



BREAKING SILENCE

CHANGING LIVES



2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Project Safe Program Outcomes

88%

of clients reported they were assisted in meeting their immediate needs.

96% of clients achieved their housing goal or safe housing.

47% of clients achieved their employment goal.

94% of clients reported they now know ways to manage their safety.

63% of clients achieved other goals they set for themselves

90%

of clients reported they are satisfied with services received.

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.

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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To Our Friends,

I was a sophomore in high school... sheltered, naïve, unsure of myself. He was two years older, a football player with a gregarious personality, friends with everyone, and made me feel special. That was, until the night he called me a stupid b***h. For the next four years and on into college, the name-calling got worse, and the constant blows to my self-esteem sent me plummeting. "You'll never find anyone else," said his voice inside of my head. "You are good for one thing, and one thing only."

Fortunately for me, I moved away to college and was soon surrounded by close friends who pulled me out of my dark place and made me realize that the strong, independent woman that I once was still lived inside. I eventually realized that I didn't have to settle for someone who hurt me, and I found a loving husband who treats me with kindness and respect.

It wasn't until I joined the board of Project Safe that I understood that my past experience was indeed abuse—mental, emotional, and at times physical. If only an organization such as Project Safe had existed in my area at the time.

Not everyone is as blessed as I am. For many teenagers, emotional abuse during the dating years leads to a pattern of abusive relationships. Our goal at Project Safe is to end the cycle. Breaking Silence is Project Safe's newest program that focuses on teen dating violence by helping young women and men understand how to engage in respectful relationships. Studies show that females ages 16-24 are highly vulnerable to intimate partner violence at nearly triple the U.S. average, but 81% of surveyed parents do not think that dating violence is an issue. That was certainly the case for me, as I did everything I could to hide my situation from my parents. Project Safe's goal is to serve every single teen in our community who needs information, guidance, and support through their first relationships.

It is not easy to launch a new program in the midst of everything else we do...crisis intervention, ongoing support services, systems change advocacy, prevention and education. More than ever before, we rely on private fundraising. Please join us to stop domestic violence in our area, serve as a resource to any victim, and to give a voice to the thousands of women and children in our area who have been silent for so long.

--Betsy Harter, Board Chair 2013-2014

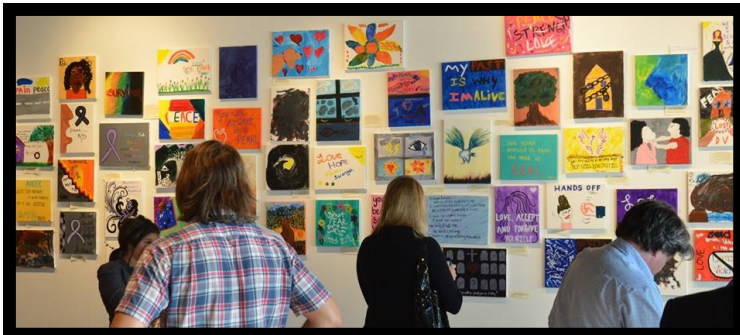
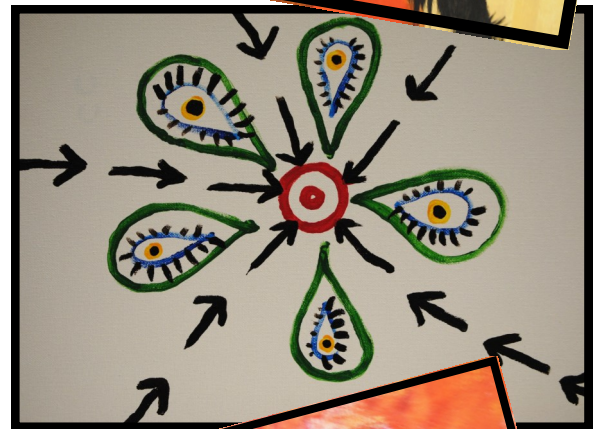


Featured Program: Through an Open Window

In 2013 Project Safe held its **3rd 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.



