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On behalf of Safe Homes or Orange County, I am pleased to present our 2014 Annual Impact Report. The Annual Impact Report takes a look at the services we provided, our fiscal health, and it acknowledges the amazing donors and funders who supported us throughout the year.

In 2015, 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. We will strengthen our collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, the courts, healthcare providers, the District Attorney’s Office, and other community partners, in a coordinated effort to reduce the occurrence of domestic violence in Orange County.

More importantly, we look forward to implementing new and ongoing projects with the sustained support of our community. First, our current shelter has served as a beacon of hope and safety for hundreds of families, for nearly a quarter of a century. Each year Safe Homes longs for the ability to update, rejuvenate, and refresh our humble home. The community has stepped forward with time and talents to bring in a fresh coat of paint, a spring cleaning, or a garden to enjoy in summer. These are ongoing needs, and an opportunity for workplace, faith or community groups to lend a hand.

While our shelter has increased capacity from 13 to 17 beds, we still find ourselves at capacity all too often and forced to refer local victims to out-of-county facilities for safety. After years of exploration, and with the support of many in the community, Safe Homes will finally embark on the opening of another shelter to serve victims of domestic violence and their children—right here in Orange. We are encouraged by the possibilities a new shelter will bring, mainly, the capability of meeting the needs of our community.

As our capability increases, so do our operating costs and our need for additional, steady financial support. In 2015, we will be challenging our donor base to consider more sustainable and recurring forms of support, such as monthly giving. The adults and children we serve face uncertainty and fear every day. Every day they hope for the violence to stop. Every day they consider their options, if they have them. Safe Homes must remain a gateway to safety, every day—365 days a year. Monthly giving provides a steady flow of income to keep our doors open, our hotline ringing, and our advocates at the ready for when the time is right for an individual or family to seek safety with us. Monthly giving is about the sustainability of our important services, into the future. As we look to the celebration of Safe Homes 30th Anniversary in 2016, the future is where we must set our eyes.

I would like to thank all our stakeholders for their commitment to ending domestic violence, and their vote of confidence in Safe Homes of Orange County. My hope is that this report contributes to a better understanding of the work we do every day with the unwavering support of so many, and that more groups and individuals will be inspired to engage in this work with us.

In Unity,

Kellyann
2014 Community Impact Report

Surviving domestic violence is 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 2014, made possible by our funders and supporters. Safe Homes services are accessible through a variety of Non-Residential and Residential Programs, and include crisis intervention, risk assessment and safety planning, advocacy, case management, educational support groups, and much more.

During 2014, Safe Homes Advocates provided services to 799 adult clients and 648 children through Non-Residential Programs; 72 adults and 63 children were served through our Residential Program, to a total of 5,273 nights of safety in our 17-bed Emergency Shelter.

ADVOCACY & SUPPORT SERVICES

3,438 Hotline Calls provided safety planning and access to support services and resources.

6,149 Supportive Counseling services were offered to victims/survivors, creating 3,453 individualized Safety Plans.

7,250 Advocacy Services encompassed the areas of court accompaniment, legal support, law enforcement, medical, mental health, social services, housing, employment, immigration, economic empowerment and education.

1,883 Emergency Services addressed immediate needs of children and such basic needs as food, clothing, personal care and critical household items.

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

In collaboration with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Safe Homes Family Justice Center handled 154 cases assisting clients with orders of protection, custody, visitation, divorce, and child and spousal support. Under this partnership, a full-time attorney and paralegal are co-located at the Family Justice Center.

Safe Homes Volunteers contributed 515 hours of service.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

For many families, the beginning of the school year can be a crushing economic burden, but a caring community of donors made sure every child—over 150—was readied with a brand new school bag and supplies. Parents expressed great relief and validation from this kind of solidarity, and the children showed a much needed boost in confidence.

BACKYARD RENOVATIONS

Cara Surace, a local high school senior working on her Girl Scout Gold Award, volunteered to clean up, garden and improve our shelter’s backyard. She built a picnic table and bench and donated three extra sets of tables and chairs. In addition, Cara organized a luncheon for friends and family, where she offered information about Safe Homes and collected household items for the shelter.

THE PINE BUSH YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING LEAGUE

Darlene Bressler, parent-member and fundraising coordinator with the Pine Bush Youth Football & Cheerleading League, nominated Safe Homes to win a $500 gift-card offered by K104.7’s holiday drawing, Twelve Days of Christmas Wish. Her nomination was selected and K104.7 surprised Darlene with two $500 gift-cards instead. She worked with the League’s students to raise awareness about Safe Homes’ advocacy work and its role in the larger social movement to end gender-based violence. The students used the gift-cards to purchase blankets, pillows, underwear, socks, small appliances, toiletries and household items to help families in shelter.  (Pictured left, delivering goods to our main office.)
Safe Homes offers free education on issues surrounding domestic violence, violence prevention, and healthy relationships to community groups, schools, workplaces, law enforcement agencies, healthcare, government and service organizations. Trained educators design presentations or workshops according to the needs and characteristics of each group or audience, in English and in Spanish.

71 presentations reached 1,352 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 229 age-appropriate presentations reaching 2,936 adolescents and teens. Topics included abusive versus healthy relationships, physical and online bullying, the impact of stereotypes, sexism and other cultural-competency themes.

Safe Homes Youth Educators led the 3rd annual Youth Leadership Academy in July for students ages 14-17. Participants engaged in interactive and skill-building workshops to help them be the change that can contribute to safer schools and communities.

At the beginning of the school year, with the sponsorship of The Law Office of Benjamin Greenwald, Safe Homes launched the first annual Safe Love Is...Art Show and Scholarship Contest. Thirty-nine high school students submitted artwork for a chance to win the $500.00 scholarship. (Art show and award set for February of 2015.)

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**SUPPORT & REVENUE: $1,567,607**

- Program Revenue .............. $500,517
- Grants & Contracts ............ 964,439
- Donations ....................... 60,983
- Special Events .................. 41,633
- Interest ......................... 35

**EXPENSES: $1,364,000**

- Program ............................... $1,261,169
- Administrative & General .... 91,165
- Fundraising ....................... 9,666

**Department of Social Services Orange County** 63%

**Other Contracts/Grants** 30%

**Administrative/General** 7%

**Programs** 93%

***Total Agency Budget: $1,364,000***

93 cents of every dollar donated to Safe Homes go directly into programs.
Thank You...

VOLUNTEERS, FUNDERS, DONORS, FRIENDS AND 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 2014. Please contact us if you feel your name was inadvertently left out. Thank you.

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GOVERNMENT
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Family Violence Prevention & Services Act
NYS Office of Children and Family Services
NYS Office of Victim Services (NYSOVS)
Senator John J. Bonacic, NYSDCJS
The County of Orange
Orange County Department of Social Services
Orange County District Attorney’s Office
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Staff at Crystal Run Village
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West Point-Highland Falls Rotary Club
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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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