

creating a future
free from violence

ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL 2024



supporters of
abuse-free
environments

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EMPOWERING SURVIVORS.



S·A·F·E

BUILDING SAFE FUTURES.

As the leading support in Ravalli County for those impacted by domestic and intimate partner abuse, SAFE (Supporters of Abuse Free Environments) stands as a beacon of hope and transformation. Our mission is not just to provide immediate shelter and services, but to weave a tapestry of support, advocacy, and empowerment that reaches every corner of our community.

In Ravalli County, SAFE is the only provider of emergency shelter and essential services for survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse. Our presence is more than a safety net; it's a lifeline for those in the darkest hours of their lives. The need for our services is not just significant—it's critical. Your annual sponsorship is not just a contribution; it's a partnership in creating a future where safety and respect are universal experiences.

mission & values

At SAFE, our mission is clear:

We empower those impacted by abuse by providing safety and support through individual connection and community engagement.

This mission is anchored in our core values:

safety

We are a haven for physical and emotional safety, offering an environment where voices are heard, and decisions are respected.

inclusion

Our commitment to equity, accessibility, and valuing lived experiences ensures that every survivor's journey is honored.

empowerment

Through our support and resources, we enable individuals to meet their goals and overcome adversity.

collaboration

By partnering with others, we address individual needs and forge a stronger, safer community.

empathy

Operating with compassion, kindness, and dignity, we honor the uniqueness of each individual we serve.

our story

Founded in 1988 by the local chapter of Soroptimist International, a women's civic organization, SAFE (Supporters of Abuse Free Environments) exists to reduce both the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence in Ravalli County Montana. Serving roughly 400 survivors annually, SAFE services support safety, healing, housing sustainability and economic empowerment with a focus on trauma-informed support for the specific and unique needs of survivors in our rural community. Additionally, SAFE services provide community leadership and facilitation for our county's systemic response to domestic and sexual violence, while also working to prevent violence from occurring via public awareness and school-based educational programming.

For the last 35 years, SAFE has worked to develop a network of programs that serve several purposes, all with the safety of survivors in mind. We envision a world where domestic and sexual violence do not exist and as we work toward that, we provide support and safety so that families have the resources available to heal and grow into self-directed and secure lives. Our twenty-four-hour hotline, in-person advocacy services and emergency shelter help to immediately interrupt violence and provide pathways to physical and emotional safety for those who have been victimized. Our ongoing supportive services, which include crisis counseling, case management, advocacy, transitional housing and community-based housing support, educational support, children's supportive services, childcare and transportation assistance, help survivors build a web of supportive services and resources that are necessary for developing a violence-free and self-directed future. SAFE's case management and supportive services are survivor-centered and trauma informed, offering those who utilize our services the best opportunities for crafting and working toward plans for self-sufficiency, stable housing and safety.

our impact

SAFE'S REACH

406
adults



86
children

TOTAL served
this year

56% increase in children served & 21% increase in total people served from 2022

CRISIS LINE

24/7 access to resources & support

This year SAFE's crisis phone line received 565 calls from people in our community seeking resources and support.



565
CALLS

This is more calls in one year than SAFE has ever received and is 173 more calls than the average over the last 5 years.

our growth



The number of adults and children served by SAFE's community dinners and support groups this year was the largest since before the pandemic and is growing by the week.

Over the last 5 years, SAFE has had to turn away more than 40 people on average each year due to lack of shelter capacity.

SAFE broke ground on our building expansion project in September, 2023. This \$3.2M remodel will more than double our current emergency shelter and programming space. We are hopeful to have the project finished and be moved in by the end of 2024!

our work



854

crisis counseling sessions provided by SAFE this year, another all-time record high for us



94%

of shelter residents were fleeing domestic violence



92

Individuals assisted in petitioning for Orders of Protection

EMERGENCY SHELTER

3407 nights of shelter provided
Average stay: 36 days
Average occupancy: 117%

RAPID REHOUSING

3503 nights of housing provided
11 adults & 16 children served
Average stay: 8 months

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

10,196 nights of housing provided
14 adults & 30 children served
Average stay: 14 months
Average occupancy: 95%