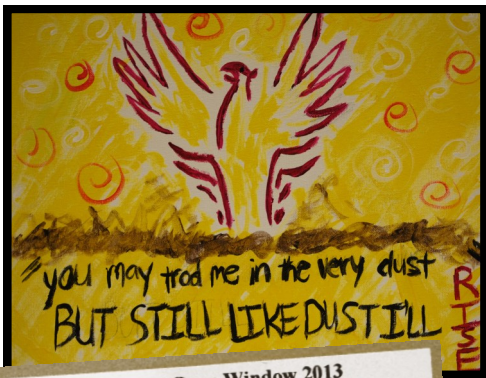
Art Influenced by Domestic Violence



Through An Open Window 2013

Description: My painting expresses 4 different stages/ feelings when dealing with domestic violence. However, these feelings are not limited; there are infinite amounts of feelings that arise when thinking of my experience with domestic violence. For me, these four feeling stand out the most: denial, pain, anger and acceptance.
Artist Initials: AR

Through an Open Window 2013
Title: He Lied. I am Beautiful and Armed with Truth. Never Again
Description: The woman beautifully dressed in emerald and with a shield in one hand and a sword around her neck is no longer shackled by the abuse and the lies she endured from her abuser. She is free.
RS



Through An Open Window 2013
Description: The painting signifies how survivors are able to rise from pain and ruin to recreate their lives and heal. I see these women as strong and powerful as the phoenix. I am inspired by survivors like my mother and their incredible courage.
Artist Initials: AC



He only chokes me now

Project Safe Crisis Intervention



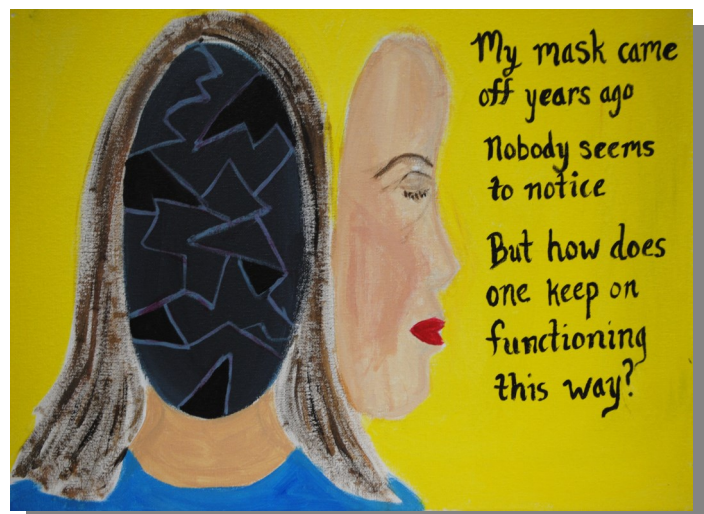
Project Safe offers crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence in the form of a 24-Hour emergency hotline, confidentially located emergency shelter, safety planning, legal & social service advocacy, and emergency financial assistance.

- The emergency shelter maintained a **99% occupancy rate**
- **164** were sheltered in the emergency shelter or in a motel - a **44%** increase over 2012.
- During the calendar year, advocates answered **2420 hotline calls** - a **12% increase** over the previous year
- Advocates contacted **619 individuals** who were named as victims of domestic violence in police arrest reports.

"Thank you so much, Sarah, Donna, and everyone at Project Safe. Your staff did an incredible job in helping me understand how dangerous my situation was and helping me put in place an exit plan, with resources! Your support, concrete advice, and help with logistics made it easier for me to leave and be safe. I am incredibly grateful to Project Safe and your incredibly warm, competent staff. The people answering the hotline are amazing, the legal assistance and accompaniment to my hearing was indispensable, and your help in finding a safe place for my beloved pets made all the difference in the world to me.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

-- Outreach Client



Featured Program: Stomp out Domestic Violence



Stomp Out Domestic Violence began as a spin-off show from the hugely popular Dancing with the Athens Stars, but in

2013 it evolved into a partnership with the Clarke County School District. Six student step teams ranging from elementary to high school worked with adult volunteers from the community to create performances that combined precision, showmanship and entertainment with an educational message. Stomp was held in memory of Jessica Nowell, a Clarke Central High School graduate who lost her life to dating violence in October, and several of the teams included tributes to Jessica in their routines.



