



# Safe Passage

## Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates

November 2021

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#### Thankful

Many of us hoped that 2021 would bring an end to the seemingly endless challenges of 2020. Unfortunately, the last eleven months have brought new and familiar difficulties. We're still living through a pandemic and the adaptations we made over 18 months ago have become a "new normal" rather than exceptional circumstances. In the midst of growing challenges, however, we also find ever-growing reasons to be thankful.

We recently had a community artist (Kailey Rorer @kaileyrorer on Instagram) fundraise to provide a mural in our new building when it is complete. She raised enough from her community to provide a donation toward our capital campaign and when she stopped by, she told us how the outpouring of generosity and love during her fundraiser was just what she needed to see to restore hope after a difficult year. We feel that same thankfulness. After a difficult year, we're so thankful and inspired by our incredible staff, our generous community, and the brave survivors we work with each and every day.



#### Get Involved:

##### **We're hiring!**

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of survivors in DeKalb County? 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**

- **February 18, 2022:** Love Over Violence Event
- More details coming soon!

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Many people know about Safe Passage's emergency shelter, but did you know we have a long-term transitional housing program where clients can stay for up to two years? Clients who may benefit from additional support and longer-term assistance can apply for our long-term program and live in independent, supportive housing as they navigate the journey to healing and safe independence.

Our long-term residential case managers and staff planned the first "graduation ceremony" to honor and celebrate clients who are completing their time in the program. Staff, graduating clients, and clients entering the program were invited for an afternoon of celebration, sharing successes, and reflecting on the future.

We're grateful for the inspiration our clients provide to our staff and to each other! In the midst of all the challenges of this time, we're thankful for reminders of the importance of this work and the successes that happen when we support each other.

## Happy Thanksgiving!



Holidays can be an incredibly difficult time for survivors of violence but our community has always gone above-and-beyond to ensure our clients know that they are supported and they are not alone.

Thank you to the employees and staff at Mortenson Construction for organizing a fundraiser to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for all of our residential clients! Your generosity provided so much more than just meals. And thank you to our incredible staff who took time out of their holidays to deliver joy and turkey!

## Support Safe Passage



2021 marks the 40th anniversary of Safe Passage's founding in DeKalb County. Safe Passage exists because of the vision and compassion of our incredible community who have remained committed to supporting survivors and ending violence for over four decades. As you look toward the end of the year, please consider supporting Safe Passage with your annual giving.

More information about how to support Safe Passage can be found by clicking the link below or calling our administrative office at 815-756-7930.

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