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Safe Haven Ministries
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voices



Providing 35 YEARS of pathways to HOPE

Hope can feel thin. Especially during uncertain times. And as a valued partner, I am reaching out with an update and to express gratitude for the support you've given to Safe Haven Ministries. Your generosity has played an important role in helping both victims and survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking find safety, healing and HOPE.

Last year, Safe Haven Ministries provided over 36,000 nights of safe shelter and housing. This data point is a story - it's children laughing in their home and a mother washing dishes at her kitchen sink. A young adult safely sleeping in their own bed escaping abuse and threat of sleeping on the street.

Recently, an abrupt "pause" of all federal funding threatened to strip resources from children, disrupt stable housing, halt health care services and deny supportive services for survivors of violence and abuse. This misuse of power, interrupted Safe Haven's access to reimbursement of tens of thousands of dollars of rent payments we make for people fleeing domestic violence each month. Judges are issuing stop orders, a new memo denied the pause, yet many other actions continue to be unleashed causing confusion and interruption of funding streams for people on the margins and our important services. Today our federal funding is in place yet uncertainty remains for the future.

Lament, tears, exhaustion, disbelief, anger, frustration . . . pick one or mixed all together, this is how many people in our neighborhood, schools, nonprofits and health care spaces are navigating the day by day.

We have a notion that when we build monuments, create art, and make spaces for reflection and truth telling we disrupt despair. We invite peacemaking that is not the absence of conflict but is the action and pursuit of justice and mercy and love.

Our Wall of Hope filled with handwritten notes welcomes people into our space.

HOPE It may feel thin but HOPE hovers over all pain, sadness, harm, chaos and lament.

RISES. Our resistance is HOPE and our commitments to serve survivors and prevent abuse, EVERY DAY.

Safe Haven Ministries has strength in a diversified funding stream. Your support along with other community donations, and wish list contributions are essential. Each year we need to raise \$2 million along with our federal grant funds to provide essential services from a 24/7 crisis line to emergency safe shelter and transitional housing.

The mission of Safe Haven Ministries is 35 YEARS STRONG. We are confident that together with your committed support, safety and healing will continue to be the story for individuals and children fleeing abuse.

Join us in our 35th Year with a gift to wage HOPE, and continue the tremendous mission and vision to support survivors and prevent abuse.

HOPE RISES.

A peek
through the
windows
of Safe
Transitions ...

Where **HOPE
RISES.**

26,000

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Safe Transitions

Safe Haven's partnership based transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking is making a tremendous impact. Safe Transitions provides transitional housing from 6 months and up to 2 years through a collaborative model with flexible rental assistance and ongoing supportive services. Our generous donors make housing stability possible for those fleeing abuse to seek safety.

Safe Haven supported
65 clients through the
Safe Transitions Program in '24

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“Living in a Safe Haven Ministries transition house has been a very big blessing. We have a secure home, and we are getting the help that we need to move forward for our future.

I am blessed to have the support of Safe Haven and their staff to help me and my children. I pray that others seek Safe Haven Ministries and get help they need as well.

~ Survivor

1990

Six Churches collaborated to buy a home to serve as a shelter for women and children who were experiencing abuse. Ramoth House, was the beginning of Safe Haven Ministries.



1999

Ramoth House was incorporated into a larger nonprofit called, Safe Haven Ministries. At this time nonresidential and prevention & education services were added to the services. Additionally a separate administrative office offering 24/7 hotline, walk-in appointments and weekly support groups began.

2007

The organization expanded once again into a larger sprawling ranch house with more rooms - doubling the size and capacity of service.



2019

Safe Haven expanded once again and for the first time combined all services under one roof. The new facility double capacity from 7 to 14 emergency shelter rooms serving up to 56 individuals at any given time. The new building also allowed for working spaces, offices, and meeting rooms.

2022

Strategic Bold Steps

- Comprehensive Housing: Safe Transitions partnership model of transitional housing
- Mobile Advocacy to meet survivors in the community,
- Anti-Human Trafficking is added to the mission
- Kent County's first Homicide Review



TODAY

Safe Haven Ministries continues to be a leader in our community for providing safety and HOPE for victims and survivors.



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The most helpful thing about my experience with Safe Haven is the advocates who assisted and continue to help me with every aspect of life after domestic abuse. They were always available, patient, and helped me to advocate when I couldn't advocate for myself. The trauma groups were and still are so helpful. And, the rapid rehousing program helped me to provide me and my family a safe place to live and support through transition. Safe Haven has literally been exactly that. A "Safe Haven" where me and my family could heal and grow.

~ survivor

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The most important thing I've learned is that you've got to stand up for yourself all the time.

~ Godfrey Lee
8th grade student

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35 YEARS HOPE RISES

Safe Haven Ministries reaffirms its commitment to be a place of refuge & HOPE

Will YOU join us in our COMMITMENT to survivors of relationship abuse and human trafficking?

SUPPORT pathways to HOPE. Make your commitment TODAY!

USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE
or VISIT OUR WEBSITE @

safehavenministries.org/support

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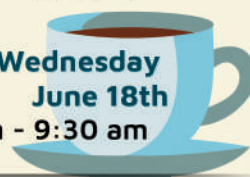
Upcoming
events &
opportunities!

Join us!

Coffee
with the
CEO

Wednesday
June 18th

8:30 am - 9:30 am



LEARN WITH US!

May 6 Domestic Violence
& Anti-Trafficking Seminar

May 20 Human Trafficking Seminar

June 25 Domestic Violence
& Anti-Trafficking Seminar

Visit our website to register:
[safehavenministries.org/learn - with - us/](https://safehavenministries.org/learn-with-us/)

May 7th
9 am -
NOON

Join MSU School of Social Work and Safe Haven for conversations and networking on how the business sector can help build communities where families thrive.

Annual



Tuesday
Sept. 23

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