Photos courtesy of Odyssey Newsmagazine. Counterclockwise from upper right: Cedar Shoals High School and DanceFX, Clarke Middle School and the Middle Aged Men of Athens (MAMAs), Judges' Favorite Winner J.J. Harris Elementary students and staff, Audience Favorite Winner Clarke Central High School with Superintendent Dr. Philip Lanoue.

Project Safe Ongoing Support

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 **96%** report knowledge of community resources.

Project Safe's Transitional Housing Initiative provides housing, child care, transportation, education, and emergency medical costs for two years with ongoing case management and emotional support.

Superheroes & Mantra are 10-week closed session groups for child and youth witnesses of domestic violence with a concurrent group for non-offending parents/care givers. The group works through the events experienced by youth in an

1024 women, children and men were served in our outreach offices at the Family Protection Center.

Project Safe provided **2179 hours of individual counseling** and support group sessions for outreach clients in calendar year 2013.

"When I was a child I witnessed my dad beating my step-mother. I was very frightened of his extremely painful beatings to me as well. I grew up and married a very abusive man. Thank the Lord for making a way of escape through Project Safe."

--Outreach Client

"I have learned a lot about what procedures you take in order to stay safe... -what to do and where to go. I am on the path to learning to believe in myself with consistent individual and group meetings. It makes me feel better every time I come!"

--Counseling Client

"I first became aware of Project Safe after one of my daughters suffered from an episode of domestic abuse. While there were resources available for her none were as detailed and helpful as those at Project Safe. I have since referred others to their services that include not only protection from partner abuse, but prevention, intervention, education and advocacy."

--review on greatnonprofits.org

"I was a victim of domestic violence for years. I lost my self-confidence, was isolated from friends and family, and lived in fear. I still feel the impact. Since I started coming to Project Safe's group sessions and one on one counseling, I have been able to come to terms with what happened, understand it, and as a result am starting to get my self-confidence back."

--Support group participant

Project Safe Prevention and Education



Getting The Word Out, and Seeing Results

One woman approached a customer in a local restaurant. She had heard the customer speak about her involvement with a church, and requested prayer in regards to her domestic violence situation. Another asked a co-worker for attorney recommendations for a divorce, before revealing the reason she was seeking one was emotional and physical abuse. A student talked to his guidance counselor about the violence his mom was experiencing, looking for a way out for both he and his mother. 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 for services.

Project Safe delivered 241 presentations and trainings in 2013, a 30% increase from the previous year and more than double the number of presentations from 2011.

"I found out about Project Safe several years ago when the Executive Director came to speak at an event at my church...The presentation gave me the courage to go to my office the next morning, close the door, and pick up the phone to call the hot line."

**--Pat Daugherty,
former board member**

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.

Project Safe Staff Leadership & Recognition

In 2013 **Executive Director Joan Prittie** completed her second term as Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence Task Force of Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties. (She previously served as Chair a decade earlier). In addition to helping grow new initiatives like Breaking Silence, training was a focus for Joan in 2013. She delivered over 50 presentations in the local area, and was also a speaker at several statewide conferences and training events. In December, Joan was honored with her third Athena Award nomination for professional excellence, community service and leadership development.

