



# A Safe Place

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## Men in the Movement

*On October 21, A Safe Place will be kicking off its newest initiative, our MEN's Initiative: Men Endorsing Nonviolence.*

For years, the work of eliminating domestic violence has been viewed as the responsibility of women. Because most abusive partners are men, men are reluctant to get involved either because of the stigma of being a male or because they don't know how. As a result, the attempts to eliminate domestic violence from our communities have missed an important resource.

Often people mistakenly believe that they have only two options when faced with domestic violence—intervene physically and possibly expose themselves to personal harm, or do nothing. Most choose to do nothing. These are not the only options, however, and A Safe Place will be providing information about and challenging men to choose another option in our attempt to eliminate domestic violence in our community.

One major shift in our approach is to see men, not as potential perpetrators of violence, but as empowered bystanders ready and waiting to work on behalf of victims of domestic violence to eliminate domestic violence. It is our hope that this



approach will reduce men's defensiveness around the discussion of these issues and instead invite them to be more proactive and take preventive action.

A Safe Place will be hosting a breakfast on October 21, during which Byron Hurt, an expert in the field of men endorsing nonviolence will speak. It is our hope that the attendees at this breakfast will leave with a renewed sense of urgency, commitment, and focus on the elimination of domestic violence—that they will feel empowered as partners in the attempt to free our community of violence against women.

Sincerely,

Phyllis A. DeMott, *Executive Director*

*A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center is a not-for-profit, community-based agency providing a multi-faceted program to eliminate domestic violence in our community. Services include shelter, transitional living, individual and group counseling, a children's counseling program, advocacy, treatment for abusers, and community and prevention education and training.*

## Ending Domestic Abuse— One Family at a Time

### *Touching Thousands of Lives*

We often talk about our work at A Safe Place in terms of an individual client or the changes her family experiences when they come to our shelter for safety and begin counseling. Each client is unique and important to us as an individual, but it is also remarkable to reflect upon the number of lives that we touch at A Safe Place.

*Since our first shelter opened in 1980, A Safe Place has offered safety and support to over 28,453 adult victims. This number does not include their children who have also received counseling at A Safe Place.*

### In the past year alone, A Safe Place has:

- Answered 3,834 calls to our crisis line
- Provided 13,240 nights of shelter to 518 adults and children
- Offered nonresidential victim counseling services to 2,141 additional adults and children
- Provided abuser intervention services to 274 batterers
- Assisted victims in securing 1,995 Orders of Protection
- Educated 9,922 community members in 364 domestic violence education sessions.



If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse, call 847.249.4450, TTY 847.249.4450, and talk with a counselor about no-fee services offered by A Safe Place

### Victim Services

#### 24-Hour HELP LINE

#### Emergency Shelter

6 week shelter stays

#### Court Advocacy

#### Individual and Group Counseling

#### Case Management

#### Weekly Support Groups

Deerfield  
Round Lake Beach  
Vernon Hills  
Waukegan – Spanish-speaking

#### Children's Counseling

#### Transitional Living

### Intervention Program for Domestic Abuse and Violence (IPDAV)

#### Domestic Violence Abuser Evaluations

#### Groups

Adult Male Abusers  
(including Spanish-speaking group)  
Young Men's Group  
Female Abuser Services

### Community Outreach, Education and Training

Informational presentations for civic groups and faith communities

Prevention education focused on healthy relationships for middle school and high school students

Professional training for law enforcement-justice system, health care providers, social workers, educators, clergy and others who interact with domestic violence victims on an ongoing basis

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#### Have you visited our web site?

It was designed to be informational, helpful and user friendly. Ask a question about domestic violence. Sign up for volunteer training. Book a program for your civic organization. Donate to keep providing services to the thousands of domestic violence survivors who come to A Safe Place each year.

Log on and stay in touch!

