

Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates

August 2020

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As schools across the county begin to welcome back their students, Safe Passage's prevention department has been adapting Erin's Law presentations for the 2020 school year. We will be visiting class rooms virtually, creating videos, and sharing information through various online platforms.

During the COVID pandemic and stay at home order, rates of domestic violence and child sexual abuse increased dramatically. Parents, guardians, and those who work with children, we are encouraging you to continue our conversation at home. Do your children have 5 safe adults they trust? Do your children talk to you when they're feeling scared or uncomfortable? Do you and your children practice asking for consent? Do you know who your teens are talking to online?

It's important we all work towards a safer future for our children. If you're interested in learning more about our presentations, or are interested in having Safe Passage speak to your school, organization, or business, please call 815-756-7930 or email llaskowski@safepassagedv.org. All presentations are free!

Pictured above: Director of Prevention and Communication, Lynnea, films videos for grade school students



Join Safe Passage's Board of Directors

Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Do you believe in a violence-free world? Consider joining Safe Passage's Board of Directors to become involved with the agency!

**TO APPLY,
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HERE.**



Greater Giving Golf Outing: September 18

First Annual Golf Outing

Join Safe Passage on Friday, September 18 for a socially distanced fundraiser at Sycamore Golf Club! The 18-hole event will begin at 12:00 PM with a shot gun start.



THE GREATER GIVING GOLF OUTING

SEPTEMBER 18 | SYCAMORE GOLF CLUB

TO REGISTER OR SPONSOR CALL: 815-762-4273

\$90 for individual golfer
\$350 for a foursome

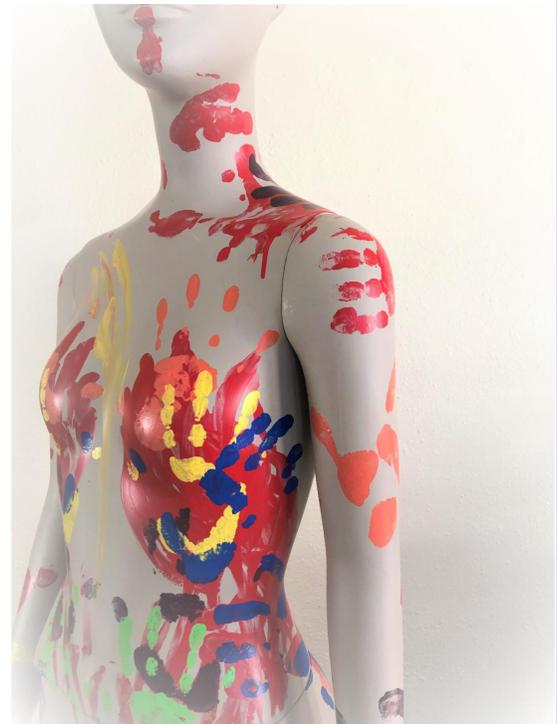
All golfers will receive a cart, beverage tickets, and a grab and go lunch.

Interested in participating, sponsoring a hole or the event? Call Christine Kyler: 815-762-4273. Hurry! The event caps at 100 participants.

Swept Under the Rug: Opening Day September 23

Sexual Assault Awareness Collaboration with NIU

Swept Under the Rug is an art exhibit created by clients and will be hosted in conjunction with Northern Illinois University. Artwork was created by survivors of all genders and ages to shed light on the widespread impact of sexual violence on survivors in our community and our culture. The exhibit will create space through three main projects for conversations that have historically been viewed as taboo and “inappropriate” for open discussion. The show will provide both in-person and digital opportunities for learning about these issues as well as space for community members and survivors to respond.



Pictured: A sneak peek of the exhibit, Touched

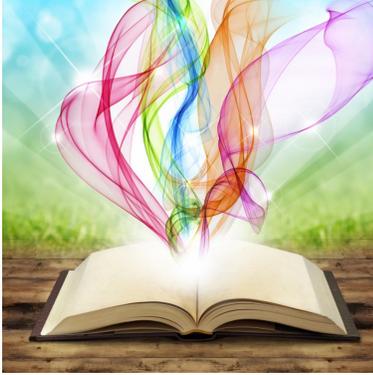
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Little Lending Library and Little Pantry Comes to Safe Passage

We need your help!

We are happy to announce that we will be adding a Little Lending Library and a Little Pantry to our long term housing building. This can help create community among the clients, as well as share valuable resources.

If you'd like to help grow our library, please consider donating your gently used children or adult books to our agency!



For instructions to donate, please call 815-756-7930

Turning Back Time Car Club Raises Funds for Safe Passage

Thank you, Turning Back Time Car Club!

Sycamore's Turning Back Time Car Club hosted their first ever virtual event in August. During the event, they asked participants to donate to Safe Passage. Together with the community, they raised \$2,076 to support survivors of violence right here in our community! We are so thankful for everyone's generous support!



Pictured: Safe Passage's Executive Director accepts check with staff and board members

Cupcakes for a Cause - A Sweet Success!

Thank you, Sweet Dreams!

Sweet Dreams Desserts and Catering of Sycamore hosted Cupcakes for a Cause in August. The fundraiser was a huge success! Sweet Dreams and those who purchased cupcakes were able to raise \$450 for Safe Passage! The funds will assist in providing free and confidential services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault at Safe Passage.



Pictured: Deanna Watkins, owner of Sweet Dreams, presents check to Christine Kyler, Development Director at Safe Passage

T-shirt Fundraiser Brings \$350 to Safe Passage

Thank you, Amanda!

Amanda, a 7th grade math teacher at Clinton Rosette Middle School,



sold "Add Love, Subtract Hate" t-shirts during the month of August. For every shirt sold, she donated \$2 to Safe Passage and raised \$350 for our agency! Thank you Amanda and thank you to those who purchased a shirt!

Pictured: Amanda presents check to Christine Kyler, Development Director at Safe Passage



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