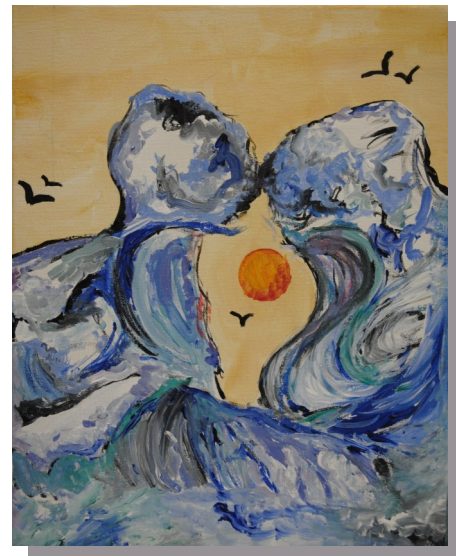
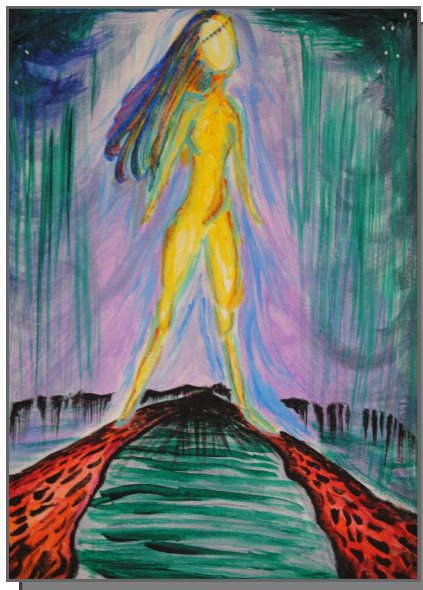
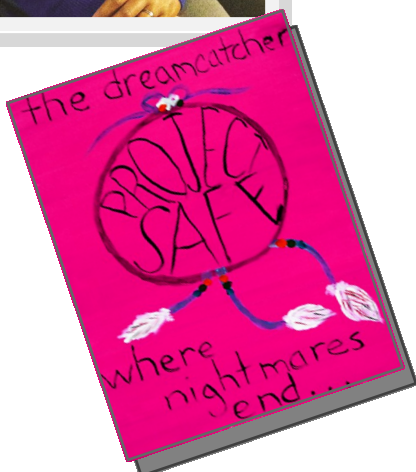


"During my volunteer experience, I was able to work closely with the executive director of the organization. She is very kind and I was inspired by her devotion towards Project Safe as well as the relationships she had developed with others in the Athens Community. Because of her, I wanted to do my very best as a volunteer and make a great contribution to the organization."

--review on greatnonprofits.org



Associate Director Tangela Beard succeeded Joan as Task Force Co-Chair in December. Tangela also represents Project Safe on the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Policy Committee, and provides technical assistance to other domestic violence organizations on data collection and reporting. In February 2013, Tangela coordinated and co-led 13 one-hour trainings for the Athens-Clarke County Police Department, reaching every sworn and non-sworn officer at A-CCPD plus Winterville and UGA police



Project Safe Systems Change Advocacy

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

For 10 years, 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.

To better address the most troubling perpetrators of domestic violence, a subcommittee of our local domestic violence task force initiated what has come to be known as the Community Accountability Protocol (CAP). The CAP program facilitates the vital sharing of information between the prosecutor's office, probation officers, treatment providers, and Project Safe advocates. The program helps to ensure that each of these organizations is provided with the most accurate and detailed information available so that appropriate, case specific measures can be taken. The coordinated response fostered by the CAP program simultaneously promotes offender accountability and survivor safety.

Project Safe is an invaluable resource for the Family Violence Clinic's civil temporary protective order cases, serving as expert witnesses in Superior Court hearings on the areas of dynamics of domestic violence and on lethality factors to explain how dangerous a situation might be for a victim of abuse and her children. We would not be able to prove some of our cases without them!"

-Susan Schaffer,
Managing Attorney, University of Georgia School of
Law Family Violence Clinic



Project Safe advocates at the state capitol for Stop Violence Against Women Day

"Sarah Penfold's involvement with some of our clients has made prosecuting more successful. Her support has made a huge difference in a few trials this year, and we are always happy to have her involved in our cases. Working with Teresa Mazzara through the domestic violence task force has been a pleasure as well."

