



Legal Services



Corporate Sponsorship

“SafeNet has saved lives and continues to save lives **every single day**. This is not an exaggeration, it is the truth.”

— A SAFENET CLIENT



Scrabble Fundraiser 2016



40th Anniversary Gala

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- Amy Pound
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- Kathleen Whipple
- Shirley Williams
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Children's Parties in Big Backyard



Police Officer in Big Backyard



Counseling Services

reclaimed
their
lives

“Counseling at SafeNet gave me the tools and the hope to rebuild my life.”

SafeNet
Domestic Violence Safety Network

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self-sufficiency

Leaving a domestic violence situation is usually complicated and may be dangerous. Often the victims have lost so much during the course of the abusive relationship — job, income, confidence, credit rating, family and friends, healthy parenting relationship with their children, and many more possible losses. Rebuilding a life free of abuse and reconnecting with a network of support is a step-by-step process which may take time and individual resolve as well as information and guidance from a qualified domestic violence counselor. SafeNet's many programs are designed to make intervention and services more available and to provide individual plans that will assist in the road to self-sufficiency.

The tick marks on the cover represent the adults and children whose lives were reclaimed through SafeNet's service programs in the last two fiscal years.

laura's story

Domestic violence happened frequently during 27-year-old Laura's six years of involvement with her abuser. Though Laura had left him in the past, she was lured back to the situation repeatedly by his manipulative tactics. Laura also felt that somehow she needed to rebuild her connection with the father of her 3-year-old daughter who had developed a strong bond with her dad. Laura did eventually come to believe that the toxicity of her relationship could result in disaster and she escaped to Hospitality House (SafeNet).

Laura's eight months of residency have been essential to rebuilding her shattered self-esteem and creating a stable home environment where her daughter could continue to thrive. Working two part-time jobs, Laura is able to receive subsidized child care services. With the help of support groups and the Family Action Team program, Laura has also significantly improved her life skills and continues to work on finding safe, permanent housing options.

robin's story

One day, Robin saw a SafeNet display in the community. She wasn't sure her relationship constituted domestic violence, but she mustered her courage to find out. She came to SafeNet's client offices and sought counseling.

Her then husband was so financially controlling he didn't give her enough money to buy groceries even though he made a six-figure salary. With four children, she fed them but she didn't eat. She lost 40 pounds and came to SafeNet weighing only 95 pounds.

In addition, one day Robin had to step in front of her disabled child as her then husband was about to throw him.

SafeNet staff helped Robin realize that her relationship was about power and control, the foundation of domestic violence. With counseling, she was able to leave her home, keep her children safe, and create a new life for her family. Her children were also helped as they benefited from the children's program at SafeNet.

"You helped my children regain their self-esteem."

by the numbers

SafeNet served an average of 1577 adults and 277 children over the past two fiscal years with the help of nine major SafeNet programs:

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Available 24/7, SafeNet's shelter, — Hospitality House — offers safe, confidential, short-term housing for adults and their children. This year, we saw a 20 percent increase in the number of adults served.

414 victims were sheltered.

HOTLINE

Answered 24/7 by a certified domestic violence counselor, hotline is often the first contact in seeking services. **1,067 victims or family members were served on the SafeNet hotline.**

MEDICAL OUTREACH

SafeNet provides domestic violence information and training to all local hospitals. Trained advocates are available on request 24/7 to see victims in the health care setting. **67 victims were served and 260 professional health care providers were trained.**

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Community education and professional training are essential as we network with hospitals, police, and schools. **345 programs and events.**

COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY

Individual and group counseling are available to both adults and their accompanying children. Longer term counseling and the support provided by the group are effective supports in the process of getting free. **825 adults and 205 children were served.**

LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

An evidence-based program linking victims seen by first responders to the domestic violence hotline. Connection with domestic violence services has been shown to reduce lethality to zero. The program was first initiated with the Millcreek Police Department and **averages 12 calls a month.**

CIVIL LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Legal services aimed at re-establishing autonomy for victims of abuse. CLR representation is primarily for custody, divorce, and support. **80 victims were served with 112 legal actions.**

Protection from abuse actions are handled by SafeNet's affiliate, Protection from Abuse Coordinated Services (PFACS). **621 clients were served by PFACS.**

"SafeNet literally saved my life."

