IBM Employees at Sterling Forest donated a “Day of Caring” to the Safe Homes’ shelter.
2013 brought Safe Homes a combination of milestones, achievements and heartbreak.

In the earlier part of the year we were very active in global efforts to end violence against women and girls. On Valentine’s Day, we participated in the first One-Billion-Rising event of the international V-Day Movement, hosting our own Flash Mob Dance to the theme song, “Break the Chain,” with over 100 participants. To bring home the message of justice and equality of the V-Day Movement, in April our staff and volunteers put on our second production of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues,” with over 200 people in attendance.

One of Safe Homes’ proudest achievements in 2013 was our partnership with the Warwick Valley Humane Society (WVHS) and the launching of the Safe Pets Project. This collaboration provides emergency care for the pets of individuals and families temporarily sheltered with Safe Homes, removing a chronic barrier in our clients’ access to safety.

In the summer, Safe Homes was awarded several grants from United Way of Dutchess and Orange. One grant addressed crisis intervention and greatly improves our response to the emergency needs of victims of domestic violence and their children. Additional funding was allocated to programming within our Shelter to enhance our Nurturing Families Program. Most exciting was the funding awarded to expand our Youth Education and Dating Violence Prevention Program. We have since partnered with schools across Orange County to launch the Mentors in Violence Prevention program (MVP). Part of a unified response to domestic violence, MVP is a leadership-based approach that mentors young bystanders to stop and prevent bullying and gender-based violence in their schools and communities. MVP is presenting Safe Homes with opportunities to connect with today’s Youth in deeper, more meaningful ways, and we are excited to see where it will take us.

Through funding secured by Senator William J. Larkin for the Police Chiefs’ Association of Orange County Police Academy, Safe Homes co-facilitated trainings on domestic violence for law enforcement agencies across county, involving 150 officers, approximately. We are encouraged by this continued collaboration between Safe Homes and law enforcement, which is essential to a coordinated response to domestic violence in Orange County.

In October 2013, Safe Homes was awarded a grant from the Children’s Trust Fund/NYS Office of Children and Family Services to enhance our Child Protective Services/Domestic Violence Collaboration. This funding supports the colocation of an additional full-time advocate at the Newburgh offices of Child Protective Services (CPS), and an additional part-time advocate in the Goshen CPS offices. This colocation of services and sharing of expertise improves safety for victims and reduces incidents of re-victimization.

This was also the year Safe Homes adopted a new tagline, after much reflection, conversation and input from the community: Creating Safety, Reclaiming Equality, Pursuing Justice. It’s a very high mark, and we aim to live by it.

2013 was also particularly tragic for victims of domestic violence in Orange County. Three women were killed by an intimate partner, and we must not forget them: Tyrrochelle Haughton, Sabine Icart and Ada Lara.

In closing, I want to use this opportunity to thank the advocates that dedicate their lives to ending domestic violence. This work is emotionally challenging, and it would be easy to lose faith, but the tireless staff at Safe Homes is committed to the larger picture. They measure success in small steps and understand the slow but irreversible course of change. It is their determination, each and every day, that shines a bright light when darkness seeks to prevail.

Shine on!

Kellyann
Surviving domestic violence is a formidable, 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 share a glimpse of the impact of Safe Homes’ work in the Orange County community, throughout 2013.

SAFETY & SHELTER

Safe Homes’ 17-bed Emergency Shelter provides an opportunity for survivors/victims and their children to receive appropriate services and plan their journey from shelter to independence in a safe, secure facility. Shelter services include crisis intervention, risk assessment and safety planning, court advocacy, educational support groups, children’s services, and much more. During 2013, 87 adults and 76 children found safety at the Safe Homes’ Shelter. 4,761 nights of safety were provided within the Shelter’s inclusive environment.

In 2013, Safe Homes partnered with the Warwick Valley Humane Society to launch the SAFE PETS PROJECT to ensure that survivors/victims can leave their abusive partners without having to make the difficult decision to leave a pet companion behind.

IBM Employees at Sterling Forest (pictured on the cover of this report) dedicated their annual “Day of Caring” to our Shelter, painting, cleaning, organizing and making small repairs. Their contribution helped us improve the safety and quality of our living environment.

ADVOCACY & SUPPORT SERVICES

Safe Homes’ Advocates answered 3,846 Hotline Calls providing safety planning and access to available support services and resources.

5,180 Advocacy Services were rendered in the areas of court accompaniment, legal support, law enforcement, medical and mental health, social services, housing, employment, economic empowerment and education.