## UPCOMING EVENTS... please save these dates!

### Shop for a Cause

Saturday, September 20, 2008



Nationwide shopping event to benefit charities and organizations across the country  
Every Macy's store nationwide

Macy's is partnering with local charities to sell \$5 shopping passes to a special shopping event. A Safe Place has tickets available, and keeps ALL of the proceeds for each pass that we sell. The pass is good for 20% off merchandise at ANY Macy's on September 20th with some restrictions. For tickets, contact Kate Cothell at [kcothell@asafeplaceforhelp.org](mailto:kcothell@asafeplaceforhelp.org) or 847.731.7165 x108.

### 16th Annual Candle Lighting

Thursday, October 2, 2008 • 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Free event honoring victims and survivors of domestic violence  
Waukegan City Hall Plaza, Waukegan



Join A Safe Place clients, staff and supporters in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This moving and inspirational candle lighting vigil honors survivors of domestic violence and pays tribute to those who have lost their lives at the hands of their abusers. The event will include musical performances, speakers, a display of the Silent Witness Project, survivors speak-out, an exhibit of the Clothesline Project, and the candle lighting vigil. Please show your support of domestic violence victims by attending and come together with others in the community to speak out against domestic violence. For information, contact Kate Cothell at [kcothell@asafeplaceforhelp.org](mailto:kcothell@asafeplaceforhelp.org) or 847.731.7165 x108.

### 28th Annual Dinner

Monday, October 20, 2008 • 5:30 pm

Celebrating A Safe Place's services for survivors  
Lincolnshire Marriott Resort, Lincolnshire

Keynote Speaker: Byron Hurt

Tickets: \$75 per person, Tables: \$700 for 10 guests



Byron Hurt is a long-time gender violence prevention educator. He is a founding member of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program, the leading college-based rape and domestic violence prevention initiative for college and professional athletics. He is also the former associate director of the first gender violence prevention program in the United States Marine Corps. Hurt has produced two award-winning documentaries: *Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes* and *I AM A MAN: Black Masculinity in America*. Hurt will discuss the damaging effects of patriarchy, racism and sexism in American culture.

### 7th Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, June 18, 2009 • 11:00 am – 7:30 pm

Hosted by A Safe Place's Board of Directors  
White Deer Run Golf Course, Vernon Hills

Lunch, golf, dinner, raffle and auction to support the programs of A Safe Place. Celebrity guests to be announced. For information, contact Noelle Moore at [nmoore@asafeplaceforhelp.org](mailto:nmoore@asafeplaceforhelp.org) or 847.731.7165 x109.



# NFL Alumni Tee Off for A Safe Place

Former NFL stars Emery Moorehead, Mel Gray, Johnny Roland, Wendell Davis and Charlie Logan hit the links at A Safe Place's 6th Annual Golf Outing on June 19 to support programs that provide safety and counseling to victims of domestic violence in Lake County. They joined over 100 guests and volunteers for a glorious day at White Deer Run Golf Club in Vernon Hills that raised \$50,000 for A Safe Place.



(left to right) Julie O'Toole, Lori Kelly, Jennifer Diehl, and Kathy Walsh take a break in their round of golf at White Deer Run.

Mel Gray literally doffed his cap to A Safe Place. In an unplanned moment, he took the NFL alumni cap from his head, had the other alumni players autograph the hat, and offered it for auction. The hat fetched \$500 from a sports memorabilia collector in attendance.

Celebrity players for A Safe Place's 2009 Golf Outing are lined up for the June 18 date when we will return to White Deer Run. **Mark your calendars now!** For more information, contact Noelle Moore at [nmoore@asafeplaceforhelp.org](mailto:nmoore@asafeplaceforhelp.org) or 847.731.7165 x109.



Mel Gray (right) shakes the winning bidder's hand before giving up his NFL alumni cap.



