End of the Year Newsletter



December 2024

Success Stories

Over the past 12 months, A Safe Place has supported hundreds of women affected by Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). Through its comprehensive services, ASP has provided refuge for survivors and their children fleeing abuse, while also assisting non-shelter clients at our community center. These services include shelter, mental health services, legal aid, case management, support groups, and even extending help to the community through community education and outreach. Two survivors who have benefited from A Safe Place have written, in their own words, just how impactful this organization has been amongst their IPV journeys.

<u>Survivor #1</u>



Hi

So writing this letter ,And coming to the realization and thinking about that part of my life, It stills freaks me out a little bit.But the good part is, it's not as bad as it used to be I have more control over myself and my thoughts and being happy is what I want and I deserve it Because gave me peace.

So let's get to the good part,I am thankful for the safe place. I was in a horrible situation and place in my life mentally, spiritually and physically, but the safe place took me in when nobody did, even his family members that claimed to help in a time of need wouldn't. Because they didn't want to call the police on him and I was just all alone. So the safe place is a place for people like me, who really need a place of comfort and safety.Where you can rest , be safe and at peace.plus all the activities, especially therapy, were a game changer. I finally came to the realization that I am not crazy as he claims me to be.It only happens when you let it.So I just decided to choose Me and achieve the things I had set to accomplish for me and my life. Mr Blanco and Miss Michelle help me tremendously with building me back up, I appreciate them beyond words.

Freeing your mind mentally is the greatest gift ever. I stoped crying and started to thank God that i got out of that horrible situation finance classes too(I paid off the Debt)A little education goes a long way.I needed the help and i got it

Plus I finally have A number,I didn't even know what it was but I do now.its an Alien number to track your immigration paperwork,And everything is handled. I just have to wait for the mail.The safe place gave me that.

Personally this program has helped save me in more ways than you guys could know imagine.

Thank you to all the staff there(Shoutout to Miss Gloria for always making sure we didn't miss a holiday)all in all, you guys have no idea what you did for me.

Am so grateful.

Thank you.

Survivor #2

- عندما و صلت إلى أمريكا كمن العيش في العديم مع دُومِي يعامليني بالعنف يفسريني يعددي راا نعتل والذيع . والاى المهبعت فينيدة حدًا يقفل السوفة Dakland ساعدتنى جيرة واجسمت ميردة وذا بقول الملعة الذى أنامتوا مدة قم الدا التكرم كشيل على المعاملة الديدة معنى . منذان وصلع في العالمة المسبعين أناح أأكل هيددًا. أنستعم هيددا. أ مسيديت أتعلم الاند ليوية لم ينقصني أي تشيع تركنت عائلتي صفا . حمي الذن أنافقو رقعة ابالملعا الذي أنامتوام فيل حاليا . عند ما ذهبت الول مرة إلى الشرطة كن أدبى كيرًا لا أعون أي أعدهنا.ولا أعوف ماذ اسوف بعدت لى ظنت أشى و مردة في هذا الداد الم أتوقع أن الميد المكرمة معي والملعاً. العمدليه أنافقورة ميتالية الدار

then I arrived in America. I was living in rell with my husband who treated me violently, beat me and threatened to te police Oakland, they helped me a lot and I became very good thanks to the shelter, where I am currently. I thank them a lot for their good treatment or me since I arrived at the shelter I have been sleeping well eating well and showering well I did not lack nything. I left my family in Algeria nd . Journd . a Jamily in this . schelter. I did of escpect this to happen. I an very wroud of this schelter. when I went to the slice for the first time. I cried a lot. I do of know anyone her and I do not know that will happen to me. I thought that was alone in this contry, I did not

في هذا الملعة ومعت المنأل وجدت الذمان وهيد ت على سمي لداعرف كمييف اعس عن هدا ديعميني كينوا صدفا الملعباً الذنه فيه كل سي لع أنوقع أن أمصل عن سجادة والمعهم عندما و صلح الى الملعاً أعلوى مسعادة الإسلاة و المصعف أنافغورة حدا لانفع يمتزم الدين الإسلام. لم أنو قع مدوًّا فن زوجي منعيَّ عن المسلاة والمسوم. لقدين كس المسلدة يعفلت أنسفر فالميزاش وجدب الملعا عائلتي لم أتوقع أن يحد سے زوجی لاہوردی آن اُصلی واُصوم. أنافضورة فيدا بالملع الحيرًا. مشكرًا لتلي . لن أنبي صفا ا لمعرو ف الذي يحدمته في .

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Christmas Donors

This season we want to give recognition to some of our amazing donors who have generously donated gifts to our survivors and their children. These donors have single handily helped craft a Christmas that these survivors will never forget.

