2017 Community Impact Report


24-Hour Hotline: (845) 562-5340

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Collectively, we are all changing lives.
Surviving domestic violence 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. In March of 2017, our services expanded beyond Orange County into Sullivan County as the Safe Passage program transitioned under Safe Homes. We provide Non-Residential advocacy services, supportive counseling, and emergency services from our office in the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello. The Safe Passage hotline continues to be (845) 292-5700 with hotline services now provided by Safe Homes.

### Advocacy & Support Services in Orange County

- **3,166 Crisis Line Calls** provided safety planning and access to support services and resources.
- **7,326 Supportive Counseling** services were offered to victims and survivors, creating **5,099** individualized Safety Plans.
- **18,383 Advocacy Services** encompassed the areas of court accompaniment, legal support, law enforcement, medical, mental health, social services, housing, employment, immigration, economic empowerment, and education.
- **2,297 Emergency Services** addressed the immediate needs of children, and basic needs such as food, clothing, personal care, critical household items, and transportation for individuals and families.
- 119 referrals for our Therapeutic Counseling Program provided counseling to 133 individuals with 1,306 sessions provided.
- **185 Support Groups** were facilitated, and made available in both English and Spanish.

### Advocacy & Support Services in Sullivan County*

- **54 Crisis Line Calls** provided safety planning and access to support services and resources in Sullivan County.
- **314 Supportive Counseling** services were offered to victims and survivors, creating **238** individualized Safety Plans.
- **214 Advocacy Services** encompassed the areas of court accompaniment, legal support, law enforcement, medical, mental health, social services, housing, employment, immigration, economic empowerment, and education.
- **18 Emergency Services** addressed the immediate needs of children, and basic needs such as food, clothing, personal care, critical household items, and transportation for individuals and families.

*Period beginning March 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017.

While Sullivan County covers almost 19% more square miles, this rural area has 1/5 the population of Orange County.

### During 2017, Safe Homes Advocates provided services to:

- 741 adults and 543 children through Non-Residential Programs in Orange County;
- 47 adults and 45 children through Non-Residential Programs in Sullivan County;
- 66 adults and 45 children through our Residential Program in Orange County;

with a total of 5,322 nights of safety in our 17-bed Emergency Shelter.
Risk Reduction Response Program

In partnership with the City of Newburgh Police Department, Orange County Probation, and the Orange County District Attorney’s Office, Safe Homes implemented a Risk Reduction Response Program (RRRP) within the City of Newburgh police department. Starting in March, officers conducted high risk screenings at the scene of all intimate partner domestic violence incidents, identified 310 high risk cases, and immediately connected these individuals to the Safe Homes 24-hour hotline. Case management and advocacy services were provided to all individuals identified as high risk. The RRRP Project Coordinator reviewed 686 domestic incident reports and conducted 187 joint home visits with law enforcement.

Orange County Commission Against Intimate Partner Violence (OCCAIPV)

Safe Homes also implemented a Risk Reduction Response Program in partnership with the City of Port Jervis Police Department. Starting in April, officers conducted high risk screenings at the scene of all intimate partner domestic violence incidents, identified 215 high risk cases, and immediately connected these individuals to the Safe Homes 24-hour hotline. Case management and advocacy services were provided to all individuals identified as high risk. The OCCAIPV Project Coordinator reviewed 482 domestic incident reports and conducted 35 joint home visits with law enforcement.

Community Collaborations

Safe Homes advocates co-located within Child Protective Services (CPS) in Goshen and in Newburgh worked collaboratively with CPS on 549 cases involving indicators of domestic violence and reported child abuse. They provided services and information to 364 individuals, conducted 113 joint visits in the home and within the community.

Co-located within the Orange County District Attorney’s Office, Safe Homes provided assistance on 70 Grand Jury cases, advocated for survivors with Assistant District Attorneys on 515 occasions, and received 24 referrals from Assistant District Attorneys for services.

Orange County Safe Harbor is a collaboration between the Orange County Department of Social Services (DSS), Safe Homes, and HONOR. The program received 134 referrals for youth and provided 120 youth with services, including safety planning, individual support, case management, and referrals to service. This program expanded in 2017 to include a full-time Trafficking Case Manager, in addition to our Trafficking Resource Coordinator.

Within DSS, the Domestic Violence Liaison conducted 295 assessments for individuals seeking DSS assistance and provided 372 waivers to enable survivors to safely comply with DSS requirements. In addition, 145 individuals were connected with Safe Homes for ongoing services and support.

In collaboration with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Safe Homes Family Justice Center housed a full-time attorney and paralegal who handled 162 cases assisting clients with orders of protection, custody, visitation, divorce, and child and spousal support.

Safe Pets Program

When survivors seek to leave their homes, they sometimes face the additional challenge of finding a safe home for their pets—which may become an additional barrier to leaving. Through a collaborative effort with the Warwick Valley Humane Society, we are able to arrange temporary housing for pets. Our Safe Pets Program allows us to provide a safe haven for both household and other types of pets while an individual or family resides in our emergency shelter. In 2017, 8 pets were sheltered for a total of 578 nights of safety. This allowed 6 adult survivors and their children to access safe shelter without having to leave their pets behind or worry about the care they would receive.
Outreach & Education

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.