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**847.249.4450**



**TTY: 847.249.6557**

**Business: 847.731.7165**

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## Volunteers' Efforts Recognized by A Safe Place



A large group of volunteers gathered in April at our annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, where they met and shared stories of their experiences at A Safe Place. (left to right) Back row: Mark Voss, Crystal Voss, Andrea Rosengarden, Diane Rouse, Susan Soble, Sue Robbins, Hannah Gelderman, Eileen Valentine, Dorothy Ellis, Cathie Peklay, Joan Lomont, Pam Kopach, Julie Kapecki, Lou Joseph. Front Row: Diane Gavin, Sheila Klemperer, Roseanne Veit.

Volunteers donated more than 5,100 hours – the equivalent of two additional staff positions – to A Safe Place last year. Their dedication and enthusiasm was channeled in many directions such as at the Lake County courthouse, where they double the size of A Safe Place’s staff on any given day to help domestic violence victims prepare paperwork to obtain Orders of Protection and accompany them into courtrooms to provide emotional support.

Volunteers augment staff in answering the not-for-profit agency’s 24-hour help line, often the first step a victim of domestic violence will take in reaching out for comfort and assistance in escaping an abusive relationship. They assist children’s counselors in mentoring children who accompany their mothers into A Safe Place’s emergency shelter, reading storybooks to preschoolers and helping older children with homework. Other volunteers give of their time by providing staff relief in reception duties or by preparing large mailings several times a year.

“The history of volunteerism at A Safe Place truly goes back to our beginnings,” notes Executive Director Phyllis DeMott, “when members of the first board of directors and other volunteers would arrive at the shelter’s door early each morning, asking ‘What can I do?’ and jumping right in to answer phone calls or rustling up a meal for residents. Volunteers are as essential to us today as they were 25 years ago.”

Knowing how important they are to our success, A Safe Place recognized all our wonderful volunteers at a special dinner in April. Awards were given for hours of services and other special recognitions. Most importantly, volunteers had a chance to meet one another and share stories of their experiences at A Safe Place.

To learn more about volunteering at A Safe Place, contact Kate Cothell at [kcothell@asafeplaceforhelp.org](mailto:kcothell@asafeplaceforhelp.org) or 847.731.7165 x108.



Kate Cothell (left) recognizes Crystal Voss for her many hours of service to A Safe Place.

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# Domestic Violence Victim Remembered in Law to Protect Others

A new law to strengthen the enforcement of Orders of Protection for victims of domestic violence was signed by Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich on Monday, August 4. The law provides for the electronic surveillance of domestic abusers who violate an Order of Protection against them, and is named in memory of Cindy Bischof who was killed by an abusive ex-boyfriend as she left her office. Cindy had a current and valid order of protection against her killer, which he had violated previously.

“This law is a tremendous step forward in the protection of victims of domestic violence,” states A Safe Place Executive Director Phyllis DeMott. “Electronic monitoring has the potential to save victims’ lives by notifying a woman of her abuser’s proximity. Time is often critical in these cases, and the warning gives a woman a chance to call the police and protect her safety.”

The Cindy Bischof law, SB2719, PA 95-773, provides that abusers who are convicted of a violation of an Order of Protection must be sentenced to electronic surveillance, and are required to undergo a risk assessment evaluation at a State-approved Partner Abuse Intervention Program. The law additionally provides for continued electronic surveillance upon early release or parole following a conviction of a violation of an Order of Protection.

Under the Bischof law, electronic surveillance must be monitored with technology that immediately notifies law enforcement or another monitor when a safe zone is breached. The victim must also be notified in “near-real time” of any breach. The monitoring technology is also required to allow monitors to speak with the offender through a cell phone implanted in the bracelet; and to have a loud alarm that can be activated to warn the victim of the offender’s presence.

Offenders convicted of a violation of an Order of Protection must be fined at least \$200 to be deposited into the Domestic Violence Surveillance Fund, and under existing laws covering electronic surveillance, offenders must be charged a daily fee, unless they cannot pay.

The law also provides for risk assessment evaluation and electronic surveillance when a person is charged with a violation of an Order of Protection or as a condition of bail when an offender is awaiting trial for a violation of an Order of Protection.

The Bischof law will go into effect on January 1, 2009.

