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A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



"This has been a long and arduous road. I'm humbled by the entire experience - from the first instance of abuse through today's final ruling in court. I can appreciate that my tenacity and love for my son played a large role in getting here, but without the Center I would have never been able to see this through without feeling utterly destroyed, every day." - Donna, a survivor.

Change is inevitable - it's simply a part of life. While change will often bring about new opportunities and growth, it will also often challenge our values and beliefs to reveal inner strengths. The victims and survivors we serve have experienced change in their lives, bringing about unwanted loss, disruption, and emotional and physical stress. We all must stand with victims and survivors so that they are never alone. At the Center, victims like Donna have a voice and receive much needed resources that will ensure their safety, and enhance their lives for the better.

April was nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In recognition of **National Crimes Victims' Rights Week**, we hosted an important panel discussion focusing on hate crimes in Rockland. Thereafter, we hosted many key events, including our **Dine Out for Change** at Olde Village Inn in Nyack. Our sincerest thanks to **Caroline** and **Barry Gilsean** for hosting this event on our behalf year after year. We concluded April with our most successful fundraising event in the Agency's history at The Time Nyack. **A Night for Change** was a sellout success honoring two phenomenal champions of our cause who support victims and survivors everywhere, Denise Lipson and Tony Porter, along with A Call To Men. Denise and Tony are steadfast in their dedication and service to the Center and are truly worthy recipients of the Carolyn Fish Human Rights Award.

The mission of Center for Safety & Change is to bring light to this horrific and growing epidemic, which is all too often left in the dark. For nearly four decades, the Center has continued to be progressive in changing the culture surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault and will continue to stand side by side with victims and survivors, providing invaluable resources, starting conversations and educating our communities.

No one can sit on the sidelines anymore. It is time for everyone to join the movement to eradicate gender-based violence. Please call me at (845) 634-3391 or email me at esantiago@centersc.org to schedule a tour of the Center today. Thanks to your support, victims and survivors will never endure violence or trauma alone.

Together, we can end gender-based violence and other forms of oppression.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Santiago".

Elizabeth Santiago

**Victim's name was changed to ensure her safety and confidentiality.*



- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services
- Strategies to End Gender-Based Violence
- Crime Victims Services

“...I realized that the goal of this experience wasn't to eliminate my pain, instead it was to work through it while keeping my family together.”

Center for Safety & Change provides services not only to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and all crimes, but their friends and family members as well. Several times a year, the Center offers “Connecting the Dots,” an educational support group, presented in both English and Spanish, for parents, partners and adult siblings of children who have been sexually abused. The Center also offers individual counseling for friends and family of victims and survivors of all crimes, like Janice. When Janice learned that her teenage daughter was sexually abused by a family friend, she felt completely overwhelmed. Her first concern was her daughter's safety and emotional wellbeing. Janice's daughter received services and support from Center for Safety & Change, including counseling and advocacy. Janice also began working with a counselor at the Center. In her own words:

“When I reluctantly began therapy several years ago, I thought that it would be a waste of time. No one could possibly understand or help me lose the pain I felt as my teenage daughter was molested by my friend. The hurt was enormous and the pain immeasurable. My anger extended to my daughter and myself. After months of working with a Center for Safety & Change counselor, I realized that the goal of this experience wasn't to eliminate my pain, instead it was to work through it while keeping my family together. It was equally important to learn to trust again, to trust myself, my daughter and others. This is coming gradually. I want to express my most sincere appreciation to my counselor and to the Center for the kindness and help which enables me to manage doubt and anger.”

**Names have been changed to protect the survivors' identities.*

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: LEGAL PROGRAM



The Center for Safety & Change Legal Department has grown tremendously since it was launched as the Mary Weingard Domestic Violence Law Project in 1994. The Center's Legal Department provides free and confidential services to victims and survivors of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and stalking, including advocacy, accompaniment and representation in Family Court, Civil Court and Federal Immigration Court. In the fall of 2017, Center for Safety & Change, along with our partners **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rockland County**, **Legal Aid Society of Rockland County** and **VCS Inc.**, were awarded two three-year grants. Totalling over \$1.1 million, the grants allow us to expand legal and advocacy services to Spanish-speaking and immigrant victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in Rockland County.

