

May 2024

SAFE PASSAGE

NEWSLETTER



In April, Safe Passage joined the National Start By Believing Campaign. In this campaign, we had a specific focus on messaging around supporting survivors through belief. We took a pledge to “Start By Believing” survivors of SA and you can TOO by clicking [here](#) to get the pledge card.

EVENTS

AUG 27

Handbags for Hope Fundraiser

More information on next page

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

CURRENT SHELTER NEEDS

- Canned Chicken
- Hamburger
- Hamburger Helper
- Bottled Water
- Individually wrapped snacks (chips, breakfast/granola bars, etc)

As you are Spring cleaning or bringing kids home from college, keep in mind we can use the following gently used items:

- Bath Towels
- Bath Mats
- XL Twin Sheets
- Summer PJ Sets

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!

Time is the most precious of our resources. Our agency recently hosted a day to celebrate those who dedicate their time to walk alongside staff and survivors to serve our mission. We have THE BEST volunteers! It takes all of us to serve a six-county region with the highest quality of domestic and sexual violence intervention and primary prevention. To all of the participants in our Kindness Network, students in our mentee and internship programming, fundraising event champions, shelter support team members, outreach ambassadors, and volunteer members of our Board of Directors - our survivors are elevated through every minute you spend embracing our mission. We are so appreciative.

With gratitude,

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



Save the Date

August 27, 2024

Save the date for Handbags for Hope 2024
More information to come soon!

Currently accepting donations
of new or like new purses.

Please reach out to Taneha
if you would like to make
a donation.

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

April 26 marked Volunteer Appreciation Day. We celebrated our amazing Safe Passage volunteers by hosting a coffee talk gathering. Thank you to all of our volunteers who donate their time, treasures, and talents to our mission!

HELP NEEDED!

Do you have a passion for Safe Passage's mission? We can use you!

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✓ **Event Tabling:** Throughout the year, SP sets up at different community events throughout our service area to spread awareness of Safe Passage.
- ✓ **Vehicle Washing:** Often a ride in one of our vehicles is a client's first impression of SP. Keeping our vehicles tidy is an important job.
- ✓ **Grocery Shopping Groups:** Buy and deliver groceries 3 or 4 times a year. This is a rotating group that delivers what is needed for meal prep the following week.
- ✓ **Meals:** Making dinner and delivering to shelter. This opportunity is flexible, based on your schedule.

If you are interested or would like to learn more about one of these opportunities, please contact Shawn at sholtel@safepassageinc.org.

Congratulations to our Mentees: Ava Pierson and Kendall Pflum

Ava (Batesville High School Grad) and Kendall (East Central High School Grad) recently completed our Mentorship program and are off to Ball State and Indiana University (respectively) in the fall.

Thank you for being a part of the Safe Passage team. We wish you well in your future endeavors!



CHEERS TO 10 YEARS!

We want to recognize Director of Empowerment Services, Kim Bohman, on 10 YEARS of service to our mission here at Safe Passage. Prior to coming to Safe Passage, Kim worked for 16 years in home-based case management providing services to families with substantiated abuse and/or neglect. Kim has participated in training on strangulation through the Strangulation Institute as well as the Safe and Together model which is a DCS response to working with families experiencing domestic violence. Kim serves on several local SART teams in her region and provides training on sexual assault to new advocates state wide through the Indiana Victim Assistance Training project. Kim was recently appointed to the Indiana State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and continues to collaborate with community partners in her region on domestic and sexual violence.

In addition to Kim, we want to recognize our additional employees with 10+ years of service to Safe Passage:

Erin Ortiz, Director of Programs - 13 years

Jane Yorn, Survivor Connections Coordinator - 13 years

Gloria Eversull, Shelter Support Advocate - 13 years

Stephanie Varble, Family Case Manager/Empowerment Specialist - 12 years

Donna Huffmaster, Human Resources Liaison - 11 years

Tori Foster, Residential Services Team Lead - 11 years



We are so very thankful for the commitment each of these individuals has to Safe Passage and for the hard work and passion they pour into our clients and mission each and every day!

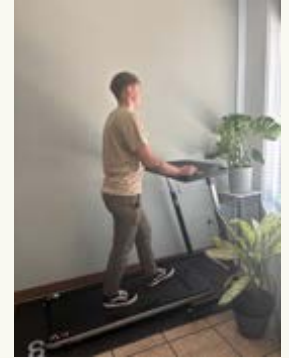
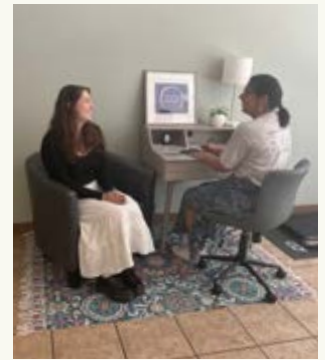
DENIM DAY

Safe Passage staff and community partners banded together throughout April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month's (SAAM) theme, Building Connected Communities! In building connection and awareness for SAAM, the agency released Traveling Jeans and Prevention Coasters. The traveling jeans were used to promote Denim Day to get community members to show their support to survivors. The coasters, sporting the SAAM ribbon and Helpline numbers, were given to several businesses throughout our region.



BRAND NEW WELLNESS SPACE

Thanks to a recent grant from Global Atlantic, Safe Passage employees now have a beautiful new wellness room to use and enjoy! The space will continue to evolve over time, but staff is already enjoying the new space, complete with a walking pad and standing desk, great for providing a change of scenery and movement or for online meetings/trainings; a writing desk; space for yoga/movement; a comfortable chair to listen to music or just take a few minutes to breathe; and a table and chairs for small meetings. The idea is for staff members to use the space to decompress or take a break BEFORE decompression is needed, so they can continue supporting clients as their best selves. A sincere thank you to SP volunteer Jackie Wilhelm (a Global Atlantic employee) and our very own Shawn Holtel, for their hard work in securing this funding for our health and wellness programming!



GRANTS & SUPPORT

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

- Women's Giving Circle of Jefferson County - to be used towards rental assistance for Jefferson Co. clients, prevention programming & outreach, support group materials and a new printer for our Madison satellite office.
- Franklin County Community Foundation - for the purchase of a new laptop for our Prevention team based in Franklin Co.
- Ripley County Women's Giving Circle - towards Safe Passage's new transitional housing initiative with INcompass Healthcare (formerly CMHC).
- Milan American Legion Post 0235 - used towards replacing the shelter's fire and security alarm system.

Safe Passage also thanks the City of Lawrenceburg, City of Aurora, and City of Greendale for their recent donations, along with our United Way partners for their ongoing support.

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