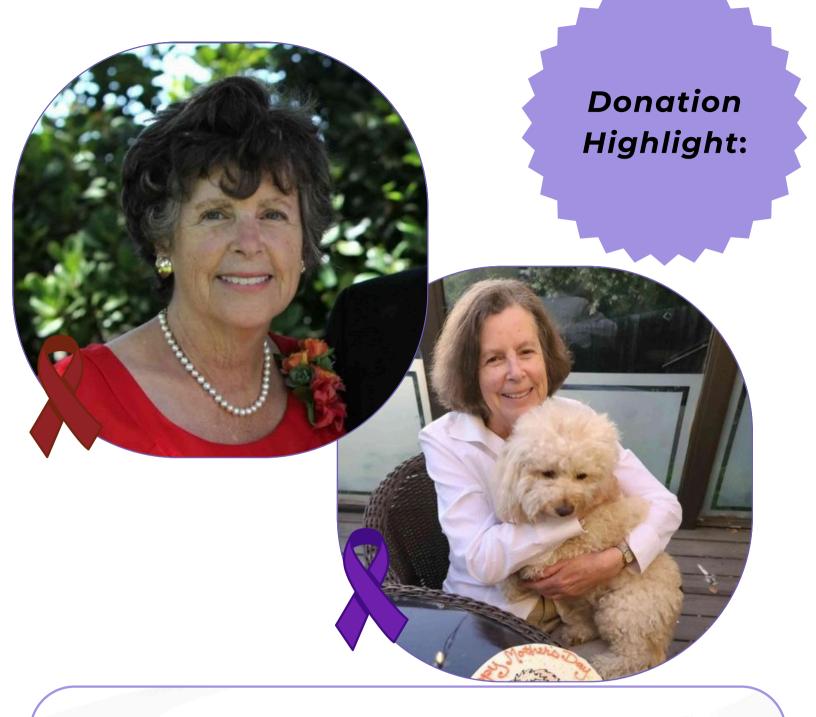


Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle club: In the 19th century, an all-black United States Army regiment was formed and as these brave men fought for this country their efforts were overlooked historically. The Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club is a Black and African American based club that spreads awareness and preserves the legacy of these soldiers. Not only do they spread awareness about these groundbreaking soldiers but, they give back to the community of Oakland by having food and clothing giveaways, among working closely with other non-profits.

SSCollective: LaShae Walker, the founder of SSCollective , is committed to promoting financial empowerments for all. SSCollective provides holistic services shaped for individuals to create generational wealth, enhance financial literacy, optimize their retirement plans, and address their insurance needs.



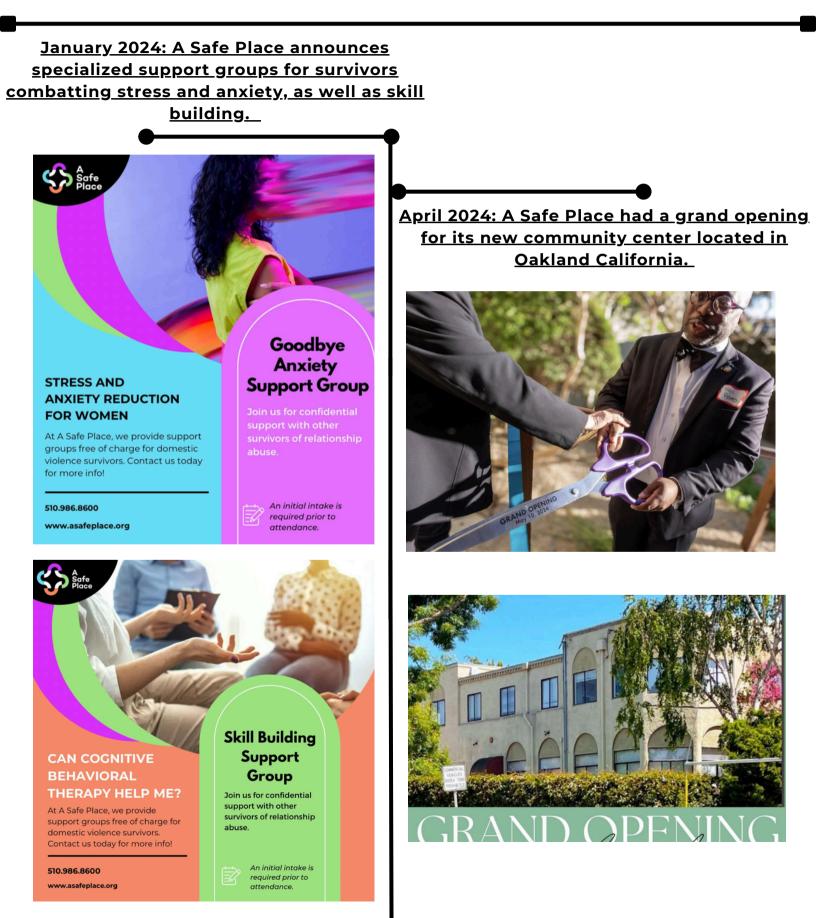
Individual Christmas Donors: Pamela Sanders, Chris Wade, and Barry Rose

