

Kellyann

Thank you!
92 Adults and 52 Children accessed safety and services at the Safe Homes Shelter.

5,202 Nights of Safety provided in our Shelter’s inclusive environment.

817 Adults and 632 Children served through Non-Residential Programs in Orange County; 32 Adults and 41 Children served through Non-Residential Programs in Sullivan County.

19,158 Advocacy Services in Orange County and 247 Advocacy Services in Sullivan County encompassed the areas of court accompaniment, legal support, law enforcement, medical, mental health, social services, housing, immigration, employment, economic empowerment, and education.

3,319 Emergency Services in Orange County and 15 Emergency Services in Sullivan County addressed the immediate needs of children, and basic needs such as food, clothing, personal care, critical household items, and transportation for individuals and families.

4,286 Crisis Line Calls in Orange County and 147 Crisis Line Calls in Sullivan County provided safety planning and access to support services and resources.

7,730 Supportive Counseling Services in Orange County to individual victims and survivors, creating 5,665 individualized Safety Plans. 90 Supportive Counseling Services in Sullivan County to individual victims and survivors, creating 86 individualized Safety Plans.

6 Pets were sheltered through our partnership with the Warwick Valley Humane Society for a total of 248 nights of safety.

106 referrals to our Therapeutic Counseling Program provided counseling to 164 individuals with 789 sessions being provided.

Safe Homes advocates co-located within Child Protective Services (CPS) in Goshen and Newburgh worked collaboratively with CPS on 560 cases involving indicators of domestic violence and reported child abuse. They provided services and information to 361 individuals, conducted 249 joint visits within the home and community.

The Domestic Violence Liaison (DVL) conducted 389 DV assessments for individuals seeking DSS assistance and provided 232 waivers to enable survivors to safely comply with DSS requirements. The DVL connected 195 individuals with Safe Homes for ongoing services and support.

Participating with the OC District Attorney’s Office, Safe Homes assisted on 67 grand jury cases and received 37 referrals for Safe Homes services.

During the 4th quarter of 2018, the newly-created position of Crime Victim Case Manager provided 102 crime victims with information and referrals, assisted 7 individuals with personal advocacy and provided emotional support to 28 individuals.

151 Presentations reached 1,912 adults, raising awareness about the complex dynamics and impact of intimate partner violence and human trafficking.

310 Age-appropriate Presentations reached 5,352 Adolescents and Teens in Orange County and 8 Age-appropriate Presentations reached 88 Adolescents and Teens in Sullivan County on topics including abusive versus healthy relationships, physical and online bullying, sexism, systems of oppression and cultural competency.

Our Housing First Program, in collaboration with HONOR, remained at capacity and supported 6 adult clients and their 8 children with 600 supportive case management and advocacy services and 68 home visits.

The Safe Harbour: NY program, funded through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, supports counties in developing their capacity to identify youth who have been trafficked, sexually exploited, or are at risk of victimization and to meet identified service needs of these youth. The Orange County Safe Harbor Program, a collaboration with the Orange County Department of Social Services, Safe Homes, and HONOR, received 81 referrals for youth and provided 55 youth with services, including safety planning, individual support, case management, and referrals to service. 39 Presentations reached 1,066 adults, raising awareness about human trafficking.
Surviving domestic violence and trafficking can be a daunting, unrelenting journey. We recognize the incredible strength of victims and survivors attempting to access safety and connecting with Safe Homes for support.

Legal Services

In 2013, Safe Homes partnered with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) to provide increased access to holistic legal services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking in the areas of family offense, custody, visitation, child support, and victim-related immigration matters. As a result of this partnership, one full-time attorney and one full-time paralegal located at Safe Homes Family Justice Center. In 2018, the attorney and paralegal located at Safe Homes Family Justice Center handled 138 cases on behalf of 78 clients.

In October 2016, LSHV was awarded additional funding to enhance our collaboration from the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), providing one additional full-time attorney to our project. In 2018, this additional attorney allowed for 221 cases to be handled on behalf of 132 clients referred by Safe Homes.

In October 2018, Safe Homes was awarded additional funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) to once again expand legal services to victims. Through OVS, Safe Homes expanded our contract with LSHV to employ three attorneys and one paralegal who will be located at LSHV offices in Newburgh and Monticello, allowing Safe Homes to expand these vital services into Sullivan County. From October to December 2018, this new team handled 31 cases on behalf of 14 clients referred by Safe Homes.

