

THE SUPPORTER

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A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In early October we hosted a press conference where I declared war on gender-based violence. “The number of American Troops killed in Afghanistan and Iraq between 2001 and 2012 was 6,488. The

number of American women who were murdered by current or ex male partners during that same time frame was 11,766,” according to an article in Huffington Post. You may not yet be aware of it, however, someone in your life is a victim of domestic violence. Women are much more likely to be victims of intimate partner violence than men. In fact, 90% of domestic violence victims are women, while 10% are men. This is an astonishing statistic that must propel you into action.

Over the last four decades Center for Safety & Change has supported almost 40,000 children and families who needed help fleeing violence. Our amazing and dedicated staff provide a safe place and critical support when needed most. Last month we recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, where we were reminded to believe victims and survivors. There is no decline in the statistics. We have experienced a 20% increase in calls to our 24-Hour Hotline since January. The need has never been more evident. We can no longer silently stand on the sidelines. We must stand up, speak up and create change. Here’s how:

EDUCATE.

Learn about the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault and talk openly about them. Break the silence. Contact our office at (845) 634-3391 to schedule a training or outreach event for your school, workplace or community group.

SHARE IT.

Speak up! Challenge yourself and others to eliminate language or expressions that denigrate women and girls and tease or harass men and boys for not being “manly” enough. Let others know that their comments are limiting and offensive and that they have no place on the playing field, in the classroom, at work or in our homes. Speak up against inappropriate and offensive comments that blame victims. Encourage them to consider why our society questions victims’ behavior instead of perpetrators’ violent and abusive actions.

SUPPORT SURVIVORS.

If someone discloses that they have been, or are being, abused, let them know that the abuse is not their fault. Reassure them that they are not alone and that there is help and support available to them. Know it may be difficult for them to talk about the abuse. They need your ear and support. Start by believing. Provide anyone who needs help with information about our **24-Hour Hotline: (845) 634-3344.**

DONATE.

Supporters like you allow our Agency to support victims and survivors at no cost to them. Help us continue to be a safe haven for countless children and families in our community. Last year we provided assistance for nearly 2,000 victims more than 27,000 times with our life-changing programs and services. Become a monthly donor for as little as \$1 a day. Visit our website at www.centerforsafetyandchange.org to learn more.

Help us **SHINE THE LIGHT** on domestic violence for many who have lived in the dark for too long. Help us say no more to victim blaming. Help us say no more to gender-based violence. Help us say no more to intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

While Domestic Violence Awareness Month is over, the conversation about intimate partner violence must continue.

HELP US START BY BELIEVING!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Santiago". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Elizabeth Santiago
Executive Director



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

SURVIVOR STORY

DATING VIOLENCE

Sarah* was hopeful that going away to college would mean getting away from her ex-boyfriend for good. Unfortunately, her ex-boyfriend, who had been emotionally and sexually abusive throughout the course of their relationship, continued to harass her while she was at school. Even after Sarah blocked his phone number and all of his social media accounts he still found ways to get in touch with her. One day she picked up her cell phone, expecting a call from the college's financial aid office as indicated by the number on the screen, only to hear her ex-boyfriend's voice on the other end. He told her that he knew which friends she was spending the most time with, and he even knew her class schedule and which days she was on campus. He threatened to send Sarah's friends and family explicit photos of her if she told anyone about the abuse. Sarah was terrified. She tried to explain to her friends that her ex-boyfriend was stalking her, but they did not understand because they never physically saw him on campus and knew he lived in a different state.

Sarah began having trouble paying attention in her classes because she was consumed with anxiety about what her ex-boyfriend would do next. She stopped hanging out with many of her friends because she worried that he would be able to track her whereabouts through social media posts or other forms of technology. She deleted her social media accounts, cutting off a major source of access to her friends and family at home. Sarah began seeing a counselor on campus to manage her stress. The counselor recommended that she make an appointment with a Center for Safety & Change advocate. Sarah was hesitant, believing that if she traveled to a domestic violence service agency her ex-boyfriend would find out and retaliate. Sarah was relieved to find out that she didn't have to leave campus to get help, she could meet with the Coordinator of Campus Services at the Center's on-campus office.

