



Serving Clinton and Shiawassee Counties



# *Letter from the Executive Director*

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Dear Potential Donor,

Welcome to SafeCenter. I am so thankful that you are here and for your interest in being a part of our work to end domestic and sexual violence in Clinton and Shiawassee Counties. The support of community members like you makes all the difference for non-profit organizations like ours and allows us to sustain programs and services year-after-year. SafeCenter has been serving survivors since the early-1980's and we would not be where we are today without community member investment and partnership.

Here at SafeCenter, we're on a mission to Empower, Advocate, Educate, and Prevent. When you donate to SafeCenter, you become a part of an amazing team dedicated to making our two counties a safer place to live, work, and play. You have a unique opportunity to come alongside our Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers to promote safety and foster healing for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Your donations directly and positively impact the child and adult survivors who come through our doors by providing essential needs and services that open the door to recovery, stability, and lives that are thriving.

I am asking that you consider becoming a donor to SafeCenter by choosing a specific donor level (noted on page 6) and pledging to donate to us at that level for the next five years. In making this commitment, your pledge will allow us to expand upon our programs and services with needs not currently covered by grant funds and sustain our organization into the future. Sustainability will enable us to continue reaching survivors of all demographics across our service area and help us prevent domestic and sexual violence from happening in the first place.

As I said before, we cannot do this work without the financial support and commitment of our community members. Now, more than ever before, may be the most critical time to donate to SafeCenter as the issues of domestic and sexual violence come to the surface across our country and survivors feel more comfortable reporting what they have experienced as well as seeking services. SafeCenter commits to being here for all of those who need our help and assisting them on the path to healing.

Thank you, again, for your consideration of donating to SafeCenter. We look forward to your partnership.



Sincerely,

*Hannah Gottschalk*

Hannah L. Gottschalk, LMSW  
Executive Director

## *Philosophy Statement*

SafeCenter advocates the right for every person, adult or child, to live in a non-violent environment where individuality and equality are recognized and respected. We seek to maintain a supportive atmosphere wherein victims are able to obtain information, explore options and ultimately make their own choices. We understand that the scope of domestic and sexual violence transcends our local community. Work against societal violence must be achieved through networking at the local, state and national levels. Heightened awareness can lead to changes in society's attitudes about victims and the conditions which lead to violence. Domestic and sexual violence are crimes that not only affect the victims and their families but society as a whole. Interventions must support survivors and hold abusers accountable through coordinated community responses.

## *Mission*

Empower, Advocate, Educate and Prevent

## *Vision*

End domestic violence and sexual assault.

## *Values*

Hope, Integrity, Empathy, Respect and Dignity, and Embrace Diversity





# SafeCenter Executive Committee



**Board President**  
**Dave Hunt**

"Being a board member at SafeCenter has made me more grateful. Grateful to live in a community that supports SafeCenter. Grateful to have a team that delivers on the mission. Grateful to be able to provide services, resources, and compassion to those that need it. Our work continues, because sadly, our work is needed. Until that day comes when it is no longer needed, I am grateful to be part of the solution."



**Board Vice President**  
**Rachelle Bennett**

"SafeCenter is an invaluable resource to the community for a thousand reasons. First and foremost for me as a woman, SafeCenter raises a voice, advocacy, support, and treatment for women in this community. The times they are a changin' and I am grateful for the opportunity to play a small part. Outside of their amazing work with women they also serve children and men, recognizing all aspects of domestic violence and sexual assault and work diligently to address them. SafeCenter also maintains one of two shelters in Shiawassee County and the need for shelters are immense, especially in a small community with limited resources. Lastly, have you met the SafeCenter Team? They are pretty amazing!"



**Treasurer**  
**Emily Garrison**

"I am excited about the future of SafeCenter because I know we have an Executive Director steering a ship full of very motivated, loving, educated and caring staff members/volunteers. With the an ED in place that has a clear vision and plan for how SafeCenter can impact our communities motivates me to be more involved and bigger advocate for the organization. It is refreshing to hear about staff being invigorated and dedicated to the communities that we serve! SafeCenter has big things coming and I'm so excited to be along for the ride!"