--Michelle Dickens, Victim Advocate,
Western Circuit District Attorney's Office

I can't LEAVE
What if he catches ME
I can't leave MY babies with NO DAD
He will hurt SOMEONE I LOVE
I HAVE NO where to go
I HAVE NO MONEY
He will find ME
He will change
I have to stop MAKING him MAD

Featured Program: Breaking Silence



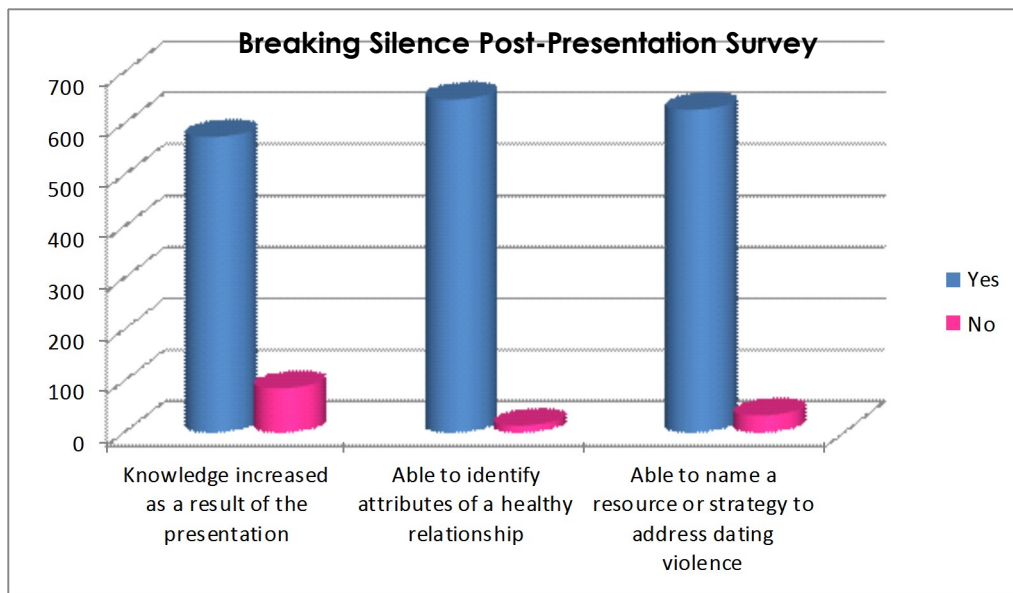
Young women age 16-24 are most vulnerable to intimate partner violence --at a rate almost triple the national average, yet less than 25% of teens say they have discussed dating violence with their parents. According to some studies, only a third of teens who have experienced dating violence have told anyone about it. 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. Under the guidance of Community Response & Teen Services Coordinator Teresa Mazzara, trained student interns respond to texts and emails and provide emotional support, information and referrals to services. In its first year of operation, the text line received 36 contacts.

In 2013, Project Safe distributed nearly 4000 leaflets, posters and parent brochures, and delivered 37 presentations. Among the 660 students who returned post-presentation surveys, 87% reported an increase in knowledge about healthy relationships because of the information provided. 98% are able to identify attributes of a healthy relationship, and 95% are able to identify a resource or strategy to deal with dating violence.



<https://www.facebook.com/BrkingSilence>

Survey Shows Successful Training and Awareness Strategy



87% reported that their knowledge increased, 98% were able to identify attributes of a healthy relationship, and 95% were able to name a resource or strategy to deal with violence.

"The most intense text line exchange I've had was with a girl who had been sexually assaulted. She was depressed and blaming herself, and it broke my heart. I told her that it was not her fault, and after texting back and forth for over an hour, she told me how grateful she was that the text line exists, and how great of a service she thought we were providing. I was so upset because of what she was going through, but the idea that I could help even just a little, really made me proud."--Anna Stangle, intern



"I think the text line is a really important resource for young men and women to be able to talk about emotional abuse in their relationships. Sometimes emotional abuse can seem like a gray area, and young people need to have a safe outlet through which they are able to get clarity and advice."
-Sarah Gordon, intern

Txt 4 tips on healthy relationships or concerns about dating violence! Or email us at teensbreakinsilence@gmail.com

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 Title: Breaking Silence.m4v
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwsD67g9sIY>

"Why I Support Project Safe"

"I support Project Safe because it touches so many lives every day with such positive outcomes! I read about messages from those who have received support by Project Safe and their messages are always heartfelt and encouraging. When a life is touched in such a positive way, it has a domino effect-another life, and another life, and another life, all grow stronger and life becomes more hopeful."