Andrea Panjwani was appointed Center for Safety & Change Director of Legal Services in November 2017. When asked about her vision for the Legal Department, Andrea said:

"I am excited to have joined the Center's legal program during this time of growth and to have the opportunity to parlay my experience representing survivors and immigrants in Miami and New York City to Rockland County, my home of thirteen years. **Sena Kim-Reuter**, our managing attorney, **Stefany Ovalles**, our staff attorney, and **Amy Kellogg**, our legal fellow, have recently joined our legal team and bring a wealth of experience and talent. In addition, we are blessed to have on staff **Dilcia Suarez**, our BIA-accredited representative, **Arlene Gordon**, our paralegal, **Colleen Farrell**, our domestic violence court advocate, and **Nancy Donoghue**, **Jenny Guzman** and **Vanessa Cardoso**, our legal advocates.

It is our privilege to serve survivors of all ages, genders, races, ethnicities, religions, nationalities, incomes and physical/mental health statuses in a way that meets them where they are, honors their stories and zealously supports their legal goals. In response to some of the gaps that exist in Rockland County, we have expanded



Andrea Panjwani
Center for Safety & Change Director of Legal Services

our legal services and now provide immigration and human trafficking-related representation to help non-citizen survivors stabilize their lives and minimize re-victimization. Fear of deportation/family separation and the inability to earn a living wage are two of the factors that keep non-citizen survivors in exploitive situations - obtaining legal status is essential to breaking the cycle of abuse. As part of the human trafficking work, we help survivors who have been labor trafficked or exploited redress wage theft and play a victim rights advocate role throughout the criminal justice process when relevant. We continue to represent survivors in family court proceedings and have expanded our family law outreach and intake services. One of the things I most appreciate about Rockland County is the way people meet around the table across sectors - law enforcement, non-profit, legal, judicial, private and faith - in an effort to better serve the survivor community. Our legal team is very much committed to building capacity to serve survivors and looks forward to deepening collaborations."

PHILANTHROPY CORNER

365 DAYS OF GIVING

Be a Friend for Safety and Change by joining our 365 Days of Giving monthly donation program. For as little as \$1 dollar a day, please consider donating to help us sustain our programs and services. Monthly gifts are not only appreciated but will sustain our programs and services, furthering our mission. By supporting this unique giving program, your monthly gift will allow us to continue the great work we do, 24 hours a day/7 days a week, at no cost to the victims and survivors we serve.

The Center could not provide our life-changing and life-saving programs without the help from caring individuals like you. Participation in this program allows flexibility to have your gift charged to your credit/debit card or deducted from your checking account each month. All monthly recurring gifts are tax-deductible. Start your monthly donation today by visiting our website at www.centerforsafetyandchange.org or call Tracie McLee, Director of Development at (845) 634-3391 or email tmclee@centersc.org. **Thank you for your support.**

Last year alone, monthly giving donors provided:

- Emergency Residential Shelter for an average of 100 area residents annually
- Sexual Trauma Services including Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (S.A.F.E.) by our in-house, highly-skilled team of medical professionals at both local hospitals, the only program of its kind in Rockland County
- Trained volunteer hotline receptionists, rape crisis counselors and other trained staff to help answer nearly 2,000 calls through our confidential, supportive and supervised 24 hour hotline
- Provided more than 2,900 safety plans for victims of domestic violence
- Free legal consultation and family court representation to more than 300 victims annually
- 395 prevention and educational training sessions to more than 4,200 middle school, high school and college students, increasing outreach by 80% percent



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SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: ARLINE GILLER

For longtime Center for Safety & Change volunteer **Arline Giller**, helping other people comes naturally. Arline grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and began her lifetime of volunteer service helping to feed service members and writing letters to military families through the Red Cross during World War II. Arline says it felt good to help other people, and she vowed to help people throughout her life. Arline moved to Long Island and continued to help by serving as a “block mother,” loading her basement with food and coordinating efforts to collect other donations for the war effort.