1,636 Emergency Services addressed such needs as food, clothing, personal care and critical household items.

Advocates assisted victims/survivors with the development of 2,983 individualized Safety Plans.

Support Groups, in English and in Spanish, met 144 times.

Advocates conducted 4,744 Supportive Counseling meetings with individuals victims/survivors.

In July of 2013, Safe Homes’ Family Justice Center partnered with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV). Over a six-month period, LSHV handled 105 cases, assisting clients with orders of protection, custody, visitation and support. Under this new partnership, Safe Homes has a co-located full-time attorney and paralegal.
OUTREACH & EDUCATION

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.

64 presentations reached 2,757 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 170 age-appropriate presentations reaching 4,481 adolescents and teens. Topics included abusive versus healthy relationships, physical and online bullying, the impact of stereotypes, sexism and other cultural-competency themes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SUPPORT & REVENUE: $1,357,372
- Program Revenue ............. $435,195
- Grants & Contracts ........... 852,225
- Donations ....................... 29,274
- Special Events ................ 40,621
- Interest .......................... 57

EXPENSES: $1,389,749
- Program ........................ $1,293,635
- Administrative & General 86,623
- Fundraising ...................... 9,941

Total Agency Budget: $1,389,749
93 cents of every dollar go directly into programs.
Safe Homes’ comprehensive support services and outreach programs are made possible 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 of the Safe Homes mission and of 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. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS, FUNDERS, DONORS, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

**COMMUNITY**

AARP, Greater Middletown Chapter  
Staff at Achieve More, Liberty  
Staff at Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Middletown  
LIU/Hudson/Army Education Center, West Point  
Staff at Ball Corp.  
Staff at Bath & Body Works, Newburgh Mall  
Sherry Bukovcan & Mary Kay Group  
Business & Professional Women, Middletown  
Calico Geese of Sullivan County  
Catholic Daughters of America, St. Anne’s Court  
Catholic Women of the Chapel, West Point  
Chapel Hill Bible Church, Campbell Hall  
Staff at Child Protective Services/DSS, Goshen  
Community Garden Club of Pine Bush  
Cornwall Yacht Club Ladies Auxiliary  
Country Store Thrift Shop, Washingtonville  
The Staff at County Waste, Montgomery  
Cross Fit One Love Gym, Staff & Members  
Staff at Crystal Run Village  
Staff at CSEA Orange County Unit  
Curves, Monroe, Staff & Members  
Delta Leadership Society, Newburgh  
The Staff at DSS/Quarry Rd., Goshen  
Wendy Depew and Staff at Depew Oil  
Faith Reformed Church, Slate Hill  
First Presbyterian Church of Goshen  
First Presbyterian Church of Hamptonburgh  
First Presbyterian Church of Washingtonville  
Fishkill United Methodist Church  
Staff at Flannery Animal Hospital  
Girl Scouts Troop 549, Johnson  
Goshen Brownie Troop 184  
Grace United Methodist Women, Newburgh  
Inmates at Green Haven Correctional Facility  
Hamptonburgh Seniors  
Highland Mills United Methodist Church  
Highland Rehabilitation/Nursing Center  
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IBM Employees at Sterling Forest  
Impact M-City  
Staff at Inspire  
Insurance Professionals of Orange County  
Jack’s Pub at Catin Gardens  
Kid4Causes.org  
King of Kings  
Knights of Columbus/John Cardinal O’Connor  
Kelly Lopez, Empowering Events  
Staff at Kolmar Laboratories  
The Ladies Roundtable/NFA North  
Staff at Levi’s, Woodbury Commons  
Staff at Manheim New York  
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Meadow Hill Reformed Church, Newburgh  
Staff at Mediacom  
Staff at Mid-Hudson Managed Care  
Mid-Hudson Retired Teachers’ Association  
Middle Hope Ladies Auxiliary, Newburgh  
Monroe-Woodbury Central School District  
Mountaintop United Methodist Church  
New York State Defenders Association  
Newburgh Free Academy  
Newburgh Teaching Assistants  
Orange County Chamber of Commerce  
Staff at Otisville Correction Facility  
Orange County Community College  
Otisville Grange #1020  
Painter’s Cornwall-on-Hudson  
Party Zone USA  
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Police Chiefs’ Association of Orange County  
Powellton Club 9-Hole Golf Group, Newburgh  
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Retired Teachers Association, Mid-Hudson  
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**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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