--Dr. Barbara Benson

"We are proud to support Project Safe with our time, money and energy because it is local, well-run, creative, and serves families of all types. Most of all, we give to Project Safe because we believe that strong communities nurture and grow stable families who raise healthy children who know how to resolve differences without using violence."

--David and Dawn Meyers

"Supporting Project Safe for the last 10 years with their accounting needs has been a very rewarding venture. I know that providing them with a lower cost for my services means that they can help more women and children. Everybody there does an AMAZING job!!!"

--Beth Huskey

"Domestic violence is an incubator of violent crime for children and a tremendous threat to individuals. It contributes significantly to the cycle of violence because children emulate adult behavior. Project Safe counters that cycle of violence and provides substantial care to victims of domestic violence. Project Safe offers a proven pathway to breaking the general cycle of violence; thereby creating a safer community for all."

--Joseph H. Lumpkin, Sr.

"I support Project Safe with my time and my resources for a number of reasons. First, and foremost, it combats through education and emergency assistance a scourge in our community, domestic violence. Second, it is an extremely well run organization which spends ninety cents of every dollar on its extremely important mission. Third, it has been very successful in producing awareness in the community of the seriousness of the problem of domestic violence and continues to seek new ways of reaching those of our neighbors who need its help."

--Paul M. Kurtz

Project Safe is a safety net for victims and a valuable tool for our community."

--Ira Edwards

"I always wanted to support a nonprofit organization, the question was: Which one? After researching about this organization as well as others I found that PS Inc. touches so many lives in so many different ways. It is not about finding temporary relief. It is about changing lives. My contribution to PS Inc has strengthened my spiritual life. As St. Francis says, 'It is in giving that we receive'."

--Maria Gloria Cardarelli

"I've been volunteering at different organizations around the community all my life. I don't believe in men putting hands on ladies. This is the way I support the ladies Project Safe serves."

--Bertha Henderson

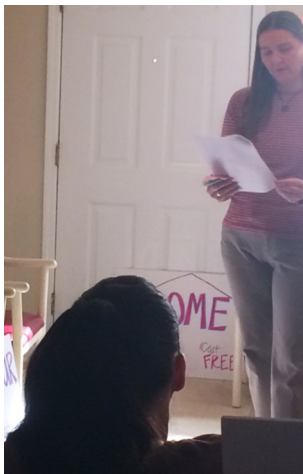
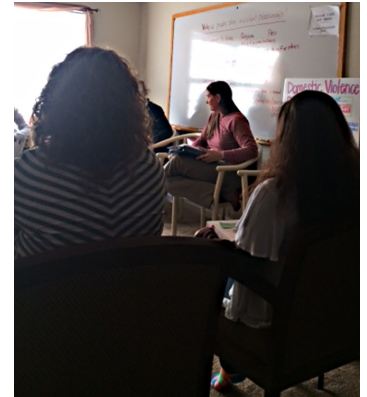
"I was a victim of physical and mental abuse myself, but at the time I didn't know about Project Safe. I had to leave town to stay safe. By leaving, I showed my girls that nobody deserves abuse. If I can help **any** woman by helping at the Thrift Store, it'd be worth it. I want to help an organization that is telling girls that there is something better out there for them. They are better than that."

-Suzette Howard

Featured Program: Women in Recovery



The vast majority of clients in **Advantage Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS)** Women's Services Long Term Residential Treatment Program 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 had difficulty accessing services related to domestic violence. Through a grant from the Governor's Office for Children and Families, Project Safe began to provide on-site services for clients of ABHS Women's Services Programs.



In addition to facilitating a weekly support group at Women's Services, PSI has dedicated a part-time staff person to provide individualized services at the residential treatment facility to clients who indicate a current or former abusive partner. As an adjunct to our work with individual clients, we've begun to work closely with the 25 people who staff Women's Services in three areas:

- 1) providing domestic violence education to staff through several in-service training opportunities throughout the year;
- 2) assisting staff in developing domestic violence screening for all clients; and
- 3) assisting staff in developing organization/facility-related safety procedures (i.e. what to do when an abusive partner comes or calls looking for a client).

