

2021

IMPACT SUMMARY



For over 40 years, **Center for Safety & Change** has remained the only victim-assistance non-profit agency in Rockland County, providing critical comfort to victims in crisis 24/7/365.

Mission Statement

Center for Safety & Change provides critical services and support to women and all victims and survivors of gender-based violence and other crimes while working toward justice by creating social change.

Vision Statement

A world in which all people are free from oppression and violence and experience respect, dignity, equity, and safety in every aspect of their lives.



3,000
HOTLINE CALLS



Served
562
CHILDREN AND
YOUTH
affected by violence
and abuse



Housed
55
people in our
**EMERGENCY
SHELTER**



Reached over
40,000
people at nearly
2,000
**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH EVENTS**

WE supported 1,747 VICTIMS and SURVIVORS
with a total of **200,680** services



IMPACT BY PROGRAM	# of victims served in 2021	% increase from 2020
Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Program	51	54%
Domestic Violence Services	1,175	19%
Sexual Trauma Services	478	30%
Legal Department	735	20%
Anti-Human Trafficking Program	187	78%

Some people experience more than one victimization.



Provided over
7,000
translations and/or
interpretations



Provided
54% more
crisis intervention
services than in 2020



Provided over
11,000
safety planning
services

HOW DONATIONS HELP

A donation of any amount will support a range of interrelated programs and services that provide critical comfort to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and all crime. Services include 24-Hour Hotline, 24-Hour Mobile Text, 24-Hour Web Chat, Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, Advocacy, Support Groups, Legal Services, Immigration, Human Trafficking, Information and Referrals. All programs and services are free and confidential.



Creative Arts Therapy for Children & Teens

\$10,000 or approximately \$850/month will pay for 150 hours of individual creative arts counseling for children, as young as three years old, whose lives have been shattered by violence, abuse, and trauma. Our children and youth program has rapidly grown since its inception. We helped 562 children in 2021 and are on track to far surpass that number in 2022.



Legal Services

\$10,000 or approximately \$850/month will provide one hour of free legal consultation for 40 victims from our expert, on-staff attorneys and legal advocates. Our legal team helps victims navigate the court system, process orders of protection for victims, children and pets, as well as offer legal advice and court accompaniment.



Student Activists Ending Dating Abuse (SAEDA)

\$7,500 or \$625/month covers 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 oppressions, while also learning about the importance of healthy relationships and how to become effective leaders while helping to end gender-based violence.



Pet Safety Program

\$5,000 or approximately \$400/month will help provide confidential pet foster care services. This program confidentially fosters companion animals until victims are safe and able to be reunited with their pets. Abusers frequently harm pets to control their victims and the victims often stay with abusers out of fear to leave pets behind.



Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Program

\$5,000 or approximately \$400/month will pay for recruitment and training of our Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE). These medical professionals are specifically trained by the Center's staff to meet the Department of Health requirements to examine rape victims and collect forensic evidence at Good Samaritan Hospital and Montefiore Nyack. They also testify and serve as a key witness in court. It is the only program of its kind in Rockland County.



Transitional Housing Program

\$2,500 or approximately \$200/month will support a family of four transition out of our Emergency Residential Shelter into their own furnished apartment, including moving costs and utilities deposit.



Locks Changed

\$1,200 or \$100/month will cover the cost of changing the locks at the homes of several domestic abuse victims, providing a greater level of comfort and security.



Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program (TDVPP)

\$600 or \$50/month will cover three educational training sessions to help teens identify the early warning signs of abuse, understand that they have choices in developing and maintaining healthy relationships, and believe that they and their peers are valuable and deserve to be treated with respect and kindness.



Recreational Support for Residents in Shelter

\$300 or \$25/month offers residents safe, family activities such as a day at the movies, a trip to the zoo, or parent-child cooking classes to help promote positive coping strategies and encourage family bonding during challenging times.



Comfort Kits for Rape Victims

\$120 or \$10/month will pay for two comfort kits for rape victims. Rape victims' clothes are often destroyed or required as evidence, so these kits are distributed immediately following the SAFE exam and include sweatpants, a top, undergarments, slippers, and essential toiletries.



Providing Safety, Changing Lives

