

COVID-19

+ 135 DAYS OF IMPACT

For more than 40 years, the **Center for Safety & Change** has remained the only victim-assistance non-profit agency in Rockland, providing critical comfort to victims in crisis 24/7. Yet, we have never experienced a challenge like the one that we are currently facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. More families are in crisis today than ever before and hundreds of victims are reaching out to us for the first time. The crisis for many has grown dire and these families must rely on the Center.



Helped

1,186

VICTIMS

by providing

4,930

ITEMS OF EMERGENCY RELIEF

including food, face masks, gloves, toiletries, gift cards and monetary support



1,108

HOTLINE CALLS



30

ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED

2

CASES that reported the use of **THREAT** or **FIREARMS**



SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS

WE supported

1,714

VICTIMS and SURVIVORS

a total of

14,224 times



of victims



of times we helped

IMPACT BY PROGRAM	# of victims	# of times we helped
15-Bed Emergency Residential Shelter	29	2,634
Comprehensive Crime Victims Services	218	278
Children & Youth Department	352	3,335
Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services	398	2,835
Sexual Trauma Services	210	2,110
Legal Department	322	1,721
Anti-Human Trafficking Program	48	544
Immigration Services	137	767



YOUR DONATION OF

\$10,000 will support critical foster care service through the Agency's **Paws for Safety** initiative, confidentially fostering companion animals until victims are safe and able to be reunited with their pets. Abusers frequently harm pets to control their victims and victims often stay with their abuser out of fear of leaving their pets behind.

\$7,500 will cover the cost of **Student Activists Ending Dating Abuse (SAEDA) 4-Day Training**. High-school-aged students learn more about the root causes of violence, including sexism, racism, and other systemic oppression.

\$5,000 will support **130 hours of individual creative arts counseling** for children of domestic violence, sexual abuse and human trafficking, including sand tray, art and clay therapies designed to help heal from trauma.

\$2,500 will cover the cost of **changing the locks at the homes of 6 domestic abuse victims**, providing a greater level of comfort and security amid a recent NY State bail reform law that grants arrested abusers quick release from jail without bail.

\$1,000 will help a family transitioning out of our **Emergency Residential Shelter** into their new home, including assisting them with moving costs, furniture, down payment on rent, utilities and groceries as they start their life anew.

\$500 will pay for **materials for 5 children** to participate in a special activity to promote their emotional healing process through creative arts.

\$250 will provide **one hour of legal consultation** from our expert on-staff attorneys and legal advocates, helping victims navigate the court system, process orders of protection for victims, children and pets, as well as offer legal advice and court accompaniment.

\$100 will pay for **one rape victim comfort kit**, which include a top and bottom, undergarments, shoes and toiletries, and are provided to every rape victim during their Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE). Rape victims' clothing are often destroyed or required as evidence.



192

ART CARE PACKAGES

mailed to children and youth to virtually continue their therapy through the creative arts program



12

SAFE PARENT - SAFE KIDS (CPS) CASES



10

HOUSEHOLD LOCKS CHANGED



7

PETS

kept in **SAFE** and confidential shelter

5

were **INJURED** because of domestic violence

New Features

In the midst of this pandemic the Center recently launched two new modes of communication for victims seeking assistance. There is now a secure chatline on our website and a mobile text number where advocates can be reached 24/7.

Web Chat



Mobile Text

