

Why Project Safe?

we
believe

every person is worthy of love, and that love shouldn't come at a cost of jealousy, control, abuse or violence. We **believe** that all people deserve to be safe in their relationships and to be **safe** in their homes



2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Project Safe Program Outcomes

90% of clients reported that the services they received from Project Safe met their needs .

94% of clients achieved their housing goal or safe housing.

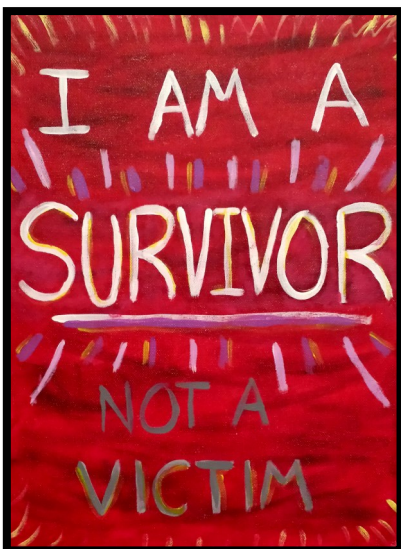
97% of clients reported they now know ways to manage their safety.

60% of clients achieved their employment goal.

Project Safe is committed to evaluating the efficacy of our services. The outcomes to the left are self-reported by clients on anonymous surveys turned in upon the conclusion of services.

72% of clients achieved other goals they set for themselves.

92% of clients reported they have a better understanding of domestic violence and its effects on their lives.



We believe in empowering clients to set their own goals and supporting them through the process. The outcomes to the right reflect the success of these efforts.

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Project Safe is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working to end domestic violence through prevention and educational programs, crisis intervention, ongoing supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their children, and systems change advocacy in our community.

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Why Project Safe?

Here in Athens, hundreds of worthy nonprofits are constantly vying for our attention. Most of them are founded upon valuable missions, and all of them rely heavily on generous donors, committed volunteers, dedicated board members, and astute executive directors for their continued success.

With so many organizations in need of assistance, each of us is asked to contribute our time, talent and treasure to support important causes that help people right here in our town. So, how does one choose which charities to support? What makes Project Safe so special? Why do I personally continue to support this same organization, year after year?



Most importantly, I - like Project Safe - wish to put an end to domestic violence. Like Project Safe's leaders, I believe that everyone is worthy of love and deserves to be safe in their home and in their relationships. Project Safe continually demonstrates its expertise in helping people achieve these goals through crisis intervention, ongoing support services, systems change advocacy, prevention, and education.

Secondly, Project Safe works hard to ensure that every cent that is contributed goes toward furthering its mission. This past year, Project Safe spent 90 cents of every dollar donated directly on helping victims of domestic violence in Athens and the surrounding areas.

Finally, Project Safe is successful in achieving its mission. It is easy for anyone to say what they stand for; it is another thing to be able to show that your efforts are making a difference. Throughout this past year, hundreds of clients have escaped their abusers, achieved safe housing, and have reached employment goals, all thanks to Project Safe. Young men and women now attending college feel they would not be where they are today if Project Safe hadn't helped them find stability in their developmental years. Previously abused women now are empowered to stand up for themselves and for their children. These women have changed inside and now understand that they are beautiful, worthy individuals who deserve love and respect.

As my time as Project Safe's Board Chair draws to a close, I foresee no end to my involvement with this unparalleled organization. I am grateful that Athens has this wonderful resource to help the women and children who need love and support. I thank you for your continued support of Project Safe. Without your generosity, we couldn't be the successful organization that we are today.

—Betsy Harter, Board Chair 2013-14

Featured Program: Through an Open Window

In 2014 Project Safe and the Domestic Violence Task Force of Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties held its **4th Annual Through an Open Window** event to raise awareness about domestic violence.



Anyone whose life has been touched by domestic violence was invited to create a painting at various workshops and open painting sessions throughout the year. Over 90 paintings were then displayed throughout October at ARTini's studio to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The exhibit opened with a reception honoring the individuals, businesses and churches selected by our local task force as Advocates of the Year. At the conclusion of the exhibit, the paintings were brought to Project Safe's emergency shelter and outreach offices.

Hundreds of paintings are on display at Project Safe's facilities to inspire and challenge staff, volunteers and clients.



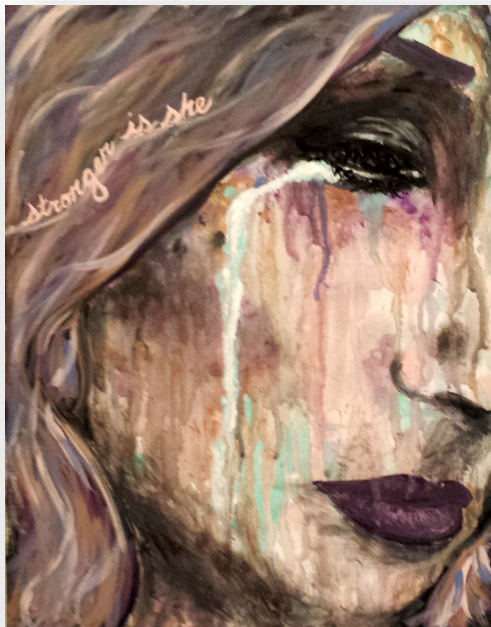
THROUGH AN OPEN WINDOW

Title/Description: Curtin Call

Inside the walls, a poisoned "love" haunts the victim. To the world outside, victims play the role of the person with it all together.