Arline and her husband, Herb, then moved to Rockland County and bought a home in a new development in New City. Arline ran an antique and clock business and worked as a jeweler for 40 years, renting space in a beauty salon in New City to sell jewelry. She also enjoyed making silk flower arrangements as a hobby. When Arline read about the Center for Safety & Change Fashion Sale in the newspaper, she realized that she could continue to help people while utilizing her unique talents. Arline made phone calls to solicit merchandise for the Center’s Fashion Sale for many years. She used her contacts from her decades of work in the jewelry business to solicit and sell jewelry at the Fashion Sale. Arline worked closely with other Fashion Sale volunteers and Board Members, like **Cynthia Diamond, Diane Sussman, Roz Fields** and **Laura Segall** to help grow the Fashion Sale.

Arline and Herb recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. “The secret to long life is to laugh every day,” said Herb. They have two children, Norma and Mark, and four grandchildren. The spirit of giving goes on through generations in Arline’s family. Her children and grandchildren are also involved in many volunteer activities. Arline continues to give back to others. Asked what motivates her to keep volunteering, she simply said, “I just love to do it.”



Front Row, Left to Right: Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago; Center for Safety & Change Volunteer Arline Giller; Center for Safety & Change Director of Volunteer Services & Community Relations Cindy McMurtrie. Back Row: Center for Safety & Change Deputy Executive Director Amy Siniscalchi



ELIZABETH RECEIVES TWO HONORS

Center for Safety & Change Executive Director **Elizabeth Santiago** was honored by a local nonprofit and a statewide coalition. On Saturday, March 10, Elizabeth was honored at Nyack Center's Annual Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch in Nyack. On Tuesday, March 13, she was honored at a press conference hosted by Strong Nonprofits for a Better New York celebrating Notable Women in Human Services in Albany.

The Nyack Center Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch has been held each of the last 14 years during Women's History Month to honor women of leadership and vision in Rockland County.

Strong Nonprofits for a Better New York is a statewide coalition of more than 350 nonprofit human services providers calling for increased state investment in the sector's workforce and infrastructure. It celebrated Women's History Month by highlighting notable women in human services from past to present, and inducting honorees into the Women in Human Services Hall of Fame. Elizabeth was nominated for inclusion in the Hall of Fame by State Senator David Carlucci.



Back Row, Left to Right: Center for Safety & Change Director of Development Tracie McLee; State Senator David Carlucci; Center for Safety & Change Board Member Lisa Falone; Center for Safety & Change Deputy Executive Director Amy Siniscalchi. Front Row, Left to Right: Rockland County Pride Center Deputy Director Diana Wilkins; Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago; Rockland County Pride Center Executive Director Brooke Malloy

“We are so proud of Elizabeth Santiago and glad to see her get the recognition she deserves for her incredible leadership of Center for Safety & Change and her ongoing contributions to the welfare of women, children and men in Rockland County and New York State,” said Center for Safety & Change Board President Kathy Perrotte. **“Elizabeth’s tireless work ethic and commitment to social justice have made our county and state better and safer for everyone.”**



SPIN-IT-TEAL

Whether you participated, donated, sponsored or cheered our brave cyclists on from the sidelines, thank you for supporting our 2nd Annual **Spin-It-Teal** event on Sunday, March 25, at Ride in Northvale, NJ. The Center grossed more than \$5,000 for our life-saving and life-changing programs and services. Special thanks goes to our sponsors **Active International, The Cullen Family, Trish and Dr. Mark Geller**, as well as **Hilton Pearl River, True Foods** and **Organica** for providing food for our guests. Congratulations to our committee members - **Tara Cullen, Trish Geller, Theresa Lau, Linie Rand, Jessica Wahlstrom** and **Lululemon of Nanuet** for planning another successful ride event. The event would not be possible without the love and support of **Nicole** and **Joe Barbato** and the entire Ride Cycling Studios team. Your support will help hundreds of children and families build a better tomorrow.



