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## **Tee Off to Support Domestic Violence Services and Programs**

15th Annual "Drive Out Domestic Violence" Golf Outing takes place on June 19

**LAKE COUNTY, IL** – A Safe Place will host its 15th annual "Drive Out Domestic Violence" golf outing on Monday, June 19 to raise much needed funds to provide lifesaving and transforming services for survivors and children to stop the spread of domestic violence.

The event will be held at the Ravinia Green Country Club, located in Riverwoods, Illinois. It will include a luncheon, raffle, dinner, and reception. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

Because of current state budget cuts and pending federal budget cuts, the golf tournament is part of A Safe Place's annual event line-up to raise funds to support programs and services that provide for those most fragile neighbors in our communities. Last year the organization turned away over 500 individuals due to lack of funding.

"It is imperative that we continue to host events like the golf outing in the community," A Safe Place Executive Director, Pat Davenport, said. "One out of every three women and one out of every seven men – over 88,000 of our neighbors – will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Only through staying visible will we stop the spread of domestic violence."

"It is thanks to the generosity of our event sponsors, donors, and participants that victims are able to receive the programs and services that they greatly need."

As the leading advocate for eliminating domestic violence in northern Illinois, A Safe Place provides emergency shelter, affordable housing, court advocacy, and individual and group supportive services to survivors of domestic violence and their children; educational programs for the community; and intervention services for abusers to learn accountability for their choices and actions. Last year, A Safe Place served more than 13,000 adults and children in the Chicagoland area and Wisconsin.

For more information or to register for the Golf Outing, please visit the A Safe Place <u>website</u>. Sponsorship opportunities are available, contact Carmen Patlan, Director of Development, at <u>cpatlan@asafeplaceforhelp.org</u> or (847) 731-7165 ext. 109. A full list of A Safe Place's programs and services can be found at <u>www.asafeplaceforhelp.org</u>.

Photo 1: Drive Out Domestic Violence Golf Outing 2016



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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.

For more information about A Safe Place, visit <u>www.asafeplaceforhelp.org</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.