Artist Information: 09302014 JKJ

Art Influenced by Domestic Violence



THROUGH AN OPEN WINDOW 2014

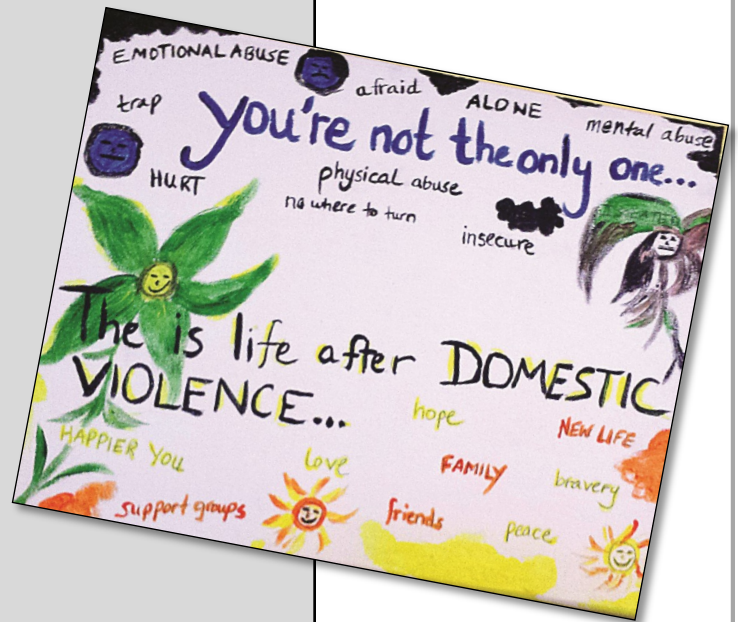
Title/Description of Piece: Behind the Mask

Artist Information: 09172014DJR, Emotional Abuse Support Group Participant



Project Safe Crisis Intervention

- Advocates answered **2293 hotline calls** from **84 counties** and **30 states**.
- Advocates identified **938 victims** of domestic violence by reviewing police arrest reports in **Clarke and Madison counties**, and were able to reach out to **507** of them through calls or letters to offer support and services.
- The emergency shelter maintained a **101% occupancy rate** during the calendar year.
- **139 individuals** were sheltered in the emergency shelter or in a motel.
- Through our relationship with the UGA Vet School, we provided **258 nights of pet shelter**.



We care about your opinions.
Please let us know your thoughts by writing comments below. Thank you!

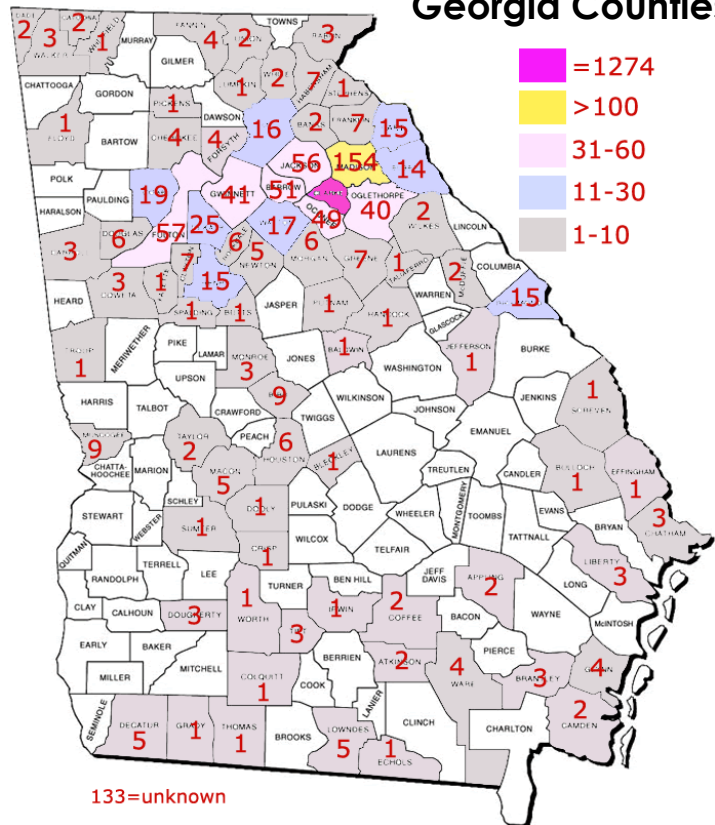
Thank you for saving my life
and the lives of my 7 kids.
For ever thank you!