A NIGHT FOR CHANGE

On Saturday, April 28, at the Time Nyack, more than 200 guests gathered to honor **Denise Lipson** and **Tony Porter & A Call to Men** at **A Night for Change**, raising the largest amount in the Agency's history. More than 200 guests raised the highest amount in the Agency's history. Special thanks goes to our sponsors and journal participants, especially **Adam and Denise Lipson** and **The Crowley Family**. Denise and Tony, along with A Call To Men, received the Carolyn Fish Human Rights Award, which recognizes champions in the movement to end gender-based violence. The event would not be possible without the incredible support of **Mark Jacobs and Family** who offered a generous match during the appeal portion of the evening. Guests enjoyed cocktails, dinner, dessert, an entertaining live auction led by auctioneer extraordinaire Joe Rand, and video presentation under the artistic direction of Shar Adrias/Movements by Shar. Adam Lipson led our successful cause appeal where guests pledged additional funds to sustain the Center's vital programs and services.



A NIGHT FOR CHANGE (cont.)



PAWS FOR SAFETY FAMILY FESTIVAL

The rainy weather didn't stop us from hosting our **Paws for Safety Family Festival** on Saturday, May 19, at Kennedy Dells Park in New City. Pet lovers from all over Rockland gathered with their furry friends to raise awareness about the link between domestic violence and pet abuse. Thank you to our sponsors, participants, volunteers, raffle prize donors, event vendors and our sensational planning committee, led by co-chairs **Lisa Falone** and **Kevin Francis**. Everyone's teamwork made this event a barking success!



ANNUAL STUDENT ART COMPETITION

Over the past 15 years, Center for Safety & Change has received hundreds of amazing pieces of artwork from local high school students focused on the theme of “Ending Violence Against Women and Girls,” as entries in the Annual Student Art Competition. Contest sponsor **Mandel, Katz & Brosnan, LLP** generously awards prize money to the winners and offers use of their office space in Valley Cottage for an Exhibition & Reception of all the submitted artwork. Thank you to all of the incredible artists!

Congratulations to the winners of the 15th Annual Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Student Art Poster Competition:

Grand Prize Winner:

An Nguyen • “Masking the Pain”

Honorable Mentions:

Victoria Fears • “End Victim Blaming”

Alyssa Bergstrom • “Rosie the Survivor”

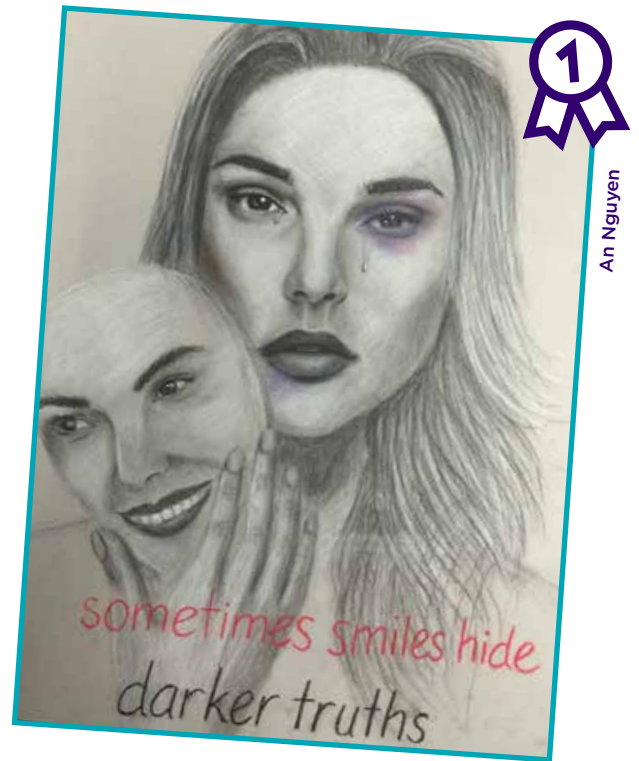
Emma Paskowski • “Hidden Scars”

