



A SAFE PLACE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR CEO

Due to recent federal funding reductions, we have unfortunately lost some staff positions and are seeing direct impacts on key programs, including emergency

shelter, youth services, community health, and homicide support resources.

We're actively working to manage these changes while minimizing disruptions to those we serve. Though this is a difficult time, our commitment to our mission and the communities we support remains steadfast.

We'll continue to keep you informed and appreciate your ongoing support.

~ Pat Davenport

\$2 MILLION IN CUTS. THOUSANDS AT RISK.

Federal funding cuts have dealt a devastating blow to A Safe Place—slashing nearly \$2 million and forcing the elimination of four major programs and 11 critical staff positions. These reductions are not just numbers; they represent real losses for thousands who rely on our life-saving services every day.

Essential support like the emergency shelter—which provided over 33,000 nights of safety last year—is now out of reach for more than 300 survivors of domestic violence. These cuts mean delayed or denied help, leaving vulnerable adults and children without protection and often forcing them back into dangerous situations.

The impact is widespread and deeply personal. Services for nearly 10,000 at-risk youth, trauma care for 5,000 survivors through Bridges to Health, and grief support for families affected by homicide are now threatened or eliminated.

Each of these programs is a vital lifeline—proven to break cycles of violence and save lives. Without urgent action to restore funding, the safety net for over 15,000 people in our community will continue to unravel.

If you believe everyone deserves safety, healing, and hope, please consider making a donation, by calling our office or scanning QR code below. Your support helps us continue this critical, life-saving work.

We also know that philanthropy alone cannot solve this crisis. If you're willing to help on a deeper level, consider contacting your elected officials to urge their support in restoring federal funding. There are informational advocacy kits available to assist with how to reach out to officials in Springfield and Washington.

To obtain an informational advocacy kit, contact Katie Gaughan-Palombi, Director of Policy and Systems Advocacy at the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Email: gaughan-palombi@ilcadv.org | Phone: (217) 789-2830

Help us bridge the gap in funding. Scan the QR code to make a monetary donation or call our office at (847) 731-7165.



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- Follow us on social media, like and share our posts.
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- Be a monthly supporter – join our Purple Ribbon Society.

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A SAFE PLACE YOUTH SERVICES

A Safe Place Youth Services, in collaboration with our community partners—AquetzArt, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lake County, Jump N Party Lake County, Man of Faith, Mano A Mano Family Resource Center, Nirco, the North Chicago Fire Department, North Chicago Police Department, North Chicago Public Library, Quincy's Stop the Violence Foundation, Sam's Club, and YouthBuild Lake County—**hosted two community BBQ events:**

- **End of the School Year/Stand Against Gun Violence on May 17**
- **Wear Orange: End Gun Violence on June 6**

Together, we connected with over 300 community members to raise awareness about our programs and services, provide access to vital community resources, and honor the lives lost to gun violence.

In May, we hosted two incredible events in support of our mission. The annual 5K EmpowerRun, united participants for a day of movement and empowerment, while Wine, Women & Shoes offered an elegant evening of fashion, wine, and giving. Thank you to everyone who joined us!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Our Annual Golf Outing is taking place on Monday, August 11, 2025. Tickets and Sponsorships are sale now. Scan the QR code below to purchase tickets or to sponsor this event.
- Stay tuned for our annual Unmask the Violence Gala, featuring Keynote Speakers Nichole Schmidt and Tara Petito. This year's Gala will be taking place on October 18, 2025



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TARA PETITO



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