Our Values: Fresh Start

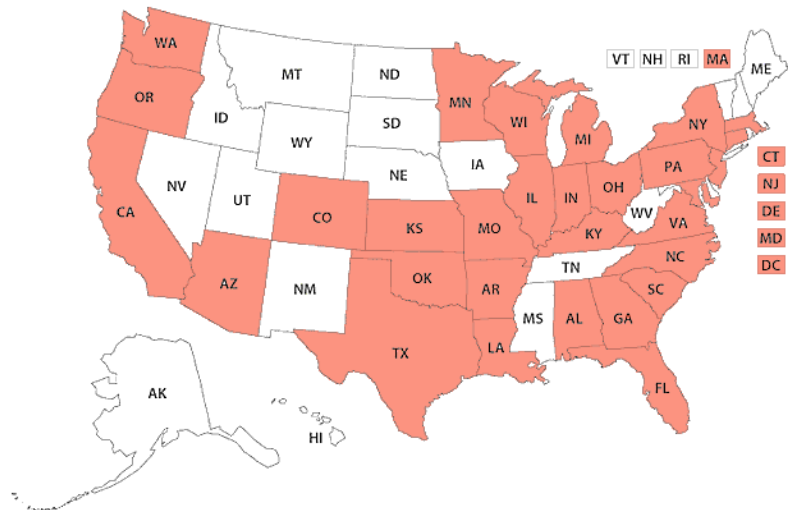
Domestic violence is a crime of repetition, a process rather than an act. On average, a victim of domestic violence will leave an abusive partner 7-10 times. Whether you're a friend, family member, or trained professional, the long and winding process to safety and healing can be frustrating to witness. At Project Safe we're there for those who need us, no matter how many times they've called on us in the past.

But offering a fresh start isn't just about helping people time and again. It also means helping people no matter where they are. While we focus on our primary service area of Athens-Clarke, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe Counties (and most of our clients come from those counties) we understand that sometimes people need to put more distance between themselves and their abusers. In the same manner that we help relocate people away from our area to other parts of the country, we also provide refuge here for those who need to start over from somewhere else.

Callers to Project Safe by Place of Origin: Georgia Counties



Callers to Project Safe by Place of Origin: US



Project Safe Ongoing Support

Ongoing supportive services are designed to help people move on from unhealthy relationships and heal from the pain of experiencing or witnessing domestic abuse. It can take months or even years to become finally free from the emotional, physical and financial ties of an abuser. Our services such as individual counseling, support groups, advocacy, case management, and transitional housing help people discover their own strength and put their lives back together.

Outreach services are provided to survivors of domestic violence who are in need of support but not necessarily shelter.

After working with Project Safe **97%** of outreach clients report that they have strategies to enhance their safety, and **98%** report knowledge of community resources.

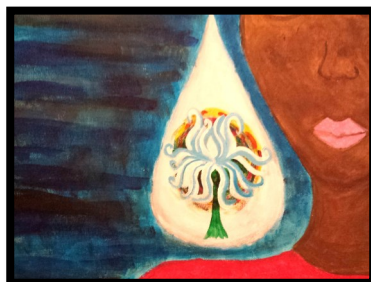
1312 women, children and men were served in our outreach offices at the Family Protection Center.

"I had the pleasure of completing a year long internship at Project Safe while getting my MSW. I truly could not have asked for a better experience. Not only are the staff members fantastic people, they are passionate about what they do and are committed to changing the lives of those who have been affected by domestic violence. I have interned/volunteered at other domestic violence agencies and have never seen one do as much good for clients as Project Safe. It's an amazing organization and Athens is so lucky to have access to its services."--review on greatnonprofits.org

"This is an organization that truly makes a difference! Project Safe engages all of the community (police force, lawyers, non-profits, donors, businesses) to best serve their clients. Project Safe not only provides shelter to ensure safety, but provides many follow-up, outreach, supportive, and group environments to ensure that clients are educated and empowered in their lives in the future. I do not know what the Athens community would do without an organization like Project Safe!!"--review on greatnonprofits.org

"I realized after attending the group that the domestic violence I endured years ago still affects me today."
--support group participant

"I would like to say Pam is wonderful. She understands what it takes to get you back on your feet."
--outreach client



Our Values: Individualized Response

Everyone has different needs, and our services are tailored to fit those needs as best we can.

Our two-year transitional housing program illustrates this value well. Transitional Housing typically includes housing, childcare, transportation and tuition, but sometimes more is required. One client, Regina, left her native country of Ghana with little money or education to marry a man her parents had chosen. Within a year her husband became very violent and caused two miscarriages, but when asked about leaving Regina explains that in her culture she became his property when her father gave her away in a traditional ceremony. After the premature birth of her daughter Regina decided that she could not raise her daughter to believe she was property. Regina sought out assistance from a local church, and they connected her to Project Safe. While Regina was committed to her goals, she had to overcome both language barriers and significant gaps in her education. We provide extensive private tutoring and educational support to Regina which not only enabled her complete a GED, but is helping her succeed in college.

Another transitional housing client is 16-year old Nathan, an academically focused and motivated young man who lives with his mom and four siblings.



THI client, Nathan

His dream and career choice is to become a marine biologist, and he secured a scholarship for a 21-day study abroad marine biology program to earn 2 college credits, 6 certifications, and 5 community service hours. Project Safe was able to cover the cost of Nathan's passport, flight, and transportation to and from the airport, allowing him to participate in this chance of a lifetime. During the trip, Nathan was leader for a day and wrote this in his leader blog, "Today has been an exciting and rewarding milestone for our team. We successfully sailed from St. Kitts to the beautiful island of Statia, almost completely on our own. We planned and executed the sail with little guidance from our instructors using the knowledge and experience they have provided us thus far...We practiced our fish identification skills as part of our Marine Biology course.