Risk Reduction Response

The Safe Homes Risk Reduction Response Program (RRRP) was created in October 2016 with funding from the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV). This program is a multi-disciplinary approach to high risk domestic violence cases, centered around victim safety and offender accountability.

Safe Homes, along with local law enforcement, Orange County Probation, and the Orange County District Attorney’s Office, work collaboratively to identify domestic violence incidents that have a risk of serious physical injury and/or lethality. To track offender accountability and maintain focus on victim safety, any cases that screen into the RRRP are monitored throughout the criminal justice process.

Officers conduct a brief lethality/risk assessment at all domestic incidents involving intimate partners. If the result is high risk, officers then place a call from the scene to the Safe Homes hotline in order to immediately connect the victim with an advocate. Officers, along with a Safe Homes advocate, also conduct follow-up homes visits to engage the victim around available services and any needs they may have.

This program originally launched in collaboration with the City of Newburgh Police Department. With the support of additional funding through the S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program administered through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Safe Homes has expanded the RRRP to the City of Port Jervis and City of Middletown Police Departments.

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Training for the Town of Newburgh Police Department will begin in Spring 2019.
Prevention, Education, Awareness

Safe Homes offers free education in both English and Spanish on issues surrounding teen dating violence, violence prevention, human trafficking, 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.

**151** presentations reached **1,912** adults in Orange County, 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 **310** age-appropriate presentations reaching **5,352** adolescents and teens in Orange County, and **8** age-appropriate presentations reaching **88** adolescents and teens in Sullivan County. Topics included abusive versus healthy relationships, physical and online bullying, the impact of stereotypes, sexism, bystander intervention, cultural-competency, and other themes.

On February 10, 2018, we announced the winner of our 4th annual “Safe Love is…” Art Contest. **59** students from grades 6-12 across Orange County submitted artwork expressing their vision and voice in ending teen-dating violence.

On Wednesday, April 25th, Safe Homes hosted the 5th Annual “Love Shouldn’t Hurt” Teen Summit at the Orange County Emergency Services Center in Goshen. Over **80** student participants from five area schools came together to achieve the knowledge and skills needed to advocate for equality and healthy relationships, as well as the tools to combat gender violence in their home communities.

Safe Homes Youth Educators led the 6th annual **Summer Youth Leadership Academy** during two weeks in July for students ages 14-17. With support from the Orange County Youth Bureau, Safe Homes offered two week-long academies, one in Newburgh and one in Port Jervis, with a total of **29** Orange County youth participating. During this workshop, 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, effective communication, 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.

In November, our first **“I Can Make Change” Teen Essay Contest** was held with the theme, “A World Without Abuse.” **15** students submitted essays and three winners were chosen. **Isabel Laracuente**, a senior at NFA North, won first place and her essay was featured in our quarterly newsletter.

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Circuit of Love
2018 "Safe Love is…” Art Contest Winner:
Martino Lasalandra, Warwick Valley High School
Artist’s note: "Relationships work much like a circuit. The communication is the wires and the thoughts and feelings are the electricity that powers a healthy relationship."
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.

**ALL GIFTS—BIG AND SMALL—MOVE OUR WORK FORWARD.**

### Volunteering and Internships

In 2018, Safe Homes Volunteers and Interns contributed a total of 3,164 hours of service.

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2018 Financials

...of every dollar donated to Safe Homes goes directly into programs and services to help survivors and to educate our community.

Total Agency Budget  $2,413,346

Support & Revenue  $2,630,919

- Program Revenue  $618,887
- Grants & Contracts  $1,733,862
- Donations  $200,995
- Special Events  $79,669
- Interest ($2,494)  0.1%

Expenses  $2,502,852

- Program  $2,272,488
- Administrative & General  $127,832
- Fundraising  $102,532
Our Mission

Safe Homes of Orange County’s mission is to work toward the elimination of intimate partner violence, teen dating violence, and trafficking by providing comprehensive support services to victims and their children, and by increasing public awareness about these issues and encouraging accountability for perpetrators. We envision being the County’s leading authority and key agent of change for victims, their families, and our community impacted by intimate partner violence, teen dating violence, and human trafficking.

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