"I have enjoyed working with Women's Services and advocating for their clients' safety during and after their work in the substance abuse treatment program. I believe that educating women in substance abuse treatment about domestic violence is extremely important in helping them maintain safety and sobriety in their future."

--Emily Nicholos, Intern



Project Safe In the Community



Project Safe staff and volunteers helped with the **AIDS Memorial Quilt** Ceremony at the Classic Center.



A former client of Project Safe hosted an information booth and took the stage as a speaker at the **2013 Human Rights Festival**.

Project Safe also fielded a team for the **Athens Area Homeless Shelter's Trivia Challenge**, participated in **Action Ministries' Action Dash** and walked in the annual **Athens AIDS Walk**.



Once again, Project Safe was name a top rated nonprofit by Great Nonprofits!

"Project Safe is a non-profit organization that goes above and beyond the call of duty. As a volunteer, I have seen the time and energy that every member of Project Safe puts in to help end domestic violence. The attentiveness and kindness of the staff members is unparalleled and I cannot imagine a better group of women to run this non-profit. Every year Project Safe has seen increases in individuals helped, hotline calls answered, and presentations delivered - all indicators that the Athens area is being positively affected by Project Safe's presence."--review on greatnonprofits.org"



The Project Safe Thrift Store on Hawthorne Avenue not only raises revenue for the organization, but also serves as the distribution center for our clients in need of clothing, furniture and household items. on average, in 2013, the thrift store **gave away 3140 items to 267 individuals**.

Project Safe Crediting Volunteers

In the 2013 calendar year, 363 volunteers donated 21,050 hours of service to Project Safe.

"The teamwork at Project Safe is one thing that really stands out. Students, volunteers, and staff work in concert to make sure that the people served get what they need, without any wasted resources. It's an honor to be a part of a noble task that's being performed with such competence and skill. And providing childcare at Project Safe is not only rewarding; it's one of the most fun things I do!"

~Amble Johnson, law student



Photo by Paul Efland

"I was initially interested because I see how many people are affected by domestic violence and how common it is. Working on the hotline was one of my favorite things to do because I felt like I was accomplishing something and able to help. Project Safe is such an amazing organization. The people who work there are truly dedicated to helping people in the community. They've all been wonderful and great role models; I've loved watching what they do."

~Ariel Rothenberg, summer intern

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

Featured Program: Latino Outreach

Serving the Latino Community

Project Safe is continuously building relationships with agencies that serve Latino populations, such as Georgia Latinos Against Domestic Violence, Casa de Amistad, Pinewoods Library, St. Rafaela Oasis Tutoring Center, public school professionals, and more. We've developed bilingual presentations about Project Safe's services and domestic violence in order to break down barriers to our services. In 2013, we presented to local agencies oriented towards serving Latinos and hosted informational booths at resource and health fairs.



"Bienvenidos al refugio de Project Safe. Para nosotros es un gran placer ofrecerle a usted un lugar que sea libre de abuso que le pasó."

In 2013 Project Safe updated our "Welcome to the Shelter" video, which provides a tour and orientation for Spanish speakers, led by board member Camila Pardo (pictured above)."

Es tiempo para hablar



La familia y amigos pueden ser los primeros en notar los signos de abuso en una relación. ¿Está preocupado de que alguien a quien usted aprecia esté en una relación controladora, violenta físicamente o emocionalmente abusiva? ¿Se está ella sometiendo a su pareja para evitar un conflicto y poniendo excusas por el comportamiento de su pareja? Estas son señales de que la persona que usted aprecia puede estar lidiando con violencia doméstica y tal vez no sepa a donde pedir y/o buscar ayuda. Usted Puede ayudarlo. Project Safe tiene una línea de crisis 24 horas al día con personal entrenado para ayudarlo a encontrar la manera más efectiva y segura para apoyar a alguien que sospeche que esté en una relación peligrosa. Estamos aquí para escucharle a usted. Nuestra línea de crisis es confidencial y nuestros servicios son gratuitos.