In addition to our services for victims, A Safe Place is also a State-approved Partner Abuse Intervention Program that plays a critical role in the assessment and treatment of abusers and their abusive behaviors. By addressing the issue of domestic violence from all angles, A Safe Place is best able to help our community eliminate this form of violence.

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## In Memoriam: Adelina Weber Domestic Violence in the Workplace

On Saturday, July 5, Adelina Weber was attacked and stabbed to death by her husband in the parking lot of the Lincolnshire restaurant where she worked. Fighting for her life, Adelina stumbled into the lobby of a nearby hotel where the staff came to her assistance and called for emergency response. Sadly, Adelina Weber died of her injuries.

In response to what they witnessed, the staff of the Lincolnshire Spring Hill Suites Hotel contacted A Safe Place to learn more about domestic violence and what they could do to help other victims. A Safe Place provided the hotel staff with information about domestic violence and its affect on the workplace.

Wanting to do more, Lincolnshire Spring Hill Suites made a contribution to A Safe Place in Adelina’s memory and members of the staff are currently holding a donation drive to benefit A Safe Place as well. We thank these community members for their concern, activism and generosity.

**You can act to help a victim in need before her situation becomes deadly.** To learn more about how domestic violence may be affecting your colleagues and your workplace, contact Kate Cothell at [kcothell@asafeplaceforhelp.org](mailto:kcothell@asafeplaceforhelp.org) or 847.731.7165 x108.



## Friends of A Safe Place Focus on Children

The Friends of A Safe Place raised \$97,000 for the children's programs at A Safe Place at their April "Heart to Heart" event. In the event's third year, the Friends continue to gather tremendous support for children who have experienced domestic violence at home. The 2008 event featured dinner, dancing, a cash raffle, and live and silent auctions. Entertainment was provided by Victor Pacini, a singer who also shared his personal story of being touched by domestic violence. Pacini's sister was killed by her abusive husband. He has since helped to raise the children she left behind.

With domestic violence affecting one in three families in the United States, the number of children who witness abuse is staggering. A Safe Place recognizes these children as being victims of abuse in their own right. We provide special advocacy and counseling services that are age-appropriate and help all children to understand that the abuse is never their fault. Recovery from the trauma that children experience when a parent is abused may take a lifetime. A Safe Place is committed to addressing the issues that children face immediately through individual, group and family counseling sessions. "A Safe Place is currently expanding our services to children and improving our programs by offering better assessments of children who come to us for help. This way we can be sure to meet each child's needs," says Kerry Stokes, Children's Program Coordinator.

The Friends of A Safe Place continue to host an active roster of events for the benefit of a Safe Place. If you are interested in learning more about the Friends or becoming a member, contact Noelle Moore at [nmoore@asafeplaceforhelp.org](mailto:nmoore@asafeplaceforhelp.org) or 847.731.7165 x109.



This artwork by a child at A Safe Place opened the hearts of many supporters of the yearly Friends of A Safe Place "Imaginary Feast," part of the organization's support of children's programs.

### Staff of A Safe Place

Phyllis DeMott - *Executive Director*

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Elizabeth Fales	Sabrina Kondracsek		Dionne Dawson	staff members!

# Help A Safe Place Meet the Challenge!

A Safe Place was recently approved for a challenge grant from a local foundation that wishes to remain anonymous. Under the terms of this grant, the foundation will award A Safe Place \$1 for every \$1 of new or increased donations from non-governmental donors, up to \$25,000 each year for two years.

What does this mean to you? A Safe Place will be rewarded for your generosity!

If you have never made a gift to A Safe Place, please consider doing so now. Your contribution will be doubled through the challenge grant. If you are a regular donor to A Safe Place, thank you. Your gifts continue to be important to us; however, if you can increase your gift this year, the amount that you increase your gift will be doubled through the challenge grant.

This is a rare opportunity for you to make an investment in A Safe Place that will really pay off! For more information about helping A Safe Place meet the challenge, contact Noelle Moore at [nmoore@asafeplaceforhelp.org](mailto:nmoore@asafeplaceforhelp.org) or 847.731.7165 x109.

