



Newsletter

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EXCITING NEWS - A new space for A Safe Place

Dear Carolyn,

We are thrilled to announce that we have purchased a NEW COMMUNITY CENTER, a two-story building on the border of Oakland and Berkeley. The search for a Community Center to expand our services to the community in a non-confidential service in addition to our current 24/7 confidential shelter began before the pandemic.

In November 2023, we sealed a deal on a new building that will help survivors of domestic violence access safe spaces for mental health treatment, support groups, legal assistance, domestic violence training, and other related services. We want to thank you for making this possible with your generous support– it takes a community to create A SAFE PLACE for survivors of domestic violence.

As we look forward to taking full advantage of this exciting new opportunity in 2024, we invite you to be a crucial part of this new journey. A gift of \$200 or more will empower us to refurbish our New Community Center to include specialized rooms. \$120 will provide free mental health treatment. \$75 will provide domestic violence prevention training, helping us to reach more than 3,134 individuals and families seeking to end domestic violence. To discover more about our plan and how your contribution will make a difference, please contact us.

Together, we continue to increase access to resources to end the cycle of domestic violence and create a safer, stronger community. Thank you again for being such a vital part of our journey.

Carolyn Russell,
Executive Director

P.S. If you prefer to mail a check, our address is A Safe Place, P. O. Box 23006, Oakland, CA 94623-0006, or you can give directly at www.asafeplace.org/donate.



Support Survivors

Register to volunteer today!

Our domestic violence training workshops can be used for professional development. Click the link below or call us at (510) 986-8600.

A VOLUNTEER STORY:

"It's been 30 years since I volunteered to work at A Safe Place, the Oakland Battered Women's Shelter, but I remember it like it was yesterday. The experience was that vivid. They assigned me to care for the children, which was challenging. Fortunately, the kids really took to me, perhaps because I was the only man in the shelter and they missed their dads. We got along so well. I soon realized that they needed me. They needed a male figure who was even-tempered, non-judgmental and reassuring. This was easy because they were all so bright and eager. Also, their mothers were friendly and accepting, which was reassuring. I did come home exhausted at times, but with great satisfaction. I got so much out of the years I was there that I would volunteer again if I was physically able. So today, I continue to support the shelter in any way I can."

James Freeman

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February Updates



Love is Respect

Did you know that 1 in 3 American teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse in a relationship before they become adults? This past February marked Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, a critical time to shine a light on this often-overlooked issue. Dating abuse affects millions of young people each year, and many suffer in silence, afraid to speak out or unaware that they're experiencing abuse.

Teen dating violence encompasses a range of abusive behaviors, including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, as well as digital abuse. It can occur in person or online,

and it knows no boundaries of race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

At A Safe Place, we know that every young person deserves to feel safe and respected in their relationships, which is why we offer a 24/7, confidential crisis line. By raising awareness and providing support, we can empower young people to recognize the signs of abuse, seek help, and build healthy, respectful relationships.

Let's carry Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month beyond February - let's join together to educate, advocate, and support young people in our communities every day of the year.

**Crisis Line:
510.536.7233**

March Updates

Looking for confidential support with other survivors of relationship abuse?

At A Safe Place, we provide support groups on Saturday and weekday evenings, free of charge for domestic violence survivors.

Call (510) 986-8600



Starting in March at our NEW Community Center

Contact us today for more info!

