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# "VICTIMS WHO SIDE WITH THEIR ABUSERS...DO SO NOT OUT OF INSTABILITY...BUT OUT OF A MEASURED CALCULATION TOWARD THEIR **FUTURE SAFETY.**" - RACHEL LOUISE SNYDER,

No Visible Bruises



2021 got back to normal - if we define 'normal' at SafeHaven as a time where survivors are actively fleeing violent partners, something that should fundamentally not be 'normal'.

With this normalcy, again came the common question of "why doesn't she just leave?" The answer is both simple and complex, so basic, yet so intense. What we have learned in our 45-year

history is that victims are experts in their own lives, that they know their relationships best, and they do what they need to do to keep themselves safe. We've learned that sometimes remaining in an abusive relationship is just that: the safest thing to do. This can be confusing and even counter-intuitive to someone outside a relationship, but we are not the experts inside these relationships, survivors are.

In 2021, we answered more than 10,000 calls on our hotline. More than 10,000 in Tarrant County who, in some way, have domestic violence in their lives. We sheltered over 1,500 moms and kids with a safe and anonymous place to hide. You'll read much more about how we served survivors in this report, and you'll see we believe that offender accountability and reformation is possible, too, as we worked with nearly 450 such abusers in our community.

As we move into 2022, lets set a goal as a community of supporters to start asking, "Why would someone abuse their partner?" rather than "Why doesn't she just leave?" Let's not continue to put the onus on a victim.

Let's shift that conversation to the source: abusers. If you love someone, why would you abuse them?

Relationships are for many things, including mutual support. There is no room in a healthy relationship for issues of power and control.

Thank you for caring enough about this issue in your community to spend some time to digest this report. Thank you for being cheerleaders for survivors - for giving them strength by treating them with dignity and understanding. In 2022, let's continue to lift them up, and provide them with reassurance that we trust them to be experts in their own lives - we're just lucky enough to be able to walk beside them on this journey.

With best regards,

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Sincerely yours,

Kathryn Jacob, LMSW

SafeHaven President and CEO

# SAFER RELATIONSHIPS CREATE SAFER COMMUNITIES.

We are here to take care of the most vulnerable - to keep them safe and serve them wherever they are on their journey through domestic violence. As part of our lifelong mission, we also feel an obligation to bring change across the board—change how power is distributed in relationships, change where blame lies, and change how the system responds.

### SafeHaven works to end domestic violence in a two-fold manner:

### 1. KEEP VICTIMS SAFE

Keeping victims of domestic violence safe has been at the very core of our mission for more than 40 years.

Our comprehensive approach gives survivors the best and safest options moving forward. We provide 24-hour emergency shelter, transitional housing with subsidized rent assistance, counseling for both survivors and their children, case management and legal support.

We aim to be the best thing during the worst time in a domestic violence survivor's life - ensuring they have ever resource necessary to find freedom from domestic violence.

### 2. HOLD OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE

SafeHaven also works to end domestic violence by providing prevention programming in Tarrant County schools as well as reforming offenders through our Partner Abuse Intervention and Prevention (PAIP) program.

PAIP is SafeHaven's only fee-based program and works with domestic violence offenders to take violence off the table in their relationships. Offenders attend a two-hour class each week for 27 weeks, including check-ins and working through scenarios and real-life examples to better understand themselves and their beliefs on relationships

SafeHaven also regularly provides expert court testimony in domestic violence cases in Tarrant and surrounding counties. Working with the legal system ensures that Tarrant County doesn't stand for domestic violence.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CALL OUR 24-HOUR HOTLINE AT 1-877-701-7233 TO CONNECT TO OUR RESOURCES. WE ARE HERE TO HELP.

# **OUR IMPACT.**



1,526

women and children found refuge in our emergency shelters.



1,075 of those were children who all received gifts when entering and exiting shelter. Thank you for making the shelter a happier place!



12,560

emergency hotline calls were answered by trained advocates.



Leaving is the most dangerous time for a survivor. SafeHaven hotline advocates safety plan with survivors to create a safe exit plan.



449

women and children found independence in our housing program.



SafeHaven housing staff also works to eliminate debt and offer other financial planning assistance.



585

women and children received counseling at our resource centers.



Licensed play therapists are present at each shelter to aid the children of survivors on their way to healing.



96

women received legal representation and assistance at no cost.



The number of offenders SafeHaven works with has nearly doubled in the past year, up from 137 clients in 2018.



2,406

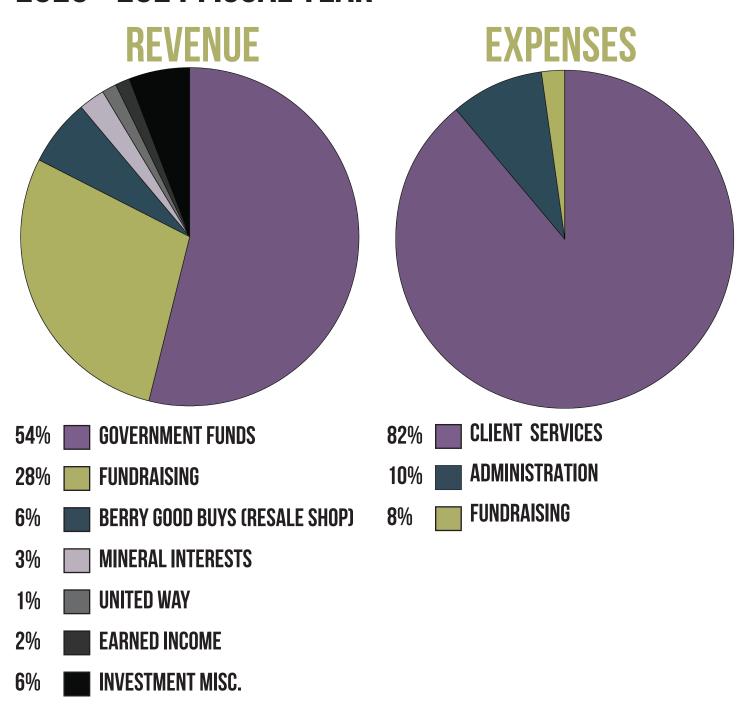
local students received our evidence-based prevention curriculum.



443

offenders took our 27week Partner Abuse Intervention & Prevention Program.

## FINANCES 2020 - 2021 FISCAL YEAR



### 1,904 VOLUNTEER HOURS

FOR MOST OF 2020 AND PART OF 2021
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WERE LIMITED
DUE TO COVID-19.

**225 SAFE FUTURE MEMBERS \$1,385,525.69 DONATED** 

