At SafeHaven we believe in relationships free from violence, but the reality is, many are not. Violence lives in thousands of homes and families in Tarrant County.

When survivors enter a SafeHaven space, it is our obligation to provide a level of care that is worthy. What we offer is our secret sauce - the need to provide the best possible experience during the worst time in someone’s life.

Returning to an abuser is both a common occurrence and a complex thought process. If we deliver an exceptional service and show how the system can work, that return is less likely. This means celebrating a birthday at the shelter in an over-the-top way. This means zealously rejoicing victories - like securing employment or longterm housing. This means creating a safe space to share stories and actively listening and nurturing those who need it. This means both the understanding that no one should fear their relationship and the warmth to receive those who do.
The most important ingredient, however, in the mixing of a special sauce is YOU. We’re all in this together - inextricably linked. We can no longer imagine a victim as the “other,” the offender as a stranger. Intimate partner violence seeps into our homes, our offices, our churches, and our schools, and it is up to us to banish it.

For SafeHaven, 2018 was a year filled with incredible impact. Intimate partner homicides were down dramatically, primarily due to various systems - advocates, healthcare, law enforcement, probation, courts, and many others. We are so proud to show how you impacted Tarrant County in 2018. Welcome to the 2018 Impact Report.

Kathryn Jacob, LMSW
SafeHaven President/CEO
I was referred to SafeHaven to help with my divorce and guide me through my pending legal issues.

My story began when my then-husband started hitting me, but it got worse when he began threatening to kill me and stalking me while I was at work. I did everything I was supposed to do. I cooperated with the police, I received a Protective Order for my daughter and me, and we even left my career and my home to move to Texas. I knew he wouldn’t stop as long as we were close by.

But we quickly ran out of money and moved into a shelter. I felt safe, but that didn’t last long. He showed up in Texas and immediately began stalking and harassing me, breaking the rules of our Protective Order.

That's when SafeHaven came in. They helped me file for divorce, and I was able to use their housing and career services programs. Today my daughter and I have a house of our own, and I have a stable career.

My ex-husband is about to be out of prison, but SafeHaven has promised to stand by my side as long as I need them.

- Mandy, Survivor

One night I was walking up to my daughter's school and he jumped out of a vehicle to grab me. He showed me that he had a gun. I was able to break free, and a woman hurried me inside and locked down the building. We called the police and he was taken away.

SafeHaven gives a toy or gift to children when they come to and leave shelter. It helps the kids to understand they aren’t here for punishment. For Landree's second time into shelter they found a unique toy to support her development.

Landree has made progress by leaps and bounds. She talks, plays, sings and has learned her alphabet and numbers. SafeHaven has been so wonderful to help me and has given me resources. I'm so thankful for how well we're cared for here. SafeHaven has changed Landree's life.

- Christie, Survivor
The sound of his car approaching the house from blocks away was my signal to prepare for what lay ahead – usually hours of walking on eggshells attempting to avoid triggering an angry outburst.

At that point, I was no longer thinking, “How can the person I love be this way?” Rather, I thought, “How can I get through this night until I go to work in the morning?”

At that time, I didn’t know that I was trapped in a cycle of power and control. I was just surviving. I guess you could say I was brainwashed to think I had to stay in an abusive marriage because of my marriage vows: Till death do us part.

At work, a seemingly innocent hand slap on a counter by my manager meant to playfully startle me, instead sent me into such a fear-filled state that I couldn't function. My manager saw that something was terribly wrong, and he apologized and asked me to come talk with him. Not being prepared with a cover story, I shared that I was afraid for my life but didn’t know what to do.

Knowing that I had to be home immediately after work, my boss gave me a “work assignment” to meet with a domestic violence caseworker he knew.

Subsequently, SafeHaven provided my children and me with a safe place to rest as well as other resources, including counseling, legal assistance and housing.

While receiving services from SafeHaven my mind cleared and I almost immediately began to feel joy again, even while we were in the shelter. My children, too, began to enjoy life more. Part of that, I think, was experiencing a less stressed-out mom who didn’t have to be so vigilant, but rather who could think about a more hopeful future. My daughter, who was 9 at the time, graduated from high school and is now a senior at Tarleton State University. My son, 6 at the time, is a senior in high school and planning on attending college this fall.

Thanks to SafeHaven we were able to build a new start on the infrastructure for safety and stability. I'll be forever grateful and looking for ways to pay it forward. I was so glad for the opportunity to speak at the Legacy of Women event this year. I prayed that what I would share would convey to the guests that their donations do save and change lives. I hope that this opportunity to share will do the same. Thank you for helping my children and me have a beautiful life and future.

- Tammy Chan, Survivor and SafeHaven Board Member
32 cases were staffed by our domestic violence high risk team.

The # of IPV homicides in 2018 was 6, less than half the # (16) in 2017.

1,322 women and children found refuge in our emergency shelters.

80% of clients exited the shelters to safe and permanent housing.

18,479 emergency hotline calls were answered by trained advocates.

On average, SafeHaven hotline staff answers 51 calls daily.

410 women and children found independence in our housing program.

Monthly, housing families attend a unique group to build skills and community.

22,293 local students received our evidence-based prevention curriculum.

95% of students showed a better understanding of the signs of abuse.

97 women received legal representation and assistance at no cost.

137 offenders took our 27-week reformatory services course.
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