



Safe Passage

Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates

March 2021

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Staff Return to Offices

We're so grateful to the DeKalb County Health Department and all our incredible health care professionals in this community!

Due to their hard work and support, our staff have been vaccinated and are transitioning to working back on site! Virtual options are still in place, but with increased safety measures in place, many of our critical services are transitioning back to in-person support.

Thank you to our entire community for your support as we have worked to adapt our life-saving services during this pandemic!

Updates & Announcements

Join Our Team!

Are you looking to join the nonprofit sector and make a difference in the work you do? We'd love to have you on our team!

We have several positions open in a variety of programs at our agency and are looking to fill vacancies as soon as possible.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OPEN POSITIONS AND TO APPLY](#)

Meet Our Board



Introducing Secretary, Debra Nottingham

Meet Debi, Board Secretary! Debi is a member of the DeKalb Community and works as the manager of Walgreens in the DeKalb/Sycamore Area. Debi has been involved Safe Passage for years as a community partner. She was instrumental to the success of our Pokanoka's Run/Walk at Shabbona Lake State park in sponsoring, volunteering, and planning.

Debi shares her thoughts and experiences of a board member below:

I am completing my first full year on the Safe Passage Board. What a year to start! I have found our Board members to be so enthusiastic in their support for Safe Passage, even in a year when things were almost completely out of our control, the Board tried to keep things alive and growing with Zoom meetings to make sure

that everyone was keep up to date. I am so excited to be a part of the Board and look forward to 2021 being a amazing year!

Domestic violence touches so many people, and many suffer silently. For years I was involved in fundraising efforts; I enjoyed the events and the people I met. As a recent empty nester, I was looking

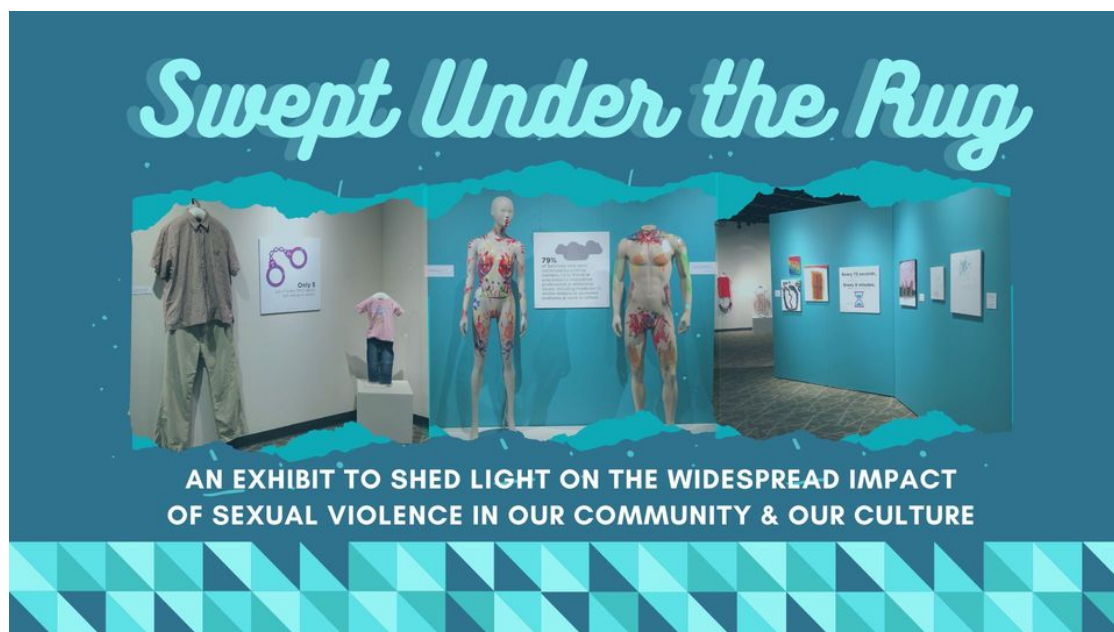
for a way to contribute more of my time to this worthwhile cause.