**Secretary**  
**Ruthann Liagre**

"Being a part of the SafeCenter Board means being able to contribute to and participate in an organization that does essential work for our community. I see SafeCenter as an entity that, that by the nature of the work, pulls a variety of community resources together to address the hideous reality of sexual assault and domestic violence. We provide protection, education, support (among other things) to families who find themselves in situations that most of us cannot even imagine. Being involved gives me purpose and I have learned so much!"



# *SafeCenter's 2020 Community Impact*

**76** ● **Individuals Utilized Emergency Shelter**

**24** ● **Families Utilized Transitional Supportive Housing**

**436** ● **Individuals Utilized Non-Residential Services**

**1,836** ● **Nights of Emergency Shelter**  
Our emergency crisis shelter provides survivors with a safe place to stay when they report being in danger.

**1,973** ● **Counseling and Advocacy Sessions**  
Advocates assist men, women, and children with safety planning, education, goal setting, and more.

**126** ● **Legal Advocacy and Court Accompaniment**  
Clients receive support with safety planning, court advocacy, navigating the legal system, filing personal protection orders, and referrals to legal services.

**4,209** ● **Crisis Calls**  
The 24 HR Crisis Line is available 365 days a year.

**111** ● **Individuals Received Specific Assistance**  
We provide clients with basic needs, such as food, clothing, bus passes, gift cards, and more.

# *Why is your support of SafeCenter so important?*

"Your donorship helps to bring hope to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our communities of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties. I did not grow up in a home with abuse. I am not a minority. I am a well-educated woman. I am a Christian. I was not who I thought of when I thought of a woman in an abusive relationship. However, domestic and sexual violence does not discriminate. It spans and effects different ages, genders, social backgrounds, economic backgrounds and religions. I am a domestic violence survivor. With the services rendered at the SafeCenter, they turned my brokenness and fear into hope and healing. I am forever grateful for those that made the SafeCenter services possible through their financial contributions. A future survivor could be your mother or father, your sister or brother, your daughter or son, your friend, or even you. Please consider joining me by bringing hope to these men and women through donorship."

*Krystal McCoy*

Domestic Violence Survivor  
SafeCenter Board Member



# *Become a donor today!*

## ***Visionary \$2,500+***

Your gift provides 208 children with one night of safe, emergency shelter and three nutritious meals. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

## ***Champion \$1,000-\$2,499***

Your gift provides 68 hours of prevention education and awareness to children and teens. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

## ***Hero \$500-\$999***

Your gift provides 60 sessions of Sexual Assault Therapy to survivors. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

## ***PaceSetter \$250-\$499***

Your gift provides 30 sessions of Domestic Violence advocacy/counseling. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

## ***Advocate \$100-\$249***

Your gift provides 7 survivors with assistance completing a Personal Protection Order. With this donation you will also be listed in the Weaving the Vision annual dinner display and SafeCenter's newsletter.

## ***Consider joining our Weaving the Vision Society***

The Weaving the Vision Society is a multiple year giving program where each member of the society pledges a set amount for 5 (five) years. A multiple year pledge helps sustain and expand our programs!

For more information about the Weaving the Vision Society, please contact Hannah Gottschalk at 989.723.9716 or [hannah@thesafecenter.org](mailto:hannah@thesafecenter.org).





Thank you for taking time to learn more about SafeCenter and your willingness to partner with us in our mission to Empower, Advocate, Educate, and Prevent. By determining a donor level and pledging to donate at that amount for the next five years, you will allow us to continue providing essential services in the form of advocacy, counseling, education, transitional supportive housing, legal advocacy, and emergency shelter to survivors in Clinton and Shiawassee Counties well into the future. This work is only possible because of people like you!

Thank  
you