131 presentations reached 1,741 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 264 age-appropriate presentations reaching 4,561 adolescents and teens. Topics included abusive versus healthy relationships, physical and online bullying, the impact of stereotypes, sexism, bystander intervention, cultural-competency, and other themes.

Safe Homes Youth Educators led the 5th annual 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 25 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.

On February 11, 2017, we announced the winner (pictured above) of our 3rd annual “Safe Love is…” Art Contest. 39 students from grades 6-12 across Orange County submitted artwork expressing their vision and voice in ending teen-dating violence.

2017 Financials

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

Support & Revenue $2,363,778

- Program Revenue $568,607
- Grants & Contracts $1,599,110
- Donations $134,404
- Special Events $54,281
- Interest $7,376

Expenses $2,266,063

- Program $2,085,172
- Administrative & General $80,671
- Fundraising $100,220

Total Agency Budget $2,161,180
Volunteering and Internships
Safe Homes witnessed a tremendous increase in helping hands as **Volunteers and Interns** contributed a total of **2,687** hours of service— a 48% increase from the prior year.

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**COMMUNITY**

- Advanced Dental & Oral Surgery
- Alexis Diner
- Antalek & Moore Insurance
- Avenue Capital Group
- B and B Tan
- Ball Corporation
- Blimp Guys Freight Services
- Bruderhof, Bellvale Community
- bruyn designed
- Cantu Chiropractic
- Catholic Charities
- Central Hudson
- Certified Financial Services, LLC
- Chris Staritz Rand Realty
- City View Promotions
- Combined Energy Services
- Committee to Elect Bill Larkin
- Community Health Charities
- Congregation Kol Ami
- Cornerstone Healthcare
- Cornwall Yacht Club Ladies Auxiliary
- Crystal Run Village, Inc.
- Down 2 Earth
- Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega & Associates
- Drake Loeb, PLLC
- Emmerich Tree Farm
- Empire State Bank
- English Rose Day School
- Essential Power Systems
- Finkelstein Law Firm
- First Presbyterian Church, Campbell Hall
- Florida Family Dental Care
- Frank’s Custom Shoe Fitting, Inc.
- Frazzleberries
- Friends of James Skoufis
- Friends of Sweeton
- Geekhive
- General Traffic Equipment Corp.
- Goshen Sunoco
- Grace United Methodist Church
- Greenery Plus Florist
- Harriet Earnest, CPA
- Harriman Army Navy/Harriman Clothing Co.
- Heating & Burner Supply, Inc.
- Higher Ground Ventures
- Highland Mills United Methodist Church

**GOVERNMENT**

- Child & Adult Care Food Program
- County of Orange
- NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
- NYS Office of Victim Services
- NYS Senator John J. Bonacic
- NYS Senator William J. Larkin
- Orange County Department of Social Services
- Orange County District Attorney’s Office
- Orange County Youth Bureau
- Police Chiefs’ Association of Orange County

**FOUNDATIONS**

- 1st Lt. Louis Allen Scholarship & Community Foundation
- Allstate Foundation
- Avon Foundation
- Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan
- Dyson Foundation
- M&T Charitable Foundation
- Verizon Foundation
- Warwick Foundation
- Warwick Savings Foundation

HONOR ehg, Inc.
- Horizon Family Medical Group
- Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union
- Hudson Valley Kitchens & DKI
- Hudson Valley Women In Business
- Independent Insurance Agents Association of Orange County
- Interiors Plus / Hip & Chic
- Jacobowitz & Gusbits LLP
- Jean Claude Fine Cakes & Pastries
- JP Packaging, LLC
- Keller Williams Realty Hudson Valley United
- La Piazza of Warwick
- Lakeland Bank
- Landmark Inn
- Laura Stevens Physical Therapy
- Lazear-Smith & Vander Plaat Memorial Home
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley
- Lions Club of Warwick
- Macan Hotel Corp.
- Maple Avenue B & B
- Mauri Architects
- Maximus Foundation
- Media Solstice
- Mediacom
- Mental Health Association of Orange County
- Microtel Inn & Suites
- Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union
- MidHudsonNews.com
- Monroe Family Eyecare Associates, LLP
- Monroe Woodbury Rotary Club
- Mount Peter
- Mountainville Methodist Church
- Murphy Solar & Central Air
- MVP Healthcare
- NeighboRx Pharmacy
- Neptune Diner Corp.
- Neugent & Haussler
- Newburgh Envelope
- Newburgh Free Library
- Newburgh Teachers’ Association
- Newhard’s The Home Source
- Northeast Martial Arts
- Orange & Rockland Utilities
- Orange Regional Medical Center
- Otisville Grange #12
- Palmetto, Mollo, Molinaro & Passarello, LLP
- Peck’s Wine & Spirits
- Planned Parenthood

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.**
All donors listed in this report made contributions of $50 or more during 2017. Please contact us if you feel your name was inadvertently left out.
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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