



A SAFE PLACE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR CEO

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness, support survivors, and remind our community that no one should have to experience violence alone.

Domestic Violence affects people in every community. Nationally, 1 in 3

women and 1 in 7 men experience Domestic Violence in their lifetime.

At A Safe Place, we see the strength and courage of survivors every day. We serve more than 30,000 survivors and their children each year, providing safety, support, resources, and opportunities for healing.

Creating lasting change takes all of us. When we raise awareness, listen without judgment, support survivors, and come together as a community, we can create safer communities and work toward a future free from Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.

Together, we can make a difference, strengthen our communities, and remind every survivor that they are not alone.

~ Pat Davenport

STRONGER TOGETHER. CREATING GREATER IMPACT



A heartfelt thank you to the 130 attendees from across disciplines who joined us for the 2026 Human Trafficking Conference!

Since 2021, the Lake County Human Trafficking

Task Force, a partnership between the Lake County State's Attorney's Office and A Safe Place, has brought people together through a collaborative grant to strengthen our community's response to human trafficking.

Thank you to our speakers, partners, and attendees for sharing your time, expertise, and commitment to this important work. Together, we are building stronger partnerships and safer communities.

Pictured: From left to right Lauren Walker SAO Office, Kyle Doyle SAO Office, Pat Davenport, CEO, Craig LaGrone, Tulsa, Shauna Sylvester, Director of HT Services, Nick Wheeler, Tulsa, Jennifer Couty, SAO Office, Paul Fields, Cook County, Sara Gadd, Tulsa, Leslie Clingenpeel, Tulsa, Eric Rinehart Stae's Attorney of Lake County, Margarita Garcia, Chief Crisis Response Officer, James Adkins, SAO Office.

PEACE IN THE STREETS 2026 PEACE WALK



In recognition of this important day, A Safe Place's Youth Services Department, along with the North Chicago Police Department, hosted Peace in the Streets – Peace Walk, bringing together local officials, residents, youth, families, community organizations, faith leaders,

and law enforcement to stand together for safer neighborhoods and a more peaceful Lake County.

The walk was a meaningful opportunity for our community to connect, listen to one another, and recognize that we all have a role in creating safer neighborhoods. By supporting our youth, strengthening partnerships, and building connections, we can help create lasting change.

Gun violence impacts communities across the country, with more than 15,000 firearm homicides reported in the US in 2024. Peace starts with connection, compassion, and a shared commitment to safer communities. – Keep your eye out for the next walk in November 2026.

Thank you, Mayor Rockingham, from North Chicago, North Chicago Police Department, Man if Faith, Community Healing Resource Center, Pastor Ben of Bethel Lutheran Church in Gurnee, Quiency's Stop the Violence, North Chicago residents, and A Safe Place staff who joined us in this walk.

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- Follow us on social media, like and share our posts.
- Join the fun – attend our events!
- Join our monthly giving (Purple Ribbon Society)

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**DON'T FORGET: GIVING TUESDAY IS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



Pictured: A Safe Place Board Member Michael Rosengarden with guests.

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