510.986.8600
www.asafeplace.org

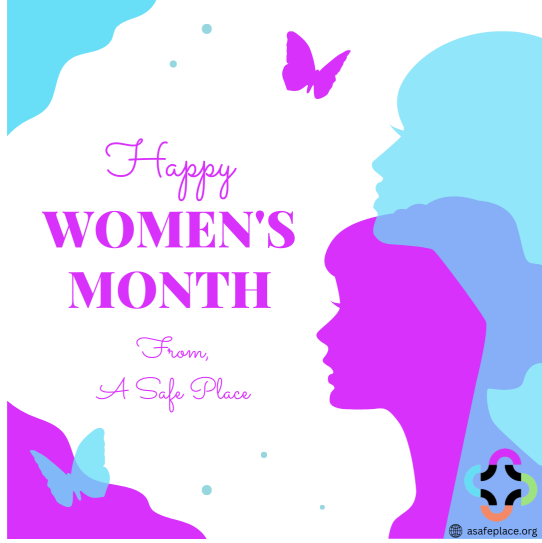
Saturday & Weekday Support Groups




An initial intake is required prior to attendance.

March is Women's History Month!

This month marks 37 years since Congress passed a bill designating March as Women's History Month. At A Safe Place, we remain dedicated to fighting for women facing intimate partner violence, and we use this month to acknowledge



the achievements and strength of women overcoming barriers around the world. We have come far, but the fight isn't over. You are strong, you are seen, and we are here for you if you need help.



Mobile Response Team
Domestic Violence
Victims and Survivors

Attention DV Survivors!

A Safe Place is creating a Medical Mobile Response Team. Please view the flyer and contact us for more information at (510) 986-8600.

Medical facilities and community partners only

Contact crisis line at
(510)-536-7233
(510)-536-SAFE




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For more info contact
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Legislative Updates

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV) has compiled a 2023-2024 CA bill chart regarding domestic violence policy.



View Policy Positions Here



Thank you to our donors!

From the Executive Director -
THANK YOU to all for your continued support and generosity. We could not exist without our partners, which include community members, businesses, service clubs, foundations, and faith-based organizations. Your partnership makes it possible for A Safe Place to protect thousands of vulnerable families and individuals every year. Together, we're building a future free from violence and fear.

Ways To Support

Give a gift to A Safe Place to support survivors of domestic violence. Your contribution goes beyond a donation; it's a lifeline for survivors and their families. Explore our Gift Catalogue and choose a meaningful way to make a lasting impact.

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1 - Shelter Nights (\$50)

Provide a safe haven for a survivor and their child for one night. Your gift ensures a warm bed, security, and support.

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2 - Trauma Counseling Session (\$55)

Support a survivor's journey to healing through a professional counseling session. Your contribution brings hope and resilience.

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3 - Legal Assistance (\$50)

Empower survivors with the legal support needed to break free from abusive relationships. Your gift helps secure restraining orders, custody agreements, and more.

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4 - Childcare Support (\$50)

Give children affected by domestic violence a safe space for learning and play. Your contribution supports their



growth and recovery.

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5 - Emergency Food and Clothing (\$50)

Provide basic needs to survivors, offering comfort in times of crisis. Your gift ensures access to nutritious meals and essential clothing.

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6 - Monthly DV Service Sustainer (\$50)

Join our Monthly Sustainer Program to provide ongoing support. Your recurring gift makes a lasting impact on survivors' lives.

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7 - Community Outreach (\$50)

Support educational programs to prevent domestic violence in communities. Your contribution helps break the cycle before it begins.

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8 - Full Support Package (\$250)

Cover a comprehensive support package, including shelter, counseling, legal assistance, and more. Your generous donation transforms lives.

[Click Here](#)

9 - Join *Friends of A Safe Place*

Volunteers help with friend-raising and fundraising outreach to community members and donors.

10 - Employee Matching Gift

If your company has a charitable giving program, email us at grants@asafeplace.org to learn more.

11 - Host a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser

We have social media tools to share if you need them - just email us at grants@asafeplace.org.

12 - Donate in Someone's Memory

Losing a loved one is difficult. Their generosity and unwavering commitment to making a positive difference remain meaningful even beyond death. Honor a loved one by

donating any amount at www.asafeplace.org/donate

Your generosity creates ripples of change, providing safety and hope to those who need it most. Thank you for being a beacon of light in the fight against domestic violence.

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