605

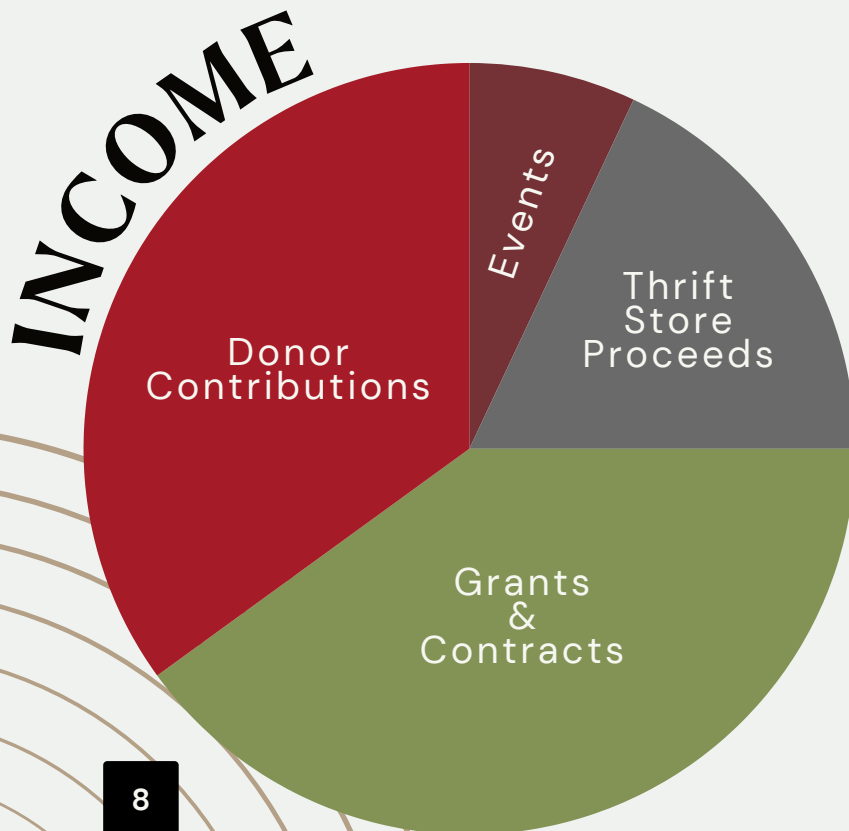
individuals strengthened through SAFE's community education activities





\$1.46M ANNUAL BUDGET

Fiscal year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023



our priorities

This year SAFE's Board and Staff collaboratively participated in creating a new Strategic Plan to align our mission, values and priorities for the next 3 years.

expansion

We will holistically meet survivor and community needs, SAFE will continue to expand sustainably in a manner guided by the needs of survivors and our community.

infrastructure stability

We will prioritize efficiency to empower employees to perform their duties in a manner that reflects SAFE's mission and values.

program consistency

Everyone who works and participates at SAFE will have a clear understanding of and access to resources and information.

2024 GOALS

Diversify income sources

Complete Building Expansion Project

Expand survivor programming based on needs

Institutionalize prevention programming

Increase community outreach efforts

Increase operating budget

REIGNITE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

2024 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Spring Fundraiser

18
MAY

The 2023 SAFE Spring Fundraiser, SAFE Since the 80s, was a huge success and we raised more money than ever before! Our 2024 event promises to be just as exciting, with new opportunities for sponsors, where we hope to make an even bigger impact. Save the date, and stay tuned for more details this spring!

Farm to Table Gathering

12
SEP

2024 will mark SAFE's third year of hosting an intimate gathering where we share a gourmet, local meal together with our supporters and updates on our work in a beautiful outdoor Bitterroot setting. This event has been known to sell out early, so mark your calendars and stay tuned for details later this year!



BENEFITS FOR SPONSORS

There are benefits for businesses and individuals that go far beyond tax-deductible donations, although those are included, too!

attract new customers

As an organization that has been serving our community for over 35 years, SAFE has a wide reach in the Bitterroot Valley. Many local consumers are aware of the work we do and hold our cause in high esteem. Supporting SAFE as a corporate sponsor may be the difference for someone when choosing where to take their business.

90%

of consumers would switch brands to support a cause*

67%

of employees prefer to work for a socially responsible company*

increase employee satisfaction

Ravalli County is home to many non-profit organizations and giving back to our community is something that is important to a considerable number of our residents. With businesses struggling to recruit and retain employees in recent years, a sponsorship of SAFE and involvement in community issues could tip the scales and help your business hire and hold on to good workers who value community service.

make a lasting impact

As the Bitterroot Valley is growing and SAFE works to expand our Emergency Shelter and Program space, as well as the programming we offer to the community, now is the time to get involved. Being a part of this pivotal time of innovation by sponsoring us in our work ensures that your business will always be a cornerstone of community growth and support.



*2015 Cone Communications/Ebiquity Global CSR Study



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

SILVER

Entry-level sponsor

Recognition on SAFE's website and social media

\$750

GOLD

SAFE's entry-level event sponsor

Spring Fundraiser sponsorship recognition

Recognition on SAFE's website and print media*

\$1,500

DIAMOND

Ensuring a seat at the table and in our work

Spring Fundraiser & Farm to Table sponsorship recognition

FREE admission for Spring Fundraiser for up to 4 guests

Recognition on SAFE's website and print media* for both events

\$5,000

PLATINUM

Taking a stand against violence

Spring Fundraiser sponsorship recognition

Discounted admission for up to 8 guests

Recognition on SAFE's website and print media*

\$2,500

EMERALD

The highest level of support of SAFE's mission


Spring Fundraiser & Farm to Table sponsorship recognition

FREE admission for Spring Fundraiser for up to 8 guests

Recognition on SAFE's website and print media* for both events

\$10,000

*Sponsorship must be confirmed by April 1, 2023 for printing purposes.



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION!**

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