



**Safe Passage**

No one deserves to be abused.

# Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates

*February 2020: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month*

## February

### Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

February is recognized as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Not only does Safe Passage offer services for adults, we also offer services to children and teens who have experienced and/or witnessed abuse.

Children's counselor, Chaniqua, describes a teen counseling session: "Our sessions consist of providing adolescents a safe place to discuss personal experiences of teen dating violence. While most teens are told what to do by authority figures, the role of the counselor is to empower teens to make the best decisions for themselves. Counselors support teens through experiences of teen dating violence by providing education to adolescents about domestic abuse and its effects. Encouraging clients to recognize healthy and unhealthy characteristics in relationships is significant for teens to break the cycle of abuse."

If you or someone you know is interested in teen counseling, please contact 815.756.5228. All services are free and confidential!

### Upcoming Events: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

#### Walk a Mile & After Party

**April 4, 10-3 PM**

*Sycamore High School Field House (427 Spartan Trail, Sycamore) and Fatty's (1312 W Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb)*

Show your support of Sexual Assault Survivors by joining us for a mile long walk in high heels! Continue the celebration as we honor our Shoe-per hero while enjoying drink discounts and free appetizers at Fatty's!

[Click here to register!](#)

#### At the Heart of Gold Documentary Screening & Panel Discussion

**April 16, 7-9 PM**

*Egyptian Theatre (135 N. 2nd Street, DeKalb)*

"At the Heart of Gold: Inside the USA Gymnastics Scandal," reveals a dangerous system that prioritized winning over everything else, including protecting young athletes. Join us for a viewing of the film and a panel discussion. FREE and open to the public!

#### Take Back the Night

**April 30, 6-8 PM**

*Egyptian Theatre (135 N. 2nd Street, DeKalb)*

Join us in the movement to end sexual assault! We will stand together with survivors and community members to say



### **Love Over Violence Event**

On February 21, we celebrated all things romantic at our second annual fundraiser, L.O.V.E. Our event was a great success and we are so thankful to everyone who came, donated, and helped us spread our message!

We are especially grateful to nationally recognized speaker and sexual assault advocate, Karli Johnson, for sharing her story and the importance of Safe Passage. If you'd like to see her speech, [click here.](#)



sexual violence is not tolerated in our county. Together, we will march downtown DeKalb and let our voices be heard. Immediately following, survivors will have a chance to share their stories. Light refreshments will be served. Signs are available to use at the event, but you can also bring your own. FREE and open to the public!

### **Join Our Team!**

If you're interested in joining us in the movement to end domestic violence and sexual assault, consider apply for a position within our agency! Check out the opportunities below!

[Check out our open job positions here.](#)

[Apply for a position on our Board of Directors here.](#)

## **Swept Under the Rug**

**Safe Passage staff are excited to announce a collaboration with Northern Illinois University's Pick Museum of Anthropology!**

In order to raise awareness to sexual violence, sexual assault counselors have worked alongside their clients to tell their stories of abuse through 3 main art exhibits in a project titled "Swept Under the Rug."

The purpose of the exhibit is to shed light on the widespread impact of sexual violence on survivors in our community and our culture. The exhibit will address issues that are

often seen as taboo and "inappropriate" for open discussion. Sexual violence will no longer be swept under the rug! The show will provide space for learning about these issues as well as space for community members and survivors to respond.

**Join us for our opening night:** May 6, 2020, 5-7 PM at the James B. and Rosalyn L. Pick Museum of Anthropology at Northern Illinois University (Cole Hall 114). Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to submit a piece of clothing to this project, please contact Kendal at [kharvell@safepassagedv.org](mailto:kharvell@safepassagedv.org).

Image above retrieved [here](#).



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