

August 2024

# SAFE PASSAGE

NEWSLETTER



## EVENTS

# AUG 27

Handbags for Hope Fundraiser

The Party Place at Romweber - Batesville, IN

More information on the next page

# DEC 7

We Help. We Heal. We Hope.

12th Annual Fundraiser

Walhill Farm - Batesville, IN

Keep an eye out for more information in the coming months!

## CURRENT SHELTER NEEDS

- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste

Our [Amazon Wishlist](#) is updated with current shelter needs. Check back anytime during the month to see the current list, have an item from the list sent directly to us, or use the list to purchase items locally. When dropping off donations, please let the Advocate know you are donating to the Kindness Network. If you need assistance with a donation, please call 812-933-1990. THANK YOU!

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

*Wow! As of August, Safe Passage has answered the call for help thousands of times. At Safe Passage, we are laser focused on our mission to build safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and communities and it all starts with each contact to our 24/7/365 Text and Call Helpline. Our warm, supportive, and highly skilled responses are the critical work of our amazing Advocates. Through their typed words and empathetic voices, they represent the first step toward safety and healing. Our Advocates have answered the call literally THOUSANDS of times and they will continue to answer however many times it takes because Healing is our Passion. If you or someone you know have experienced domestic or sexual violence, please take that first step by texting or calling 1-877-733-1990.*

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Cusi".





**You're invited to the  
12th Annual Fundraiser**  
**HANDBAGS**  
**4 HOPE**

*Live Event*

August 27  
6PM - 9PM  
RomWeber Party Place  
Batesville, IN

*Online Auction*

August 20 - 27

<http://bidpal.net/handbags4hope2024>



THANK YOU to our generous sponsor **INTERACT FOR HEALTH**

## A Week At WAVE Camp

Safe Passage's Prevention Team recently spent a week with Ripley County youth at WAVE camp this summer. WAVE camp is designed for incoming 5th and 6th graders with a focus on empowerment, leadership, and developing individual voice. Another component of camp is recognizing the positive influence youth have on their peers, family, and community.

Safe Passage believes that empowerment, leadership, voice, and influence are some important protective factors to lowering the risk of being involved in violence because it's creating a strong foundation that leads to healthy and thriving development!



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE SHELTER

In June, Safe Passage hosted a Summer Family Fun Night at the shelter. All clients, both residential and non-residential, and their children were invited to attend. Pizza was served and after dinner the kiddos went over for some fun at the Kids Discovery Factory. While the kids played, moms were pampered by local Mary Kay Consultant, Lori Maple. Lori made sure everyone was treated to a fresh facial and the women left with samples too! The children also received a goody bag at the end of the night. Around 20 clients and children attended. Thank you, Lori, for your commitment to helping these women feel beautiful!

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## SUMMER STAFF RETREAT

Earlier this summer, Safe Passage staff came together for the annual staff retreat. Everyone gathered at Versailles State Park to connect, have some fun, brainstorm a little, and eat together. A highlight from the day was a scavenger hunt throughout the park. We are definitely a competitive and passionate bunch! A big thank you to EVERYONE who played a part in making this happen for our staff.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Advocates play a critical role in Safe Passage's mission. They're the comforting voice on the other end of the phone when someone is desperate for help and has found themselves living a nightmare of domestic violence; they're the responder to that text message that took a young girl months to send because she was afraid to ask for help but had finally had enough. You can't take back a first impression and our advocates are always prepared to make the next client feel heard and understood, while also ensuring their immediate safety and offering highly skilled responses on what comes next.

Meet Kathy Davidson! Kathy is one of our beloved Advocates - a role she has been serving in for the past 8 years! Kathy describes her job as rewarding and says her favorite thing about her time at Safe Passage is seeing our clients grow and understand that they have a voice! When she's not at the shelter answering texts/calls from our 24/7/365 hotline, Kathy loves gardening and spending time with her family.



## THANK YOU!

We want to thank Sugar Rock Farms, who recently donated a whole hog to Safe Passage, and 4-Way Production who generously offered to process it for free. This donation will help feed our shelter clients and their children for many months!



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cell phones and ink cartridges

These donations enable us to purchase emergency phones for clients and receive credit toward office supplies.

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