It was amazing to realize that just underneath our boat was one of Mother Nature's greatest displays."

Since his return, Nathan has taken the SAT, participated in a Governor's Honors program, and is in the running for Valedictorian of his class. When talking about his experience in transitional housing, Nathan says, **"Project Safe gave me the opportunity and stability to believe I could become more than my family's circumstances."**



Broadreach Study Abroad Program

"The people at Project Safe helped me get the help I needed. They treated me as an individual and not a number. Different leaders have done an outstanding job of making sure they answered my questions or got me the answers if they didn't know it. They helped me learn coping skills, rebuilding skills, and gave me a safe place to talk about my situation and my needs."

--former client

"The resources provided to me have been amazing. You guys have helped me every step of the way in the process of becoming self sufficient. Thank you. God bless!!!"

"Because I'm shy about asking, I liked how I was offered help on getting housing, a divorce, schooling, etc. Thanks for everything-Everything!" -emergency shelter resident

Project Safe Systems Change Advocacy

In addition to our work with clients, Project Safe works to improve the legal and social service systems on local and state levels to better serve the individuals who need them.

Since 2003, Project Safe has employed a Fatality Review Coordinator to lead a collaborative effort to review closed cases of domestic violence fatalities and near-fatalities and implement recommendations for improvements in community response. In 2013, that position expanded beyond fatality review to support a variety of initiatives including workplace education.

In 2014 Project Safe had a particular focus on passing and then implementing a new law on strangulation—a common tactic of domestic abuse. HB 911 passed the Georgia legislature unanimously and expanded the



definition of felony aggravated assault to specifically include strangulation. Our local domestic violence task force took the lead in developing a multi-disciplinary training on strangulation for first responders such as law enforcement and health care providers. The first arrest under the new law

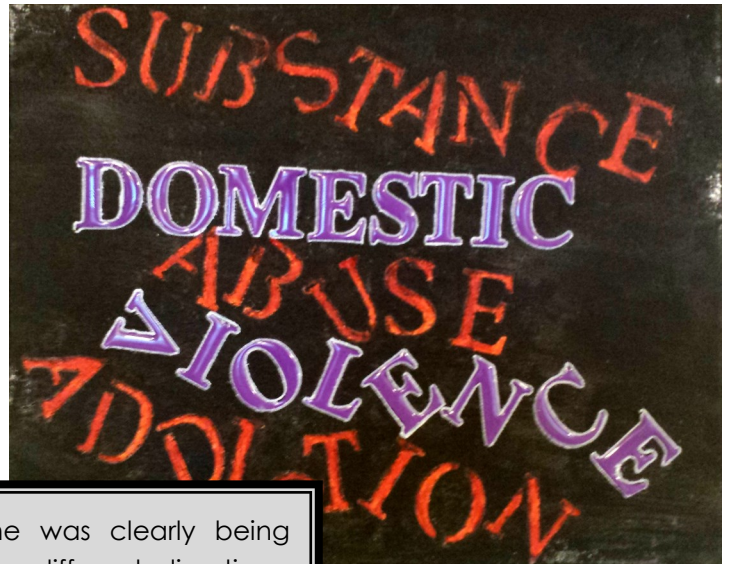
occurred here in Athens-Clarke County. In October, Project Safe Executive Director Joan Prittie and Athens-Clarke County Solicitor General C.R. Chisholm presented a workshop on implementing the law at the community level at a statewide conference.



Joan Prittie, C.R. Chisholm, Rep. Regina Quick and others who supported the legislation look on as Governor Deal signs the strangulation bill into law.

Our Values: Collaboration

Teamwork and cooperation within our organization leads to innovation and better quality services. Collaboration in the community leads to an improved coordinated response to domestic violence. At Project Safe, we value our relationships with others in the community and look for ways to work together. Our partnership with Advantage Behavioral Health Services is just one example. 95% of the female clients in ABHS' short and long term in-patient treatment programs have experienced abuse from a current or former intimate partner. Yet because of the need to focus on their addiction and recovery and the insulated environment of in-patient substance abuse treatment, these clients have difficulty accessing services related to domestic violence. In fact, only 6% had been helped by Project Safe. Now we lead two support groups each week on-site at ABHS, providing information, resources and support to a vulnerable and previously under-served population.



"Even though she was clearly being pulled in a dozen different directions, Sarah took time to listen to my story and help me with the paperwork. Her assistance with the TPO, and helping me get access to an attorney, has made all the difference in securing my home and my kids. In addition, when crisis struck and I feared that my family was in immediate danger, Sarah's support and referrals made me feel calmer, safer, and in more control."

-Woman praising Project Safe Staff for their patience and sensitivity



Close, collaborative relationships between Project Safe staff and police, prosecution, and probation make a difference to individuals on a daily basis. On what she described as the worst day of her life, a woman went to the courthouse to see about getting a temporary protective order. As she stood at the

clerk's counter, an employee of the prosecutor's office who happened to be nearby overheard the exchange. Knowing that Project Safe's legal advocate was in the building that day, she quickly introduced them. (See her comment in center box above.)



