



Serving Clinton and Shiawassee Counties



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Potential Donor,

Welcome to SafeCenter. I am so thankful that you are here and for your interest in being a part of our work to end domestic and sexual violence in Clinton and Shiawassee Counties. The support of community members like you makes all the difference for non-profit organizations like ours and allows us to sustain programs and services year-after-year. SafeCenter has been serving survivors since the early-1980's and we would not be where we are today without community member investment and partnership.

Here at SafeCenter, we're on a mission to Empower, Advocate, Educate, and Prevent. When you donate to SafeCenter, you become a part of an amazing team dedicated to making our two counties a safer place to live, work, and play. You have a unique opportunity to come alongside our Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers to promote safety and foster healing for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Your donations directly and positively impact the child and adult survivors who come through our doors by providing essential needs and services that open the door to recovery, stability, and lives that are thriving.

I am asking that you consider becoming a donor to SafeCenter by choosing a specific donor level (noted on page 6) and pledging to donate to us at that level for the next five years. In making this commitment, your pledge will allow us to expand upon our programs and services with needs not currently covered by grant funds and sustain our organization into the future. Sustainability will enable us to continue reaching survivors of all demographics across our service area and help us prevent domestic and sexual violence from happening in the first place.

As I said before, we cannot do this work without the financial support and commitment of our community members. Now, more than ever before, may be the most critical time to donate to SafeCenter as the issues of domestic and sexual violence come to the surface across our country and survivors feel more comfortable reporting what they have experienced as well as seeking services. SafeCenter commits to being here for all of those who need our help and assisting them on the path to healing.

Thank you, again, for your consideration of donating to SafeCenter. We look forward to your partnership.



Sincerely,

Hannah Gottschalk

Hannah L. Gottschalk, LMSW
Executive Director

Philosophy Statement

SafeCenter advocates the right for every person, adult or child, to live in a non-violent environment where individuality and equality are recognized and respected. We seek to maintain a supportive atmosphere wherein victims are able to obtain information, explore options and ultimately make their own choices. We understand that the scope of domestic and sexual violence transcends our local community. Work against societal violence must be achieved through networking at the local, state and national levels. Heightened awareness can lead to changes in society's attitudes about victims and the conditions which lead to violence. Domestic and sexual violence are crimes that not only affect the victims and their families but society as a whole. Interventions must support survivors and hold abusers accountable through coordinated community responses.

Mission

Empower, Advocate, Educate and Prevent

Vision

End domestic violence and sexual assault.

Values

Hope, Integrity, Empathy, Respect and Dignity, and Embrace Diversity



SafeCenter Executive Committee



Board President
Krystal McCoy

"As a survivor who utilized SafeCenter, I know that their services are imperative. Through their advocacy, SafeCenter empowers and educates survivors (and community members) and are a driving force in prevention of sexual and domestic violence in our community. Even more than that, they are 'hope dealers' to the women, men, and children that sadly experience such violence. It has been exciting to be a witness to the impact that SafeCenter has had and I am eagerly anticipating the continued positive impact that they will provide in the future. I am honored to be part of this team and grateful to be able to give back to an organization that has such a positive impact in our community!"



Board Vice President
April Steele

"SafeCenter exists to be a voice for victims of domestic violence that otherwise may not be heard. Serving as a resource for education, advocacy, and safety for those impacted by some of the most heinous crimes known to mankind, SafeCenter plays an integral role in supporting our community. I believe in the organization's mission, vision, and values and count it a privilege to serve as a member of the board. Resources provided by SafeCenter may be the only lifeline out there for someone who has been impacted by the unfathomable reality of domestic violence. That lifeline would not be possible without contributions from generous members of the community, like you!"



Treasurer
Dave Hunt

"Being a board member at SafeCenter has made me more grateful. Grateful to live in a community that supports SafeCenter. Grateful to have a team that delivers on the mission. Grateful to be able to provide services, resources, and compassion to those that need it. Our work continues, because sadly, our work is needed. Until that day comes when it is no longer needed, I am grateful to be a part of the solution."



Secretary
Ruthann Liagre

"Being a part of the SafeCenter Board means being able to contribute to and participate in an organization that does essential work for our community. I see SafeCenter as an entity that, that by the nature of the work, pulls a variety of community resources together to address the hideous reality of sexual assault and domestic violence. We provide protection, education, support (among other things) to families who find themselves in situations that most of us cannot even imagine. Being involved gives me purpose and I have learned so much!"



SafeCenter's 2022 Community Impact

74 ● **Individuals Utilized Emergency Shelter**

22 ● **Families Utilized Transitional Supportive Housing**

267 ● **Individuals Utilized Non-Residential Services**

3,604 ● **Nights of Emergency Shelter**
Our emergency crisis shelter provides survivors with a safe place to stay when they report being in danger.

2,705 ● **Counseling and Advocacy Sessions**
Advocates assist men, women, and children with safety planning, education, goal setting, and more.

121 ● **Legal Advocacy and Court Accompaniment**
Clients receive support with safety planning, court advocacy, navigating the legal system, filing personal protection orders, and referrals to legal services.

725 ● **Crisis Calls**
The 24 HR Crisis Line is available 365 days a year.

87 ● **Individuals Received Specific Assistance**
We provide clients with basic needs, such as food, clothing, bus passes, gift cards, and more.

Why is your support of SafeCenter so important?

Feedback From Clients We Served:

"SafeCenter has not only given me information on safety for living, but also guided me along the way showing me how life really can and should turnout, healthy and happy. The ability to seek therapy has shown me more life skills to use to cope and function in life from what I have experienced. If SafeCenter did not step in from the beginning, I would not be in the same position I am today. This has been a life changing experience for me and my child."

"Everyone has went above and beyond to help my family."

"SafeCenter helped save my kids and I from further abuse."

"I've loved my experience with SafeCenter, it definitely has changed my life."

"Reaching out has changed my life for the better in so many ways."

"SafeCenter has helped me in more ways than I ever imagined possible."

"SafeCenter truly helps you!"



Become a donor today!

Visionary \$2,500+

Your gift provides 208 children with one night of safe, emergency shelter and three nutritious meals. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

Champion \$1,000-\$2,499

Your gift provides 68 hours of prevention education and awareness to children and teens. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

Hero \$500-\$999

Your gift provides 60 sessions of Sexual Assault Therapy to survivors. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

PaceSetter \$250-\$499

Your gift provides 30 sessions of Domestic Violence advocacy/counseling. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

Advocate \$100-\$249

Your gift provides 7 survivors with assistance completing a Personal Protection Order. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

Consider joining our Weaving the Vision Society

The Weaving the Vision Society is a multiple year giving program where each member of the society pledges a set amount for 5 (five) years. A multiple year pledge helps sustain and expand our programs!

For more information about the Weaving the Vision Society, please contact Hannah Gottschalk at 989.723.9716 or hannah@thesafecenter.org.



Thank you for taking time to learn more about SafeCenter and your willingness to partner with us in our mission to Empower, Advocate, Educate, and Prevent. By determining a donor level and pledging to donate at that amount for the next five years, you will allow us to continue providing essential services in the form of advocacy, counseling, education, transitional supportive housing, legal advocacy, and emergency shelter to survivors in Clinton and Shiawassee Counties well into the future. This work is only possible because of people like you!

*Thank
you!*