Emilia Bertoli • “Survivors Untitled”

Kevin Liang • “Break the Silence”

Winning School:

Tappan Zee High School



An Nguyen

Victoria Fears



Alyssa Bergstrom



Kevin Liang



Emma Paskowski



Emilia Bertoli



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH and CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

On April 8, Center for Safety & Change hosted a press conference at Village Hall in Haverstraw in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Elected officials in attendance were invited to sign a proclamation signaling their commitment to supporting victims and survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, hate crime and all other crimes and to keeping our community safe. **Dr. Mark Geller**, CEO of Nyack Hospital, and **Dr. Mary P. Leahy**, CEO of Good Samaritan Hospital, presented Center for Safety & Change with a check for \$35,800 for the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program.



Left to Right: Nyack Hospital CEO Dr. Mark Geller; Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago; Bon Secours Charity Health System/Good Samaritan Hospital CEO Dr. Mary P. Leahy



In the evening on April 8, Center for Safety & Change hosted another event in recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a panel discussion on **Hate Crimes in Rockland County: Impact and Change**. Thank you to everyone who attended, **Nyack Center** for hosting, **Emily Dominguez** for introducing the speakers, Assistant District Attorney **Jennifer Parietti** for serving as keynote speaker, and the wonderful panelists: Rockland County Human Rights Commissioner **Constance Frazier**, Center for Safety & Change Director of Legal Services **Andrea Panjwani**, Jewish Federation & Foundation of Rockland County CEO **Gary Siepser**, Spring Valley NAACP President **Willie Trotman**, Center for Safety & Change Crime Victims Advocate **Jestine Vahsen**, and Rockland County Pride Center Deputy Director **Diana Wilkins**.



CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY



In May, Center for Safety & Change, in collaboration with New York State Police, presented a two-day training on the Neurobiology of Trauma and Healing: Enhancing the College Campus Community Response to Sexual Assault. Approximately 100 participants, including law enforcement, campus safety and security departments, campus administrators and staff and victim advocates, attended this important conference.



Thank you to the Atlantic District LWML-Lutheran Women in Mission who recently collected and donated toiletries and other items for the victims and survivors we serve!



Center for Safety & Change Coordinator of Services to the Latina Community/Legal Advocate Jenny Guzman (left) and Coordinator of Services to the Haitian Community/Community Educator Natalie Surin (right) represented the Center at the Haitian Flag Day Celebration in Spring Valley in May.



From left: Center for Safety & Change Director of Development Tracie McLee; Jeanne Shields, Roberta Bangs and Kristine DiFrancesco of HG Realtor Foundation; Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago with a donation check from HG Realtor Foundation

CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY (cont.)



From Left: Center for Safety & Change Director of Training and Education Laura Plotkin; Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago; Rockland Community College President Michael Baston; Center for Safety & Change Director of Development Tracie McLee met to discuss the Center's ongoing partnership with Rockland Community College.



Thank you to Jamie Surya (center) and Michael Chang (right) seen here with Center for Safety & Change Director of Development Tracie McLee (left), for leading a Self Care Yoga class for Center for Safety & Change staff, made possible by lululemon Nanuet and Jamie Surya Yoga Studio!