Project Safe Prevention and Education

Getting The Word Out, and Seeing Results

A college student's roommate has an extremely jealous, emotionally abusive boyfriend and she mentions her concerns to a sorority sister. A woman confides to her pastor that her husband is violent and controlling. A teenager asks a friend what to do about the guy who's pressuring her to text nude pictures. Because of Project Safe's extensive community awareness and education efforts, in each of these situations the person seeking help was immediately referred to our hotline or teen textline for services.

Project Safe staff offer professional in-service training to businesses, social service agencies, health care providers, court personnel, law enforcement, and schools and universities. Additionally, we provide community education presentations to classrooms, churches and civic clubs and distribute thousands of brochures, posters and hotline cards annually.

Our domestic violence prevention efforts start with children in 4th and 5th grade through our two-part Crossroads program, and continue with middle and high school youth. To request a training or presentation, email Community Involvement and Volunteer Coordinator April Byrne at abyrne@project-safe.org.

In December 2012, with support from Verizon, Project Safe launched Breaking Silence, a texting line and awareness campaign designed to meet the needs of a younger generation. Breaking Silence increases Project Safe's connections to teens and young adults through specialized educational material, classroom presentations, and use of social media. In 2014, we launched the Youth Ambassador Program at Clarke Middle School—moving beyond education to empower young people to become leaders and advocates about this issue in their school and community. Through regular monthly meetings, activities and challenges, the students deepen their understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships, create awareness events, and practice leadership skills.

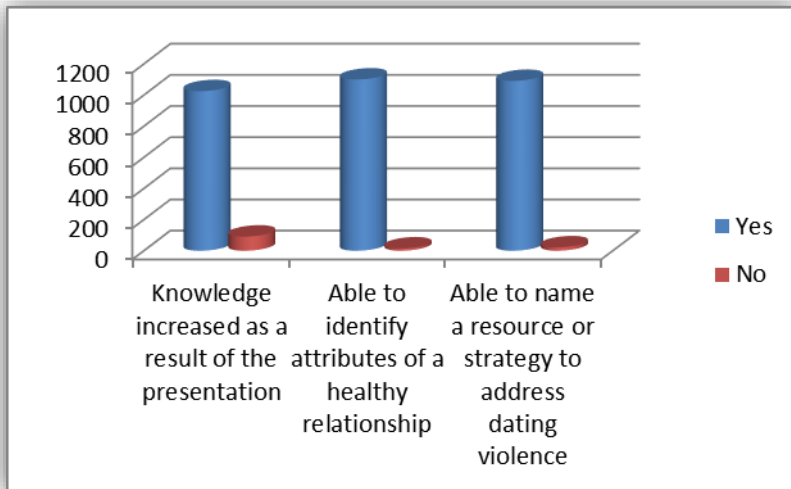
IN 2014
PROJECT SAFE
delivered 267
PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS
A 10% INCREASE
over the previous year.



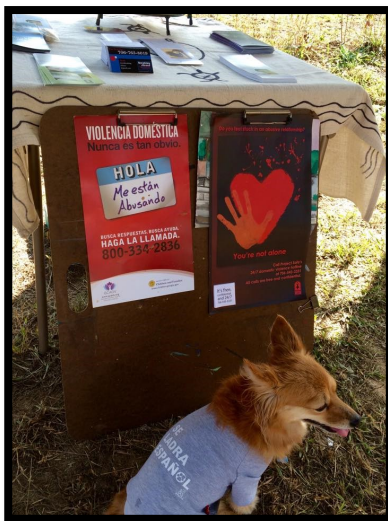
"Joan Prittie opened my eyes to a new way of looking at domestic violence cases. Although I know about lethality factors, I had not thought of ways to incorporate them into judicial practices."
--magistrate judge, 12-hour domestic violence classroom participant online

Project Safe Prevention and Education

Breaking the Silence Survey Chart



92% of students reported that their knowledge increased, 98% were able to identify attributes of a healthy relationship, and 98% were able to name a resource or strategy to deal with violence.



Top left: Clarke Middle School Ambassadors

Top right: Breaking Silence Photo Booth

Bottom left: Latino Outreach event

Bottom right: Board member and intern with display

Staff Leadership and Recognition



In February 2014, **Executive Director Joan Prittie** received the ATHENA Award for professional excellence, community service and

leadership development. Passage and implementation of a felony strangulation law was a focus for Joan in 2014, along with training and community education. Joan gave 56 presentations and webinars locally and statewide during the year.

"Joan's workshop and information on the [Georgia Domestic Violence] Bench Book was one of the best/most useful workshops I attended. A highlight of the conference. This workshop made me excited about going back and using the Bench Book."

--participant at the Georgia Commission on Family Violence Statewide Conference



Associate Director Tangela Ferguson continued in her role as Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence Task Force of Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties, and also represents Project Safe on the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Policy Committee. Tangela

also provided technical assistance to other domestic violence organizations on data collection and reporting.