The Coordinator of Campus Services helped Sarah understand technology-facilitated abuse, and how she could document her ex-boyfriend's abuse in case she wanted to report it to law enforcement. Sarah was unsure if she wanted to file a report, but she

felt safer knowing that she had that as an option. With her advocate's support, Sarah was able to share more about her experiences with her friends and family. With Sarah's consent, the Coordinator of Campus Services was able to arrange a meeting with college faculty and administrators to discuss accommodations so that she was not penalized for falling behind on her classwork and she felt safer on campus. Learning more about dating violence and technology-facilitated abuse validated Sarah's feelings and helped her come up with a plan to stay safe. She no longer believed that her ex-boyfriend's actions were her fault, and she knew that she had the full support of Center for Safety & Change and her campus community moving forward.



College Campus Office Hours

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

145 College Road • Suffern, NY 10901
Tuesdays from 9am - 1pm
in the Technology Building Suite 8200, Room 8241

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

470 Western Hwy S. • Orangeburg, NY 10962
Thursdays from 9am - 12pm
in Forkel Hal

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE

125 Route 340 • Sparkill, NY 10976
Wednesdays from 12pm - 5pm
in the Romano Conference Center



“Learning more about dating violence and technology-facilitated abuse validated Sarah's feelings and helped her come up with a plan to stay safe.”

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



(left to right) Violence Prevention Specialist Laura Serao, Director of Training & Education Laura Plotkin, Coordinator of Campus Services Zuleika Bueno, Coordinator of Violence Prevention/Co-Coordinator of Services to LGBTQ+ Communities Rowan Reyes, Community Educator/Coordinator of Services to the Haitian Community Natalie Surin

In 2017 the Center's Lynn Sheinkin Department for Education and Social Change (Education Department) provided training for more than 1,750 college students, 600 college faculty and staff, and 3,600 middle and high school students. In 2018 the Education Department welcomed three new staff members, allowing the Education Department to expand its capacity for training in classrooms and beyond. The Education Department has been overseen by Director of Training & Education Laura Plotkin since 2012. In addition to Laura, the Education Department staff includes Violence Prevention Specialist Laura Serao; Community Educator/Coordinator of Services to the Haitian Community Natalie Surin; Coordinator of Violence Prevention/Co-Coordinator of Services to LGBTQ Communities Rowan Reyes and Coordinator of Campus Services Zuleika Bueno. The primary focus of the Education Department is to deliver school-based programs and training for community groups, organizations and businesses about domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and all crimes.

The longest running school-based program offered by the Education Department is the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program (TDVPP). TDVPP is a three-day training program provided to high school students during school hours that creates an engaging learning atmosphere in which meaningful, interactive classroom discussions take place regarding respectful and healthy relationships, dating violence, sexual assault, consent, and gender roles and stereotypes. TDVPP is delivered at every public high school in Rockland and several private schools, including Albertus Magnus High School and Rockland Country Day School.

Over the past several years the Education Department has also been piloting a Media Literacy Program in middle schools and community groups. The program, which is designed for students in grades 6-12, helps students to understand the media images and messages that bombard them every day, and how the media influences, creates and perpetuates stereotypes about boys, girls, men and women and their roles in our society. Students learn, in interactive workshops, how to analyze digital and print ads to discover how the media shapes how we view ourselves and others, and how those views might influence our outlook on relationships including leading to the normalization of violence, especially against women and girls.

The Education Department also runs the Student Activists Ending Dating Abuse (SAEDA) program. SAEDA is a youth-led education and prevention program dedicated to

celebrating diversity, challenging oppressive social norms, promoting leadership and inspiring youth to ultimately end gender-based violence. SAEDA is an interactive four-day training currently offered twice a year (in February and August) for Rockland high school students in grades 9-12. Center for Safety & Change has received funding to make SAEDA a model program that can be replicated by other anti-violence organizations throughout the country. In 2018 the Education Department began working with two organizations in New York State interested in adapting the SAEDA program for their own communities.

