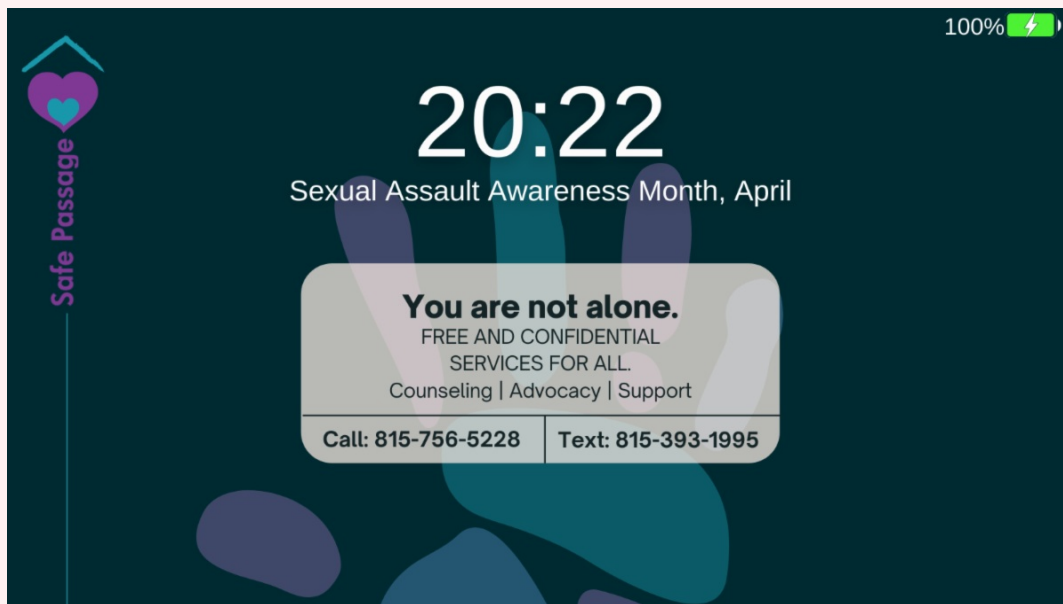




Safe Passage

Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates *April 2022*

Busy, Busy, Busy..



April was an extremely busy month across all departments for Safe Passage! From teaching in schools, catering to our clients and their needs and safety, to all of the events we've hosted- we are doing our best to advocate and educate on behalf of survivors.

SAAM Events:

Art Display Night

April 15th, The House Café

The Art Display night was a terrific night for survivors to showcase their stories through their artwork. We had many people from the community come out and support; Some individuals even came in with little to knowledge of what Safe Passage does, so it was great to be able to inform other about our services.





Take Back The Night

April 21st, Egyptian Theatre

This annual nationwide march and vigil was a successful one! The Dekalb community had so many of its members attend to show their stance against sexual assault. We had members from the Dekalb Police Department, some members from university, as well as members from other organizations in the community attend our event. We showed our stance by marching around Downtown Dekalb, shouting chants with our signs and even got a few honks from passing allies! After the march, everyone went back to the Egyptian Theatre and spoke about Sexual Assault and how it's impacted them—survivor or ally. It truly was a heavy night for all, but an impactful one.



Queers'N'Allies Blood Drive

April 23, Sycamore Federated Church

The blood drive was a successful one! We were able to collect 22 units of blood– which is enough to impact and save 66 lives. On top of that, we were able to collect 140+ signatures to repeal the restrictions on queer donors. Thank you to all of our donors, you definitely impacted someone's life one way or another!



Vagina Monologues

April 22nd, Stage Coach Players

Last week, Stage Coach Players were able to do an encore showing of the Vagina Monologues. There was an uproar of applause; everyone loved the showing! We want to thank Stage Coach Players for donating all of the profits back to Safe Passage, as well as everyone who came out and donated to us.

We look forward to working with Stage Coach Players again in the near future!



Walk A Mile

April 30th, NIU's East Lagoon

We promised that the event would go on through rain or shine– and we delivered that promise. This last Saturday, Safe Passage and NIU's Office of Academic Equity and Inclusion was able to host our annual Walk A Mile event. Many members of the community came out despite the weather forecast's potential rainstorm. Luckily, we only experienced some winds before the walkathon ended. We want to thank everyone who came out and participated– this event wouldn't have happened without your support. A special thank you and shout out to NIU's Office of Academic Equity and Inclusion, our collaboration and your dedication to our cause helps bring the Dekalb community and University together. We can't wait to collaborate again in the future!

For more information on our upcoming events, check out our [Calendar](#).

Upcoming:

Give Dekalb County

May 5th

Give Dekalb County is only 3 days away! If you already didn't know, Safe Passage is sending out a "Top Ten" list for each day leading up to the event. Make sure to check in every day to see why you should donate to Safe Passage! Today, we're on reason 4- we hope to see you on reason 1, where you can see all of

our top ten reasons.



Volunteering Update – September 2022

Training for May/June has been postponed to September.

For more information, make sure to go the Safe Passage [website](#).

Staff Appreciation



My name is **Sandy** and a Legal Advocate at Safe Passage. I have worked with Safe Passage for about 6 months and every day I make sure that survivors are being helped and heard in their court proceedings. My goal is that we bring more awareness in regards to Sexual Assault/Harassment and stop victim shaming. I believe that my work helps



My name is **Allison** and I am the domestic violence counseling intern. As I am working on my counseling degree, I stand strong in my advocacy for survivors of violence. Meeting every survivor with empathy creates safety and empowerment. It is such a privilege as a counselor to help people along in their healing journey.

bring justice to our survivors and
being involved in my community lets
me bring more awareness.

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