



A SAFE PLACE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR CEO

This season has brought both celebration and challenge for A Safe Place. We were honored to receive the Purple Ribbon Award for Outstanding Pet Program, recognizing the impact of Safe Paws in keeping survivors and their pets together

during crisis and healing. At the same time, we continue to navigate significant funding reductions that are impacting both specialized programs and our broader services. These cuts come as the need for support in our community continues to grow.

We are grateful for opportunities to share our expertise, including presenting at the Illinois Attorney General's Office during Crime Victims' Rights Week on survivor-centered responses to human trafficking. We are also thankful to Overture for their service project creating a garden space for clients, offering a place of calm and healing.

And finally, our record-breaking EmpowerRun 5K reminded us once again of the power of community in action—every step taken in support of survivors matters.

~ Pat Davenport

A RECORD-BREAKING DAY OF SUPPORT EMPOWERRUN

On May 2, our EmpowerRun 5K brought together a powerful community of supporters, survivors, and advocates. The event was a record-breaking success, demonstrating the strength of community commitment to breaking the silence around domestic violence and human trafficking.

Every participant, sponsor, and volunteer helped move our mission forward—ensuring survivors have access to safety, healing, and hope. **With over 700 participants signed up, this year's event became one of our most powerful gatherings of community support yet - Thank You to everyone who supported our event.**

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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SHARING EXPERTISE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK | APRIL 2026



A Safe Place was honored to be invited by the Illinois Attorney General's Office to present on human trafficking and survivor-centered response during Crime Victims' Rights Week. Our team shared trauma-informed,

practical strategies for recognizing trafficking, gathering information with compassion, and building trust through active listening. The session was well received, with attendees noting the value of the approach, and we appreciated the opportunity to connect with partners in the field, including Apna Ghar, who shared about their ongoing referrals to our services. We are grateful to the Attorney General's Crime Victim Services team and leadership for the opportunity and their support of this important work.

PURPLE RIBBON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PET PROGRAM



We are honored to have received the **Purple Ribbon Award for Outstanding Pet Program** after being nominated earlier this year. The Purple Ribbon Awards are recognized internationally (US and Canada) and celebrate exceptional work being done in the domestic violence field.

The Outstanding Pet Program category recognizes initiatives that help ensure pets are safe and cared for during times of crisis.

Judges shared that they were especially impressed by our model of sheltering survivors alongside their pets through Safe Paws, and felt the program stood out among this year's nominees.



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UPCOMING EVENTS 2026 MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Improv Playhouse Theater** – July 10th, 2026
- **EmpowerRally Volleyball Tournament** – August 8, 2026
- **Golf Outing** – August 17, 2026
- **Unmask the Violence Gala** – October 24, 2026

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