

February 2024

SAFE PASSAGE

NEWSLETTER



February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and the theme for 2024 is “Love Like That”. This theme is going to focus on the behaviors and actions within a healthy relationship that should be celebrated and behaviors and actions within an unhealthy relationship that should be recognized as a red flag. The Safe Passage Prevention team has released [a toolkit](#) highlighting healthy love qualities, Respect week, parent workshops and more! You can support Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month by wearing Orange; February 6th is the national day recognized.

EVENTS

FEB 27

A Parent’s Guide to Teen Dating
RSVP on [Eventbrite!](#)

CURRENT SHELTER NEEDS

- Disinfectant Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Breakfast Cereal
- Coffee

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. Every donation helps, no matter how small. We appreciate your support! 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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Renewal is in the air with spring around the corner. As we move through the season of a higher frequency of rain, isn't it refreshing to lean into the promise of emerging bulbs, the return of chirping birds, and an increase in the amount of daylight? All of these provide us with Hope for what the new day brings. Our mission provides survivors in our community that same feeling as they transition from their personal storm of power based personal violence to the safety and autonomy they inherently deserve. We are honored to be able to walk alongside of those we serve and expose them to the Hope of our community filled with people who may not know them, yet absolutely care about what happens to them. You can support our mission through conversations of advocacy, volunteerism, donations, and financial gifts. Your support provides Hope every single day. THANK YOU for the Hope that brings sunshine to so many.

Kindly,

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WE HELP. WE HOPE. WE HEAL. 2023

Thank you for making the 2023 We Help. We Heal. We Hope. another great success! We had a sold-out crowd with over 340 people in attendance and another record-breaking year for funds raised. We were able to raise over \$145,000!

This event wouldn't be possible without the help and support of the people in our community. Our sponsors and volunteers are what makes all the difference in the success of this event year after year.

If you would like to be a part of this year's We Help. We Heal. We Hope. event or any other events that we have coming up, please reach out to our new Community Outreach/Event Coordinator Taneha Negangard at tnegangard@safepassageinc.org.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Our annual Christmas gift program provided 104 clients and their children with gifts this holiday season. Safe Passage and our clients are so grateful to the many community members and organizations, such as Baxter, Southeastern Indiana YMCA and the Oldenburg Academy Men's Basketball Team, for making their Christmas extra special.

If you would like to donate to this cause next Christmas, please reach out!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

Safe Passage has welcomed many new faces over the past year! We are very excited to have them on our team to help continue our mission.

- Sydney Browning, Advocate
- Abigail Herbert, Prevention Specialist
- Rebecca Mustaine, Family Case Manager/Empowerment Specialist
- Taneha Negangard, Community Outreach Coordinator (Events)
- Chelsie Noel, Community Outreach Coordinator (Grants)

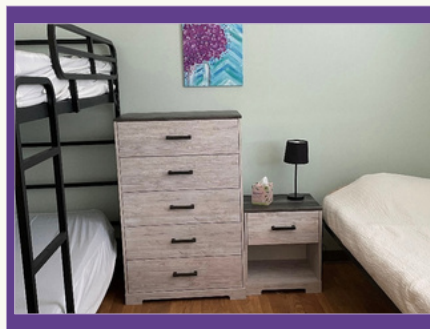
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GRANTS & SUPPORT

We want to extend a great THANK YOU to the following organizations for recently awarding grant funds to Safe Passage.

- Dearborn Community Foundation - \$5,000 City of Lawrenceburg Youth Grant to use towards the needs of the youth we serve in Dearborn County
- Global Atlantic - \$5,000 to be used towards the health and wellness needs of our staff and clients
- Southeastern REMC - \$2,400 that was used for the purchase of shelter furniture, lights, and more (new dressers and nightstands pictured below)



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