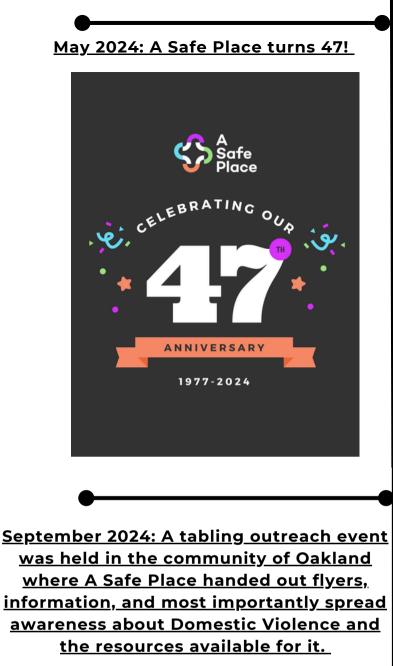


Lynne Christine Dennis was a passionate supporter of A Safe Place and one who cherished her hometown of Oakland California. Throughout her career, she worked as a copy editor at several newspapers and shared her wisdom about the English language to English Language Students as a tutor. In early December, she passed away from multiple myeloma, a type of blood cancer at the age of 74. We are deeply appreciative of her constant support of A Safe Place, and we extend our gratitude to her family for choosing to honor her memory by directing donations to our organization.

End of the Year Recap:

The end of the year is simply a new beginning. But, before we start anew, we would like to take some time and recall the achievements, milestones, and memories A Safe Place has made in the year 2024.







September 2024: A Safe Place teams up with the Fabolous sorority Xi Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha for a domestic violence awareness walk and vigil for those who have passed due to domestic violence.

Xi Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in partnership with A Safe Place presents...

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Walk for Awareness

JOIN US

The program will begin at 11:00 AM featuring survivor testimonies, education on domestic violence, and a candlelight vigil to honor victims and survivors. We will conclude with an awareness walk. Help us raise awareness, stand in solidarity, and take action to support

those affected by domestic violence.

MEETING LOCATION: A Safe Place 5674 Shattuck Avenue, Oakland, CA 94609

SATURDAY × October 26, 2024 12:00 PM

FEATURED SPEAKERS





Carolyn Russell A Safe Place Executive Director Jamilia Land Survivor and omestic Violence Advocate

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November 2024: A holiday gathering was hosted by ASP for our lovely donors, supporters, and board members to recognize their hard work and thank them for all that they do.







December 2024: UC Associated Student's Senator, Maitri Halappa brought together driven students from UC Berkely to come to ASP's community center and put together personal hygiene bags for those in need.



Our Heartfelt Thank you

As the year 2024 comes to end, A Safe Place reflects on the work and progress we have made on the lives of intimate partner violence survivors. Whether it be volunteers, staff, board members, donors, or allies, each and every one has played a pivotal role in the success of A Safe Place this year. Our small but mighty team have helped hundreds of women this year alone in the process of case management, crisis counseling, and shelter. Though intimate partner violence remains a rampant issue, we recognize the hard work that the dedicated people in this organization have contributed to someone's journey in becoming a thriving survivor.

 Thank you to our churches for supporting A Safe Place: Havenscourt Community Church Lakeside Temple of Practical Christianity The Motherhood Foundation Mills Grove Christian Church St John's Presbyterians Church of Berkeley First Church of Religious Science Lakeshore Baptiste Church 	 Thank you to the foundations that support A Safe Place Clarence B. & Joan F. Coleman Charitable Foundation Sunlight Giving Foundation Lowell Berry Foundation Clarence B. & Joan F. Coleman Charitable Foundation Clarence B. & Joan F. Coleman Charitable Berry Foundation Michael & Ina Korek Foundation Trust William G. Irwin Charity Foundation West Davis & Bergard Foundation
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Donate items needed at ASP and schedule a donation delivery



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Your generous donation can make a meaningful impact in the lives of survivors facing IPV. Please consider contributing to our organization and helping us continue our mission.

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