I personally had a situation where I needed the help of a organization similar to Safe Passage in another large city. Without their help, I never would have had the backing needed to remove myself and my children from a abusive situation. Domestic violence has so many faces, but one of the most dangerous is isolation. One of my personal goals is to support outreach efforts that make it easier for our clients to contact us and reach the help they need.

Fun Facts: As a Walgreens Manager, I have also been a Pharmacy Technician since 1998. Last year the State of Illinois voted to allow Pharmacy Technicians to Immunize. I signed up for the first classes available and since January I have dedicated my days to helping Immunize our Community against COVID 19.

Personally, I am proud to be a brand new Grandma, and spend as much of my personal time as possible visiting my Grandson!

Looking Forward: April Events



Swept Under the Rug Re-Opens! Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in April

Visit Swept Under the Rug, our survivor created exhibit during the month of April. See three exhibits: What Were You Wearing, Touched, and When a Child Speaks.

[VIEW OPENING SCHEDULE HERE](#)

Allen V. Farrow Documentary Discussion April 5, 4:30-5:30 PM on Zoom

Join Safe Passage in a virtual documentary discussion on Allen V. Farrow. The four-part series documents the accusation of sexual abuse against Woody Allen involving Dylan, his then 7-year-old daughter with Mia Farrow; their subsequent custody trial, the revelation of Allen's relationship with Farrow's daughter, Soon-Yi; and the controversial aftermath in the years that followed.

Watch the docu-series on HBO, Hulu Premium, YouTube TV, and Amazon Prime.

[Click here to join Zoom discussion on April 5th.](#)



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Start by Believing



Start By Believing Virtual Trainings

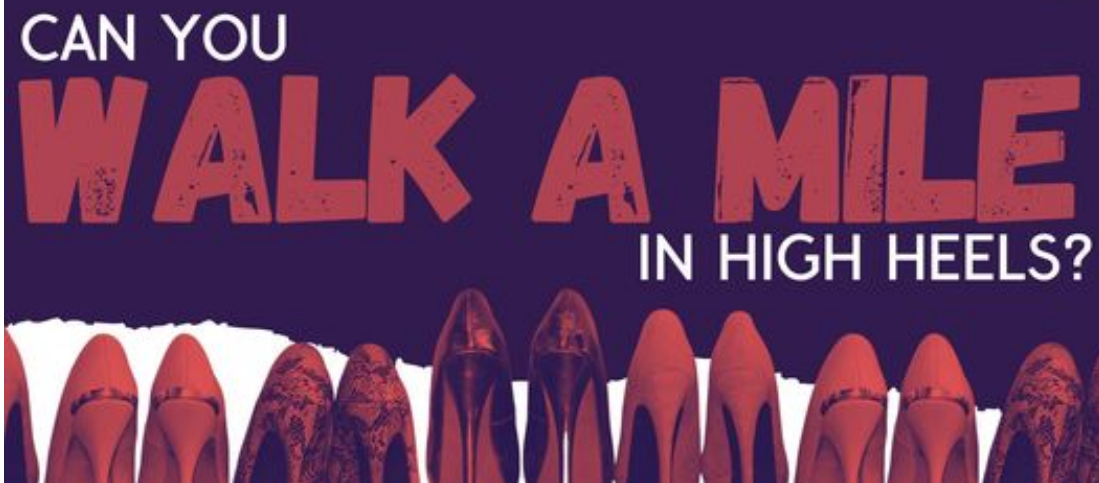
Join Safe Passage and NIU in a virtual training! Learn how to respond to survivors and learn about the Start By Believing Campaign. Training offered on two dates:

[Click here to join the training on April 7.](#)
[Click here to join the training on April 15.](#)



Take Back the Night April 20, 6:00-7:00 PM at Faranda's Parking Lot

Join us to honor and remember stories of sexual violence and healing. While we may not be marching or chanting this year, together, we will gather (at a safe distance) to remind survivors and our community that "yes means yes and no means no; whatever we wear, wherever we go!"



Walk a Mile
April 24, 11:00 AM at NIU's East Lagoon

Join Safe Passage and NIU's Office of Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for a free, socially distanced event! Grab your favorite high heels and stand with sexual assault survivors during a mile-long walk in high heels. Donations for Safe Passage happily accepted in lieu of annual registration fee.

Rain or Shine!



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