



Safe Passage

Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates

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A Survivor's Success Story

For years, Telma was unaware of the services Safe Passage provides and was experiencing abuse in her home. Her abuser isolated her from her friends, family and support systems including services in the community. He led her to believe that she would lose her daughter if she reported the abuse due to her legal status. Thankfully, Telma had the courage to confide in a school staff member of the abuse that she was going through. Thanks to that staff member, she and her daughter were able to flee to safety in Safe Passage's emergency shelter.



Once at Safe Passage, Telma enrolled in English Second Language classes, gained employment, and purchased a car. Shortly after, she moved into Safe Passage's Long-Term Housing Program and actively participated. She met with a domestic violence counselor and her Long-Term Case Manager where she worked through trauma, goals, and life skills. Telma eventually applied for a U-Visa, received a work permit, and a social security number. Her work permit and social security number has opened new employment opportunities with better working conditions and benefits which will change the quality of both her daughter and her life. One of Telma's dream is to take CDL classes and is currently working on this goal.

Telma continues to stay in touch with us and shares her accomplishments. Her case manager, Maria, says, "I enjoy working with Telma and admire her determination to break away from the cycle of violence and identify abusive behavior. Telma has overcome many of the additional barriers that keep many undocumented survivors in abusive relationships."

Telma shares her message below:

I was helped by Safe Passage at the most difficult time

Get Involved:

We're hiring!

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.

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Upcoming Events

- **August 9:** [Cut it Out: Domestic Violence Training](#)
- **September 17:** Greater Giving Golf Outing (*details below*)



- **October 4:** Domestic Violence Vigil
- **October 20:** 40th Anniversary Celebration
- **February 18, 2022:**

of my life. I was alone with my daughter right after being abused by my ex-husband. I participated in the help program that Safe Passage offers with the support of psychologists, lawyers, and everyone who works in this wonderful place. It was essential for me to be alive and live my life. I sincerely thank the whole team and especially my case manager. May God bless everyone and continue to help and save lives. Thank you, Safe Passage.

Love Over Violence
Event

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Board Spotlight

Board member, Art Bingham (left), shows his support for Safe Passage at annual Walk a Mile event!



Meet Art!

Art is a member of the DeKalb community and has been Board of Directors since July of 2016. When asked about his interest and experience serving as a board member, he explains, "I joined because I wanted to give back to DeKalb, a community that I've been a part of and benefited from since 1993. When I decided to devote some of my time to volunteering, I knew I wanted to serve an organization that was providing assistance to people in dire need of help. Safe Passage definitely fit the bill! More people than we are generally aware of are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse and providing them with safe passage to a life free of violence and abuse is a cause I feel we should all support. I am honored to have served on the Safe Passage board and look forward to continuing to help in any way I can be of service."

Fun Fact!

"For many years I spent most of my time focused on my full-time career (a far too common problem in corporate America) and never truly cultivated a hobby," Art says. "I'm happy to say that I got wise to the fact that life is not all about one's career and picked up a hobby that is admittedly frivolous, but satisfying nonetheless. On many weekends I can now be found in my garage turning pens on a lathe. Ball point pens, fountain pens, rollerball pens, pens of all kinds made with exotic woods that exhibit beautiful grain patterns."

Thank you!



Christine Kyler, Development Director of Safe Passage, Congresswoman Lauren Underwood & Nancy Proesel, Co-Chair of Capital Campaign for Safe Passage's "New Beginnings" had a brief meeting at the DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport.



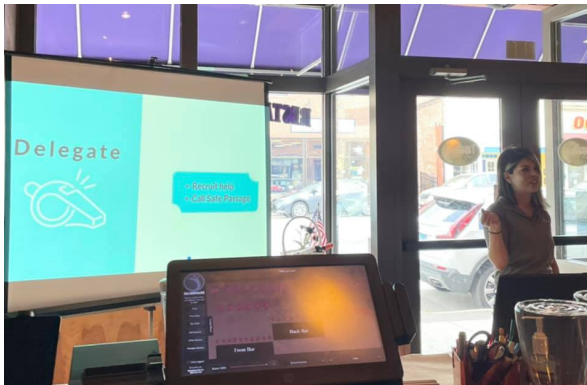
Thank you to the Knights of Columbus & Faranda's of DeKalb for the amazing celebration of the

Thank you, Lauren Underwood, for meeting with us and taking time to learn about Safe Passage!

Happy Birthday Banner Up Signs! Congratulations on 35 years of service to our community! Thank you so much for your shared partnerships especially with Safe Passage.

Annual DeKalb County Police & Fire Fighters Appreciation Dinner. Another great evening of community collaboration with DeKalb County's finest folks! Thank you for letting the folks at Safe Passage share information about their "New Beginnings" project.

Safe Passage "Safe Bar" Training



Thank you Tapa La Luna for hosting our first "Safe Bar" training! Their staff, along with bartenders from Ellwood Steak and Fish House, learned about bystander intervention and received their state-mandated sexual harassment certification. If you'd like you learn more about the free training, or schedule one for your staff, please call 815-756-7930.

Save the Date

GREATER GIVING Golf OUTING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021
SYCAMORE GOLF CLUB

Second Annual Greater Giving Golf Outing

Join Safe Passage on Friday, September 17th for our 2nd Annual Greater Giving Golf Outing at Sycamore Golf Club! The 18-hole event will begin at 12:00 PM with a shot gun start.

All golfers will receive a cart, grab and go lunch by Catering By Diann, and 4 beverage tickets. Interested in participating, sponsoring a hole, or the event? [Click here to view sponsorship information.](#)

Hurry! The event is limited to 144 participants. Questions? Call Christine Kyler: 815-762-4273.

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