

2023

IMPACT SUMMARY



For over 45 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.

WE SUPPORTED

1,852 VICTIMS and **SURVIVORS** of which **527** were **CHILDREN** a total of **37,131** times with **210,577** services

IMPACT BY SERVICE	victims served in 2023
Domestic Violence	1,369
Sexual Trauma	477
Human Trafficking	76
Legal Department	927
Comprehensive Victims	144

Some people experience more than one victimization.

Assisted victims **556** times with transitional housing services and provided **27** victims with transitional housing subsidy totaling **\$362,000**



Provided **4,573** bednights in our Emergency Shelter

Provided **13,154** safety planning services



Provided **8,592** crisis intervention services



Trained **4,534** middle school and high school students



Responded to **5,544** Hotlines



Provided support groups to **2,365** attendees



Provided **28,480** supportive counseling sessions and **2,228** therapy sessions



Provided safety to **38** pets in our Paws for Safety Program



Provided **7,563** translations and/or interpretations for victims in **25** different languages



Reached **48,904** people with **1,472** presentations at community outreach events



Provided **43,608** information and referrals



Provided Sexual Assault Forensic Exams (SAFE) to **33** rape victims

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.



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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.



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.



Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) Program

\$5,000 or approximately \$400/month will pay for recruitment and training of Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE), the only program of its kind in Rockland County. These medical professionals are trained by Center staff to meet 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.



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.



Hotline Staffing

\$600 or \$50/month helps advocates respond to calls through 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.



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.



Legal Services

\$250 or approximately \$20/month will provide one hour of free legal consultation 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.



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.



Pet Safety Program

\$60 or approximately \$5/month will help provide confidential pet foster care services. This program 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.

**All donations are tax-deductible.*

