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25th Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony Remembers Domestic Violence Victims

Join A Safe Place on October 18 on the Lake Bluff Village Green

LAKE COUNTY, IL – Families, survivors, and advocates will come together on Thursday, October 18 at 5:30pm on the Lake Bluff Village Green to honor all victims of domestic violence and their families and the memory of loved ones, friends, and community members who lost their lives due to domestic violence.

A Safe Place's 25th Annual Candle Lighting ceremony will include musical tributes, ceremonial lighting of candles, stories by survivors and advocates, and statistics about domestic violence in our area and the nation.

The Lake Forest High School Madrigal Singers, led by Director of Choral Activities at Lake Forest High School Timothy Haskett, will join the event this year to sing two uplifting songs at the end of the event. Many of the dining establishments will be offering special discounts to attendees of the candlelighting.

“Each year we want to take the time to celebrate the strength of victims of domestic violence as well as their silent witnesses, their children,” said Pat Davenport, CEO of A Safe Place. “It is also extremely important to honor those who are no longer with us and renew our shared commitment to stand against abuse in our communities.”

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. One in three women and one in four men will experience some sort of violence by an intimate partner. That is 117,000 women and 87,000 men in Lake County.

15.5 million children in the United States live in families in which domestic violence happens at least once every year. In Lake County, that equates to 59,726 children who are affected by violence.

“It is our hope that men, women, and children around the county, region, and neighboring states will join us and rally together to support victims of domestic violence.”

If you or someone you know is affected by domestic violence, call the A Safe Place 24-hour crisis line at 1-800-600-SAFE or 1-847-249-4450.

For more information, visit the A Safe Place website at www.asafeplaceforhelp.org.

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Founded in 1978, A Safe Place is the leading advocate for eliminating domestic violence in northern Illinois, and is Lake County, Illinois' only provider of services exclusively for victims of domestic violence. A Safe Place provides emergency shelter, permanent housing, a 24-hour crisis line (847-249-4450), court and non-legal advocacy, individual, group, and children's counseling, art therapy, family visitation services, batterer intervention services; and community outreach, prevention education, and professional training. Our service area includes Lake, McHenry, and northern Cook counties in Illinois; however, our clients come to us from across the state, region, and country.

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