## A Letter of Thanks

Each year, A Safe Place assists over 2,000 victims of domestic violence through our programs. We often see our client's lives changing over time, but that progress can be hard to share with others in the community. Recently, A Safe Place received this letter from a client. It is shared with her permission.

*Dear A Safe Place,*

*A Safe Place assisted me and my children in getting our life back. We were accepted into the transitional living facility where our healing began.*

*They helped me and my children to love each other, communicate and respect one another. I learned to conquer my fears and set boundaries that were right for me and my family.*

*I have been in abusive relationships for over 15 years of my life and I didn't know any life could be different.*

*But thank you staff and counseling at A Safe Place for helping me to help myself and my children to see there is a different life out there and I am living it right now.*

*I know my red flags, signs and boundaries now and I practice them every day. I truly appreciate the assistance and showing me there is help out here and people care.*

*I tip my hat to A Safe Place for an excellent job in caring for me and my family.*

*Sincerely... Barbara*

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## Our Wish List

A Safe Place depends upon the generosity of the community for many of our operational needs as well as personal items for our clients. Because the needs at A Safe Place are ever changing, we encourage you to consider monetary donations or gift cards, if possible. These donations give A Safe Place the most flexibility in meeting day-to-day needs. You can also access our most up-to-date wish list of day-to-day needs on our web site at <http://www.asafeplaceforhelp.org/2008wl.html>. If you are able to donate any of the those items that are new or like-new condition, please contact the development office at 847.731.7165 x108 for donation instructions.

In addition to our everyday needs for clients, A Safe Place also has special needs from September through December. You can help us to celebrate Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the holidays by donating some of these items.

Regarding the Holiday Wish List items, A Safe Place does not accept violent toys, games or literature. We encourage gifts for teenage boys (every year we run out of these items). Deadlines for receiving donations: Thanksgiving: November 12, 2008; Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa: December 12, 2008. Thank you for your help!

### Candle Lighting Ceremony

- Plain white canvas shoes
- Battery-Operated Candles (+ batteries)
- Fabric Paints
- Clear Glass Jars
- Long Matches
- Luminary Bags
- Tea Light Candles
- White T-Shirts (all sizes, children & adults)

### Holiday Items

#### Gift Items for Children

- Building Blocks and Toys
- Duplos and Legos
- Dolls (culturally diverse for all ages)
- Infant and Toddler Toys
- Trucks and Cars
- Pokemon Cards
- Sports Cards
- Playing Cards
- Educational Games
- Art Supplies: washable markers, crayons, paints, glue, construction paper and children's scissors

- Craft Kits and Science Kits
- Play-Dough
- DVDs (non-violent family movies)
- DVD players
- Video Games (non-violent)
- Game Systems (Play Station, etc.)
- Hand-Held Game Systems (Game Boy, etc.)
- Roller Blades/Skate Boards
- Walkmans/Radios/CD Players
- Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Softballs

#### Clothing

- New winter attire and outerwear in all infant, child & teen sizes for boys & girls
- New winter attire and outerwear for adult women, all sizes
- New shoes, boots and slippers for women, boys and girls, all sizes
- Pajamas and robes, all sizes

#### Gift Items for Women

- Blankets
- Jewelry
- Perfume
- Cameras
- Stationery, Journals and Stamps

- Bath Products and Toiletries
- Makeup
- Makeup Bags
- Curling Irons, Hair Accessories
- Ethnic Hair Care Products

#### Food

- Sugar
- Gift Certificates for Jewel, Aldi, etc.
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauces
- Rice
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Stuffing Mixes
- Frozen or Canned Fruits or Vegetables
- Cereal (Hot & Cold)
- Canned Soups
- Crackers
- Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes

#### Other Holiday Items

- Wrapping Paper, Tape, Bows, Gift Bags, Laundry Baskets, Gift Boxes



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