Lead Outreach Advocate Donna Thomsen,

working with other counselors in Project Safe's outreach offices, researched domestic violence



assessment tools across North America and developed a unique, hybrid process that has become frequently requested by Department of Family & Children Services caseworkers working with families whose children are involved with child protective services due to domestic violence. These comprehensive assessments give case workers and juvenile court personnel a better understanding of the complex dynamics of families struggling with intimate partner violence, which in turn helps guide future interventions aimed at increasing the safety of all family members.



Crediting Volunteers

**In the 2014 calendar year,
366 volunteers donated
21,552 hours of service to
Project Safe.**



"Working with Project Safe has been an honor. Everyone involved in the organization sincerely cares about each

victim and it makes all the difference. I was enlightened by the stories that were discussed in the support group, and I cherish the bond that I shared with the children and their mothers. As I continue to assist with fundraising, I am grateful for the opportunity to help and never lose sight of who we are doing it all for. My hat goes off to the men and women who devote their lives to this cause, and my heart goes out to all of the survivors as they continue on their journey."

--Damaris Poindexter, volunteer



"Answering the hotline and really just speaking with the residents of the shelter were my favorite experiences as an intern. While it may have been difficult to hear some of

the stories of the survivors who called into the hotline, it was very rewarding knowing that I was doing my best to help someone who was seeking it. I really felt like I was able to make a difference, even if all they needed was someone to listen. Listening to the residents, and speaking with them was a fantastic experience. I loved hearing about every thing that the survivors wanted to tell us, whether it was good news or bad news because it meant that they trusted us enough to listen to them. I'm extremely thankful for the staff, my co-interns, volunteers, and especially the survivors for making my experience at Project Safe as amazing as it was. I really feel like I grew while I was there. "

--Cedric Maligaya, summer intern

**To volunteer, please contact
the Community Involvement & Volunteer Coordinator,
April Byrne, at 706-549-0922 or abyrne@project-safe.org**

Our Values: Careful Stewardship

"I learned careful stewardship from Project Safe.

I didn't walk into the office thinking "how can I make the best use of our resources?" It was a skill I gained over time. Eventually, it became second nature to recycle whenever possible or to simply take better care of property knowing that our organization would have to pay the price, not some distant, unknown corporation. I became more thoughtful and considerate about preventing waste. Now, I teach new interns each year to be mindful of the environment, the cost to replace or repair an appliance and how costs add up over time. It's encouraging to see interns connect how those costs could take away from client services and programs."

--April Byrne, Volunteer & Community Involvement Coordinator

At Project Safe, we sometimes joke about our "culture of cheapness" or pinching pennies until they beg for mercy. The truth is, we simply try to reduce waste, and minimize spending on what has little value in order to maximize spending on our important mission of working to end domestic violence. We endeavor to use all our resources wisely and in the best interests of our clients, organization and community. Whether it's managing the budget to strategic objectives or reducing the amount of paper used in the office, we all do our part to be good stewards.



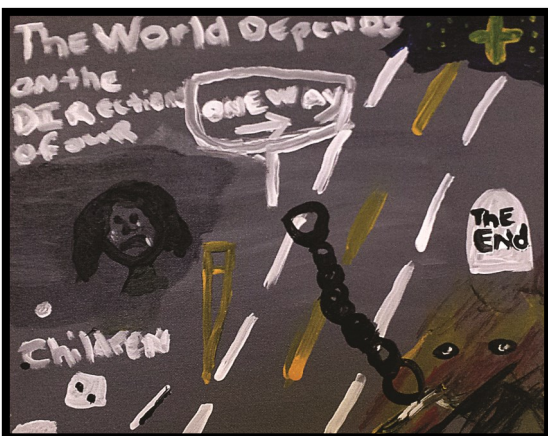
In 2014 we stepped up our stewardship efforts with a new partnership between the Project Safe Thrift Store and Atlanta Recycling Company. ARC helps with the sustainable disposal of items the store is unable to sell. Single shoes, soiled textiles, broken toys and other items past repair are collected by ARC for recycling and reuse. Between July and December, the store diverted over 25,000 pounds of material from the Athens-Clarke County landfill.



Project Safe Thrift Store



While Project Safe has multiple facilities, only one has a sign and is completely open to the public: our thrift store on Hawthorne Avenue. The Project Safe Thrift Store not only raises revenue to support our mission and programs, but also serves as the distribution center for our clients in need of clothing, furniture and household items. Additionally, the store provides vouchers for the clients of other agencies with whom we collaborate. The thrift store relies on volunteers, and is a great place for groups to volunteer. We hosted 63 group work days in 2014 for businesses, churches and civic clubs.



Please Stop By!