The most recent addition to the Education Department's school-based programming is the College Program, which was launched in 2016. Coordinator of Campus Services Zuleika Bueno holds office hours on campus at Dominican College, Rockland Community College (RCC) and St. Thomas Aquinas College (STAC). She meets directly with students and faculty who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and all crime. In addition to direct services, the College Program offers training and education programs on topics such as dating abuse, stalking, sexual harassment, revenge porn, human trafficking and the effect of gender-based violence on various communities, including local colleges such as Dominican College, Nyack College, RCC and STAC.

In 2018 the Education Department has expanded its reach through community education. New staff members, Laura S. and Rowan, have been developing new training and programs for community groups and businesses, including Bars and Restaurants for a Safer Rockland (B.A.R.S. Rockland). The goal of B.A.R.S. Rockland is to train bar and restaurant staff and management in bystander intervention. They are taught how to identify potentially unsafe situations and safely and discreetly intervene to help make local bars and restaurants safer.

The Education Department also offers training to medical professionals and law enforcement officers on screening for domestic violence, as well as training for community groups and businesses on a wide array of topics related to gender-based violence. All training is tailored to meet the needs of each audience. For more information about the Education Department, or to book training for your school, organization or business, contact Laura Plotkin, Director of Training & Education at (845) 634-3391 or lplotkin@centersc.org.

MONTHLY DONATIONS

365 DAYS OF GIVING

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Be a Friend for Safety and Change by joining our 365 Days of Giving monthly donation program. For as little as \$1 a day, please consider donating to help us sustain our programs and services. Monthly gifts 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 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 or paycheck each month. All monthly recurring gifts are tax-deductible.

Start your monthly donation today by visiting our website at www.centerforsafetyandchange.org or contact Tracie McLee, Director of Development, at (845) 634-3391 or tmclee@centersc.org.

Last year alone, monthly giving donors provided:

- Emergency Residential Shelter for an average of 100 area residents;
- Sexual Trauma Services including Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (S.A.F.E.) exams 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;
- More than 2,900 safety plans for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking;
- Free legal consultation and family court representation to more than 300 victims; and
- 395 prevention and educational training sessions to more than 4,200 middle school, high school and college students, increasing outreach by 80% percent.



Thank you to our current monthly donors

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How Your Monthly Donation Makes an Impact:

\$5 pays for art supplies like crayons, markers, colored pencils and painting materials for our Creative Arts Program, helping children as young as 3 years old heal from trauma and abuse.

\$10 pays for materials used to train middle and high school students, as well as college students, about violence prevention. They need flip charts, pens and note cards for active participation.

\$20 provides diapers and wipes to babies and toddlers coming into our Emergency Residential Shelter.

\$25 helps advocates respond to two calls into the Center's 24-Hour Crisis Hotline, helping a victim take the first steps to safety, healing and rebuilding their lives for a better tomorrow.

\$50 covers phone support for one victim so they can receive assistance from trained crisis advocates.

\$75 provides therapeutic and supportive services to teenagers who are victims of human trafficking.

\$100 provides two comfort kits, which are given to rape victims during a SAFE exam. Victims' clothes are often destroyed or kept for evidence. A kit includes sweatpants, a top, undergarments, slippers, toothbrush, toothpaste and toiletries.

\$150 pays for a special victims advocate to help a victim through hotline calls, counseling, advocacy, and hospital and court accompaniment.

\$200 covers the cost for two clients to attend an empowerment class or support group, helping them heal and rebuild their lives for a better tomorrow.

\$250 provides one hour of legal consultation from our expert attorneys and legal advocates, helping victims navigate the court system and process orders of protection.

\$500 covers an educational training session to promote awareness about domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking prevention.

\$1,000 helps a family of four transition from our Emergency Residential Shelter to their own furnished apartment.



SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: SHAR ADRIAS

Shar Adrias has a motto that she incorporates into everything that she does: “Be the change.” Shar, owner and creative director of film production company, Movements By Shar, shared her talents as a cinematographer and choreographer in support of Center for Safety & Change. She hopes to inspire others to “be the change” and work toward equality for all. The projects Shar has worked on for Center for Safety & Change this year include shooting and editing a **video** featuring survivors sharing their stories and male allies discussing how to end gender-based violence. It features the Denim Day Flash Mob dance performed at Palisades Center during Sexual Assault Awareness Month and performances with her dance troupe at She Is: An Artistic Celebration of LGBTQ Women hosted by Center for Safety & Change and Rockland County Pride Center.



Hundreds of people participated in and/or watched the Denim Day Flash Mob hosted by Center for Safety & Change at Palisades Center in April 2018.



In addition to her work as a cinematographer, choreographer and dancer, Shar is a dance teacher and serves as a mentor to her students, many of whom participated in the Denim Day Flash Mob and the She Is performance. Shar says she was bullied while growing up and she works hard to set good examples for her students on how to treat others with respect and support. “I hated the times I had nobody and I don’t want other people to feel that,” she said. Shar puts special emphasis on teaching her young male students to respect women, not “mansplain,” and have healthy relationships. She also teaches her female students to support other women, not tear them down. Several students have shared that they have taken her message to heart and seen positive changes in their relationships with others.

Shar spreads her message of respect and equality not only through words, but also by her song choices and choreography for each piece she creates. Specifically, she uses dance and music to show the importance of women standing together and believing other women. Shar has a background in hip hop dance culture, which she says is “competitive, but fun.” She takes care to select songs that do not feature lyrics degrading women or putting others down. When she choreographs mixed-gender dance routines she makes sure that there is equal power and representation of everyone’s skills. Male dancers are sometimes considered superior because of their athletic ability, so Shar created a women’s dance group, So Funky Women, in order to train women and bring them up to the same level.

At the Denim Day Flash Mob, Shar bravely shared her own story as a survivor of sexual abuse. Growing up, Shar says, “I had no idea who I wanted to be, I just wanted to heal.” She says she tried to find validation from men, some of whom mistreated her, and then she discovered that film and dance were ways that she could express herself and heal from trauma. Now she teaches her students not to use their words or dance moves to put others down, but to build each other up. As an activist, dancer, teacher, choreographer and cinematographer, Shar hopes to share messages of equality, respect and affirmation that she wishes she had been given when she was younger. Shar says she takes every opportunity she can to educate others, and we are so grateful that she has given so much of her time and talents educating communities about gender-based violence through her work with Center for Safety & Change.



Shar and Center for Safety & Change hosted several open rehearsals before the Denim Day Flash Mob.

2018 WOMEN'S DISTANCE FESTIVAL

On Saturday, July 14, more than 1,000 women and girls came together to run and walk in solidarity with all victims of crime and say “NO MORE” and “Time’s Up” to domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking at the 31st Annual Women’s Distance Festival 5K Run/Walk. In addition to the runners and walkers, many spectators came out to show their support.

Thank you to our event committee, led by Race Directors Carissa and Mike Seidenfrau and Race Chairperson Billie Castiglia, our friends at Rockland Road Runners, our sponsors and other generous contributors, all the participants, everyone who donated to the “Stop Victim Blaming WDF Style” campaign, and the many dedicated volunteers who made this all possible!



STOP FEAR CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

In October, Center for Safety & Change hosted the 21st Annual STOP F.E.A.R. Criminal Justice Conference. Representatives from all facets of the criminal justice system, including victim advocates, law enforcement officers, probation officers, prosecutors and community members, gathered at Dominican College in Orangeburg for the conference. The topic of the conference, “Deception Detection: Getting to the Truth in Child Abuse Cases,” was delivered by Jim Tanner, Ph.D., an internationally recognized authority on sex offenders and cognition.

