A SAFE PLACE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR CEO

Since our last newsletter, we have experienced both meaningful progress and new challenges. We are excited to share that we have purchased the land for our future shelter—an important step toward expanding safety and support for survivors in our community.

We have also welcomed Eddie, our comfort dog, whose presence has brought reassurance and calm to survivors, staff, and those we serve.

At the same time, recent federal funding cuts have presented challenges. While these changes impact our work, our commitment to survivors remains strong. Through thoughtful planning and the continued support of our community, we are navigating this moment with resilience and purpose.
Thank you for standing with us and helping make this work possible.

~ Pat Davenport

YOUR VOTES MADE A DIFFERENCE

We are excited to share that our holiday tree at American Place Casino was selected as the winning tree!

Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we were awarded $7,500.

This generous prize will directly support our programs and services, helping us continue to provide safety, advocacy, and resources to those we serve.

We are truly grateful to everyone who voted, shared, and showed their support—this win belongs to all of you.

Thank you to American Place Casino for hosting this wonderful event and for supporting local organizations making a difference in our community.

WAYS TO SUPPORT US

- Follow us on social media, like and share our posts.
- Join the fun – attend our events!
- Be a monthly supporter — join our Purple Ribbon Society.

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

Stay Connected!

EXCITING NEWS: OUR NEW SHELTER IS ON THE HORIZON

We are thrilled to share that the land for our new shelter has officially been purchased—a major milestone in expanding safety and support for survivors in our community.

This space will allow us to provide a secure, welcoming environment where individuals and families can begin their journey toward healing and stability.

We are deeply grateful to our supporters, partners, and community members who helped make this vision a reality. This is just the beginning, and we look forward to sharing more updates as this important project moves forward.

MEET EDDIE

We are so proud of Eddie, our facility comfort dog in training, who just passed his AKC Basic Obedience class at the end of December and started his AKC Canine Good Citizen training in early January.

Eddie will play a meaningful role in supporting both clients and staff by helping reduce stress, regulate emotions, and bring moments of calm and connection to our space.

We are deeply grateful to Canines 4 Comfort for their incredible generosity in gifting Eddie to our organization, his impact is already being felt in powerful ways.

CANDLE LIGHTING: STANDING AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On January 8, 2026, more than 30 community members came together to stand in solidarity with survivors. The evening featured meaningful conversations highlighting the vital role our community plays in prevention, awareness, and support. We are grateful to everyone who attended and showed their commitment to this important cause.

We extend a special thank you to Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney; Dr. Margarita Garcia, Chief Crisis Response Officer;

Pat Davenport, CEO; Jessica Lomelin, LSW, Director of the Human Trafficking Collaborative; and the Lake County Sheriff's Department for their leadership and continued dedication to combating human trafficking.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026 MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **EmpoweRun/Walk 5K** – May 2, 2026
- **Wine, Women and Shoes –** May 15, 2026
- **Golf Outing –** August 17, 2026
- **Unmask the Violence Gala –** October 24, 2026

Visit our event page

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