(706) 543-3331

Hotline, 24 hours/day
Línea de crisis, las 24 horas del día

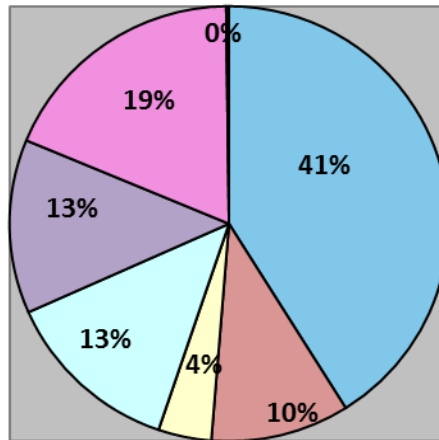


Pictured above is one of five "rack cards." During the year, staff and volunteers have updated and translated all Project Safe rack cards into Spanish.

Project Safe Financial Information

FY13 income and expenses are shown below. Project Safe received \$1,030,025 in cash and \$233,039 through donations of time with the value of a volunteer hour estimated at \$12. Client services accounted for 90% of all spending.

Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue

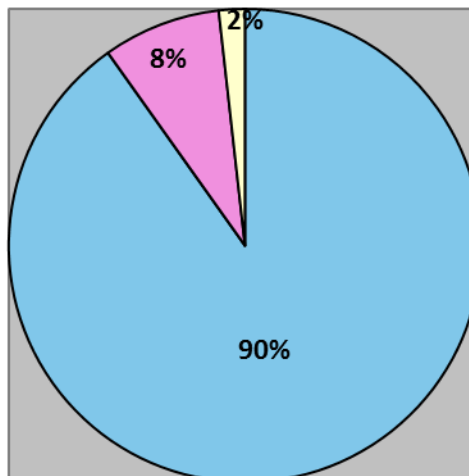


- Grants & Contracts
- Contributions
- United Way
- Special Events
- Thrift Store Sales
- Volunteers
- Investment Income

"I wish to thank you with all my heart for the gifts you've given and all that Project Safe has done for me, my daughter, and grandson. Words cannot express the way I feel or the pain I'm going through. But I do know there is a God, because I don't know what I would have done without someone helping me this year. Thank you again with all my heart."
 --Outreach client

"I came to Project Safe because of severe emotional abuse from my immediate family. There I learned the skills that enabled me to heal those abusive relationships and break the cycle of violence that was generational in my family. I am now genuinely close with my family and couldn't have done it without Project Safe. It is a time of Thanksgiving and I wanted to tell everyone how appreciative I am for everything you have done!"
 --Former shelter resident

Fiscal Year 2013 Expenses



- Program Services
- Mgmt. General
- Fundraising

Project Safe Special Events



Dancing with the Athens Stars is the community's premiere fundraiser, with a net total of more than \$520,000 raised in its first six years .



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



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.



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**

"I have been a fundraiser and volunteer since 2008 and have gotten to know many people who work at Project Safe. They use their money wisely and are creative in thinking of new ways to achieve their mission. They work with community members locally and across the state to raise awareness and improve the lives of their clients. They are forward thinking and responsible as an organization and share their knowledge with other nonprofits. They have the highest level of integrity and commitment to ending the cycle of domestic violence in the families they serve and in our society at large." --Review on greatnonprofits.org

How To Donate

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. Donations can be made in the following ways:

Online:

www.project-safe.org

Check by Mail:

P.O. Box 7532
Athens, GA 30604

Become an Annual Sponsor:

E-mail jpirtie@project-safe.org

Project Safe Major Donors

Major Donors & Sponsors

Allergy Partners
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Gloria Anderson & 1st Grade Team at
Timothy Road Elementary School
Anonymous
ARH Group
Ashford Memorial Methodist Church
Dr. Brett & Susan Atchley
Athens Area Commencement Center
Athens Area Health Plan Select
Athens First Bank
Athens Oconee Dentistry
Athens Regional Health System
Barberitos
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else to go could escape the horror of abuse.

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These words are a paraphrase of a conversation the board and I had many years ago. I've written them on our annual report every year since, and think about them every day. Only time will tell if we're as courageous as our founders, but every day we honor their effort and sacrifice, and every day we work to be worthy of the generosity, support and trust given to us by our community. -Joan Prittie, Executive Director

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