995 Hawthorne Avenue
(Bell's Shopping Center)

Monday - Saturday 9-5

706-425-8863

Our Values: Thoughtful Evaluation

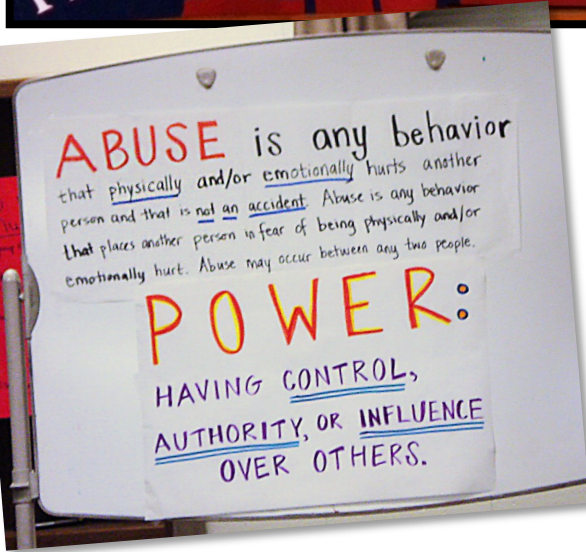


Doing something because it has always been done that way leads to stagnation and narrow-mindedness. We hold a mirror up to our programs, services and attitudes to ensure that we are open to new ways of thinking and doing our work. Superheroes, a 10-week closed session support group for child witnesses of intimate partner violence, is a great example of Project Safe's commitment to evaluation and evolution of services.

When outreach staff first designed the program, they wanted to promote five ambitious outcomes (reduced guilt and shame, increased self esteem, establishment of trust, enhancement of personal safety, and prevention of abuse). Staff built in a series of pre and post-intervention measures, and these were used in a study published in 2012 in the Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal.

The study revealed promising results in some areas, but also showed the need to make outcomes more realistic and better match the evaluation

instruments with those desired outcomes. Staff fine-tuned the program itself, redefined goals and revised the evaluation plan. In 2014, with help from a doctoral intern, Project Safe undertook another evaluation of Superheroes using data from all 99 participants. The study showed what we were hoping to see: both statistically significant improvements in child behavior and reductions in depression and anxiety.

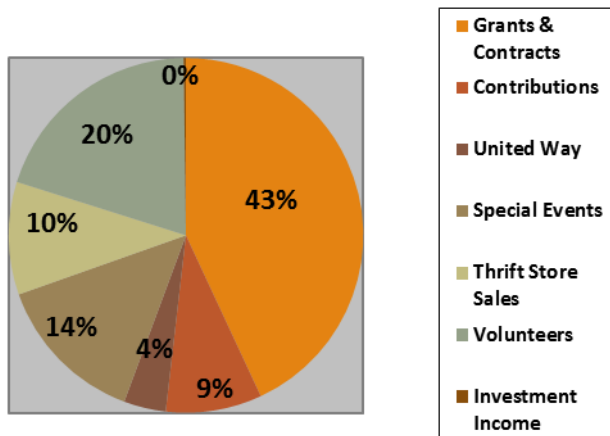


Project Safe Financial Information

FY 14 income and expenses are shown below. Project Safe received \$1,078,073 in cash and \$267,096 through donations of time with the value of a volunteer hour estimated at \$12. Client services accounted for 90% of all spending.

-Source is Audit 12/31/14 by Robert Baker and Associates, Certified Public Accountants.

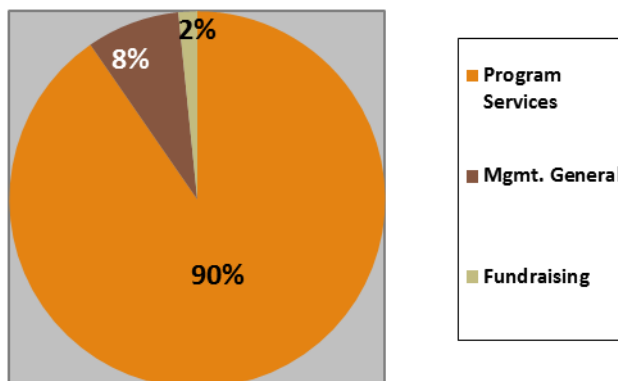
Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue



"Having assistance with rent, utilities, childcare and other expenses has been a life saver. It's enabled me to adjust to a new way of life as a single mother to 4 children, one being an infant. There is no way I could have kept this much of my family together without such assistance. I couldn't have even searched for work without it. It has also enabled me to pursue entrepreneurial interests that will help to sustain us in the long run. Thank you very much for offering hope to this single mom--whose world was completely torn apart by abuse--by means of your generous financial assistance program."

--transitional housing client

Fiscal Year 2014 Expenses



"Project Safe is a strong agency that uses the United Way money well and leverages the funds to maximize program revenue."

--United Way of Northeast Georgia Allocations Panel

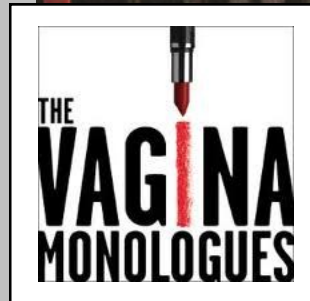
Project Safe Special Events



Dancing with the Athens Stars is the community's premiere fundraiser, with a net total of more than \$650,000 raised in its first 7 years .



A spin-off of *Dancing with the Athens Stars*, Stomp Out Domestic Violence features teams of students paired with adult volunteers in a step competition.



Eve Ensler's award winning play challenges, entertains and inspires audience members to take action to stop violence against women.



Groovy Nights disco and silent auction is Project Safe's longest running event.