The STOP F.E.A.R. Criminal Justice Coalition, co-chaired by Center for Safety & Change Deputy Executive Director Amy Siniscalchi and Rockland County Legislator Harriet Cornell, recognized Rockland County District Attorney Thomas Zugibe and local locksmith John Sousa with STOP F.E.A.R. Criminal Justice Awards for their efforts to hold perpetrators of gender-based violence accountable and increase survivor/victim safety. Thomas Zugibe has served three terms as Rockland County District Attorney and has overseen the implementation of innovative initiatives and programs with a focus on Community Prosecution, including the opening of the “Spirit of Rockland” Special Victims Center. John Sousa, owner of All Hours Lock Safe & Alarm, has been changing locks for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and all crime for nearly four decades through partnership with Center for Safety & Change.



STOP F.E.A.R.. Criminal Justice Conference Presenter Jim Tanner, Ph.D.



All Hours Lock Safe & Alarm owner John Sousa and Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago



Center for Safety & Change staff and members of the STOP F.E.A.R. Criminal Justice Committee with conference presenter Jim Tanner, Ph.D.



(left to right) Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago, Rockland County District Attorney Thomas Zugibe, Rockland County Supervising Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Parietti



FASHION SALE AND PREVIEW

2018 Fashion Week was a fabulous success! We raised a record amount of money for our programs and services for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and all crime at the Fashion Preview. Special thank you to our sponsors Active International, BLU RIVER marketing & Emily Dominguez, Dusty Rose, Helen Siegal, The Hudson House of Nyack and Somos Designer Jewelry Gallery.

Thank you to our amazing Fashion Sale volunteers and all the shoppers who made the Fashion Sale a success.



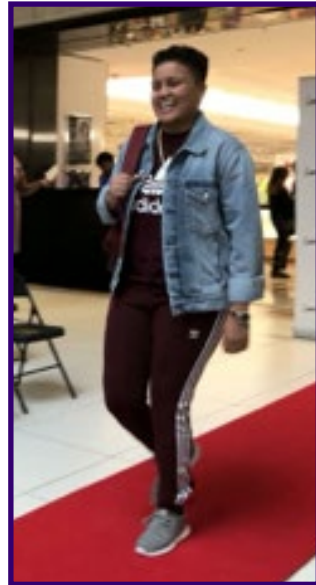
2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & TEE PARTY

The 2nd Annual Center for Safety & Change Golf Tournament and Tee Party raised \$30,000 for victims and survivors of gender-based violence. Thank you to our Golf Chairs Jennifer Fox-Harnett and Michael Radziemski, as well as the committee, sponsors and participants for making the event a success!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

A wonderful time was had by all at Lord & Taylor Fashion Extravaganza in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Thank you to our models for walking the red carpet runway. Thank you to Irene, Joanne and Salon CIA for offering hair styling services. Thank you to Palisades Center for their hospitality and thank you Maria, Kate and her incredible team at Lord & Taylor for allowing us the opportunity to promote our incredible programs and services to their clientele.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



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Center for Safety & Change wearing purple to show support for victims and survivors of domestic violence on Purple Thursday.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month Dine Out for Change fundraiser at Plan B in Suffern raised more than \$3,200 for the Center's programs and services.



Center for Safety & Change launched Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Rockland County with a press conference with elected officials.



The Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge was lit up in purple in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY



Members of the Center for Safety & Change Resource Council recently met with New York State Assemblymember Ken Zebrowski, New York State Assemblymember Ellen Jaffee and New York State Senator David Carlucci to discuss their ideas for legislation to help victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.



A phenomenal group of PDI Healthcare employees, many of whom have been volunteering with us on each Day of Caring for the past several years, volunteered with The Center for United Way of Rockland County Fall Day of Caring.



Macy's Palisades Center donated almost \$2,000 in proceeds from the Make Good Cents round-up fundraising event. Thank you to Macy's and everyone who participated!



Thank you to Chris Barry of Rockland PFLAG, seen here with Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago (center) and Community Educator/Coordinator of Services to the Haitian Community Natalie Surin (right), for donating school supplies for our Back to School drive!

CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY



Wendy Blanchard from MHA Rockland facilitated a two-day Youth Mental Health First Aid training at Center for Safety & Change for agency staff, service providers and first responders. YMHFA is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help adolescents (age 12-18) experiencing mental health or addiction challenges or other crisis.



Center for Safety & Change leadership met with representatives from our Community Partner Germonds Presbyterian Church. Pictured here, bottom row left to right: Jennie Redling, Reverend Abbie Huff, Minister, and Center for Safety & Change Senior Director of Domestic Violence Services Venesia Defrank. Top row, left to right: Velta Upeslasis, Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago, Center for Safety & Change Deputy Executive Director Amy Siniscalchi and Center for Safety & Change Director of Residential Services Annquette Mackey.



Thank you to St. Augustine's Parish in New City for collecting and donating more than \$5,000 worth of items for the Center's Moving Forward Program!



Thank you to lululemon Nanuet, Jamie Surya and Michael Chang for hosting an outdoor class for International Yoga Day benefitting Center for Safety & Change!

CENTER IN THE COMMUNITY



Center for Safety & Change staff Jessica Franjul, Jenny Guzman, Dariela Vasquez, Natalie Surin and Jennifer Franjul with retired Spring Valley Police Officer Marta Rodriguez at the Rockland County Hispanic Police Society Salsa into the Summer.



Center for Safety & Change participated in an extremely informative Forum for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in partnership with Rockland County Office for the Aging, Rockland County Department of Social Services and VCS Inc. Center for Safety & Change Director of Training & Education Laura Plotkin delivered a presentation on elder abuse and Crime Victims Advocate Jistine Vahsen represented the Center on the panel. Thank you to sponsors Marquis Home Care and Stern At Home Therapy and everyone who attended the event!



Center for Safety & Change Executive Director Elizabeth Santiago and Director of Development Tracie McLee, seen here with Sabrina HoSang Jordan (center), attended Royal Caribbean Bakery Caribbean Food Delights 40th Anniversary Legacy Awards Gala Luncheon last weekend. Congratulations and thank you for your support, Caribbean Food Delights!



Center for Safety & Change staff & Board helped paint the crosswalks in Nyack with LGBTQ and African American Pride colors with Rockland County Pride Center, Youth Pride Rockland and The Nyack Center!

13th ANNUAL SIMONA & JEROME A. CHAZEN BUSINESS AWARDS LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th
11:30^{AM} - 2:00^{PM}

PARAMOUNT COUNTRY CLUB
60 Zukor Road, New City, NY

Center for Safety & Change is proud to host our Annual Business Luncheon highlighting the vision and leadership of Simona & Jerome A. Chazen in their movement to end domestic violence and its impact on businesses of all shapes and sizes. Thanks to their efforts and influence with corporate leaders, many corporations have developed socially-responsible programs aimed at violence awareness, education and prevention.

Recipients of the 2018
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Business Award



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Lorraine Feiden, President of
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Please visit www.centerforsafetyandchange.org/businessluncheon
for tickets, sponsorship opportunities and playbill ads.

For more information, please contact the Development Office at (845) 634-3391 or development@centersc.org

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Please support our efforts to provide gift cards to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and all crimes. Your generosity will brighten the darkest days for hundreds of children and families whose lives have been shattered by violence, abuse and trauma in Rockland County.

Start delivering gift cards now!

Please note that Hanukkah starts December 2nd



Please consider a gift of
new toys, bicycles,
electronics, tablets,
games, pajamas,
winter coats, hats,
gloves, and scarves.

Deliver to
Center for Safety & Change
9 Johnsons Lane
New City, NY 10956

*Unfortunately, due to recalls and allergies, we are unable to accept stuffed animals.

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On behalf of all victims and survivors we serve,

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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

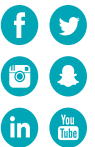
The vision of the Center for Safety & Change is to help create a society in which all individuals can live with dignity and equality, free from fear, violence and oppression.

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