Center for Safety & Change staff wear red in honor of International Women's Day on March 8. Front Row, Left to Right: Children and Youth Counselor Lindsay Davis; Director of Domestic Violence Services Barbara Harrington; Director of Volunteer Services and Community Relations Cindy McMurtrie; Bilingual High Risk Team Coordinator Dianna Millien. Middle Row, Left to Right: Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago; Anti-Human Trafficking Program Coordinator/Bilingual Counselor Dariela Vasquez; Hotline Receptionist Evelyn Mendez; Coordinator of Services to the LGBTQ Community/Community Relations Christina Vitolo; Coordinator of Campus Services Lauren Morton. Back Row, Left to Right: Controller David Belasco; Bilingual Counselor Joanne Charles; Bilingual Children and Youth Counselor Denise Irizarry; Director of Training and Education Laura Plotkin; Finance Associate Michele Koblick; Deputy Executive Director Amy Siniscalchi; Director of Legal Services Andrea Panjwani; Grants Manager Melissa Place; Director of Development Tracie McLee



Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago moderated a discussion on inclusion, diversity, oppression and cultural acceptance between ABC News correspondent Ron Claiborne and high school students and teachers of Hudson Valley P-Tech in Piermont. This is part of a collaboration of a series of training and discussions that Center for Safety & Change and Rockland County Pride Center are doing at P-Tech.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

Without our volunteers, we simply couldn't stay afloat! On Monday, May 6, we celebrated our amazing volunteers at our Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Congratulations and thank you to all who help us support hundreds of children and families in Rockland. Last year, our volunteers donated more than 11,000 hours to our agency, a cost savings of \$245,709.

Thank you for all you do!



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT (cont.)



Steve Abel
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 Erick Barrera
 Marlena Basmanov
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 Jessica Bell
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 Emily Dolinsky
 Emily Dominguez
 Mia Dominick
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 Robyn Donohue-Martignoni
 Nancy Drennen
 Mootsy Elliot
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 Lisa Fein
 Lisa Feller
 Laila Fernando
 Mimi Fetterman
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FASHION PREVIEW & SALE

Women came from near and far to kick off summer in search of the latest fashion styles at our **23rd Annual Fashion Sale and Preview** in early June. At the Fashion Preview, hosted at the Hudson House in Nyack, models showcased the latest fashions ready to be sold at the Fashion Sale, while guests enjoyed shopping and a chance to win exciting raffle prizes. The Annual Fashion Sale is a 3-day shopping extravaganza hosted the week following the Preview at the Helen Hayes Youth Theatre. Guests shop, shop and then shop some more, purchasing name-brand apparel and accessories at discounted prices. Together, the Fashion Preview and Sale raised more than **\$65,000** for programs and services at Center for Safety & Change. Kudos to our Fashion Week Co-Chairs - **Cynthia Diamond, Emily Dominguez, Patsy Lisak, Helen Siegal, Diane Sussman, Roberta Zahl** - and their sensational committee. Big thanks to our event sponsors and loyal friends who attend these highly-anticipated events year after year. Our sincerest gratitude goes to **Skye** and the **Hudson House** in Nyack for donating their time, talent and treasure, ensuring victims and survivors get the help they need and deserve.



FASHION PREVIEW & SALE (cont.)



UPCOMING EVENTS



31st Annual
Women's Distance Festival
5K Run Walk
Hosted By Rockland Road Runners

Saturday, July 14

Rockland Lake State Park
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**Golf Tournament &
Tee Party**

Wednesday, September 26

Rockland Country Club
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Center for Safety & Change is to develop strategies to end gender-based violence and provide shelter and supportive services that empower survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse and other crimes.

Value Statement

The values of the Center for Safety & Change are built on a foundation of knowledge that gender-based violence is a historically deep-rooted and pervasive reality. The Center is committed to changing systems that tolerate and perpetuate the oppression of women and violence against others. We are bound by these values to offer services that are both relevant to and respectful of the diverse communities we serve.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Center for Safety & Change is to help create a society in which all individuals can live with dignity and equality, free from fear, violence and oppression.

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