Project Safe How Your Money Counts

- One night at a motel under an assumed name when the shelter is full: **\$78**
- Emergency lock change for a small apartment: **\$150**
- Attorney fees and advocate time for temporary protective order: **\$370**
- Cost to shelter a client for one month including meals and basic needs, transportation, medications, case management, support group, on-site therapy, and 24-hour staff: **\$1,550**

More than ever, Project Safe relies on the generosity of the community to support our work. 90 cents of every dollar goes towards client services.

"My heart is pouring out as I'm writing this, thank you so much for not discriminating against us. I don't know how I can thank you enough, for your words of encouragement and full support. My monthly targets did not come in the form of numbers and charts – they came in the form of praises from my advocate. This program supported my family with so many services. My rent, utilities, childcare, health services, and most of all my education assistance. My education is my way to take care of my daughter and make sure we can make it after we leave the program. I have gotten deeper understanding of the English language through tutoring, my tutors taught me to how to learn important concepts from the course material, enhanced my study skills, helped me to develop strategies to study for tests, and assisted me with all aspects of the learning process. Without the financial assistance for tutoring I would not have been able to get my GED, get into college, and would not have the 3.7 GPA I need to finish my Nursing program. Your hard work has been my inspiration since I entered the program and I went from being nothing to something, I have traveled a long journey under your guidance. You are amazing. May God reward you for saving our lives."

--transitional housing client

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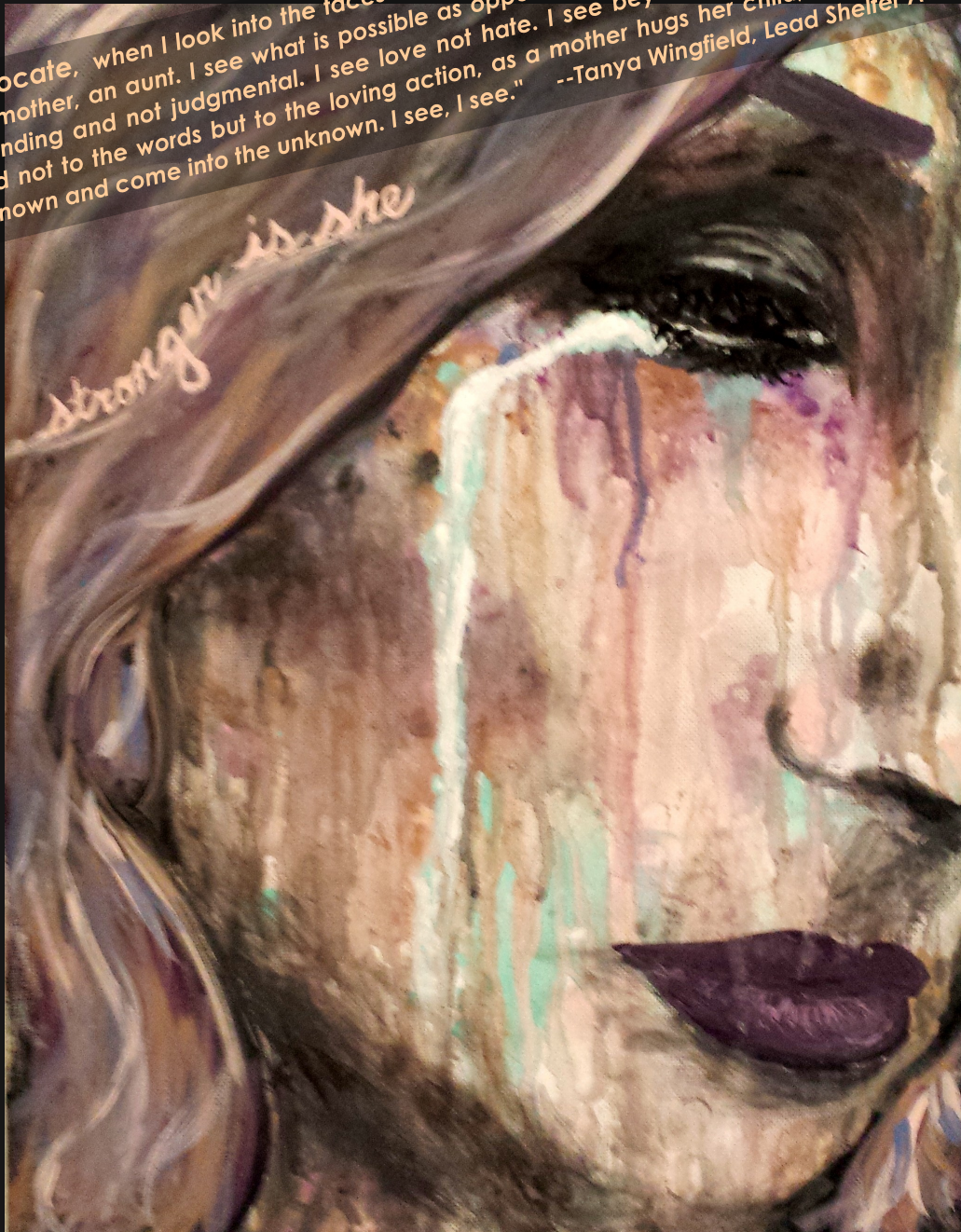
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