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

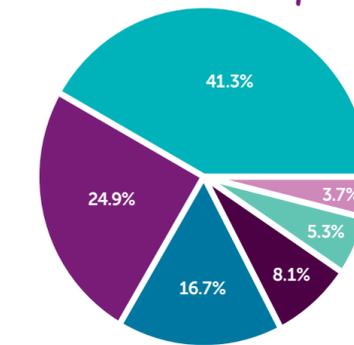
SafeNet operates two transitional housing programs — Bridge House and TLC (Transitional Housing Center for Young Mothers). All residents were previously homeless and need assistance with education, training or life skills to move toward permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Residents stay for approximately one year. **14 women and 15 children were served in Bridge House and 14 young women and their 14 children were served by TLC.**

PUBLIC HOUSING OUTREACH

SafeNet is represented as a part of team of helping organizations to meet the needs of residents of public housing. SafeNet's staff provides short-term counseling, connects the resident with SafeNet's core services, and facilitates violence prevention curricula with children and adolescents. **269 adults and 720 children served.**

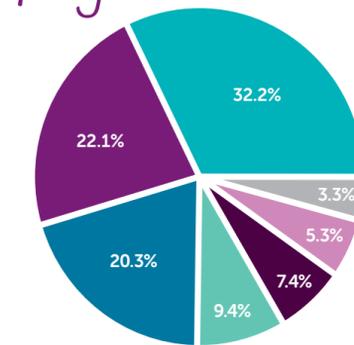
The number of adults served by SafeNet in 2014–2015 increased by 8.8 percent from the previous fiscal year. The dramatic increase resulted from the increased awareness of domestic violence following the Ray Rice incident.

funding



2014-15

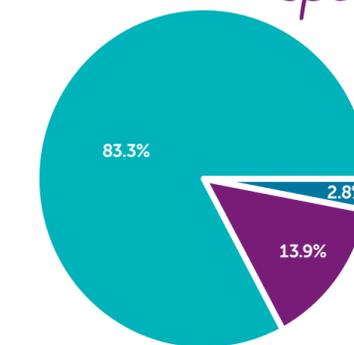
HUD	\$ 397,793
PCADV	\$ 659,523
DPW	\$ 129,237
United Way	\$ 59,711
Contributions/Fundraising	\$ 266,548
Other	\$ 84,085
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,596,897



2015-16

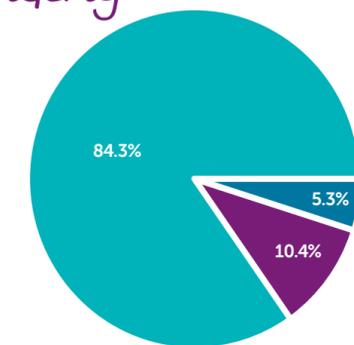
HUD	\$ 397,793
PCADV	\$ 579,387
DPW	\$ 133,081
United Way	\$ 59,242
Contributions/Fundraising	\$ 365,108
Other	\$ 168,170
PCCD	\$ 95,782
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,798,563

spending



2014-15

DV Programs	\$ 1,422,027
Management and General Expenses	\$ 236,755
Fundraising	\$ 47,023
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,705,805



2015-16

DV Programs	\$ 1,507,603
Management and General Expenses	\$ 185,800
Fundraising	\$ 95,550
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,788,953

"I can't imagine how I would have gotten through this without SafeNet's support."

"At SafeNet, I wasn't alone. I found understanding, patience and friendships that have lasted for years."

"I learned how to be empowered, to stand up for myself."