



# Safe Passage

No one deserves to be abused.

## Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates May 2022



This year's Give Dekalb County was undoubtedly another successful and generous one– to say the least.

### Outcomes & Results

**\$1,579,859**  
Raised

**2,780**  
Donors

**140**  
Organizations

As a whole, 140 nonprofits in Dekalb County and 2,780 donors nationwide were able to raise over \$1.5 million for this event.

Last year Safe Passage raised \$61,003. This year we not only surpassed our amount from last year's Give Dekalb County, but we were able to raise almost 2x our original goal of \$40,000. We've been saying it non-stop, but thank you. 41 years of operation wouldn't be possible without our continuous support from our community.

## UPCOMING



Pride Month is coming up this June and Dekalb County's

Pride Committee has been planning up some events in celebration of the LGBTQA+ community!

## Events:

6/23 –

**Pride March** @ Egyptian Theatre, 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm)

**Tangerine Showing** @ Egyptian Theatre, 7pm

6/24 –

**Rocky Horror Picture Show** @ Egyptian Theatre, 8pm

*[Purchase Tickets here](#)*

6/25 –

**Children's Pride Reading** @ Sycamore Public Library, time TBD

**Pride Party 21+** @ Hometown Bar & Grill, time TBD

For more information on Pride events, go to [DekalbPride.org](http://DekalbPride.org)



Just around the corner is Safe Passage's Greater Giving Golf Outing! This golf outing is one of our annual fundraisers in hopes to raise more money for operations within the agency. We plan to utilize most of the money for the holidays– we want to ensure that clients are able to celebrate the holiday season with their loved ones.

### Event Details:

September 16, 2022  
12 PM shotgun start  
Sycamore Golf Club  
*940 E. State Street*

### Prices:

\$90 / individual  
\$350 / foursome

***\*\*prices include fees and cart***

### What attendees will receive:

- a grab + go lunch boxes from Tom & Jerry's
- a goodie bag
- prizes
- 4 contests
- 4 beverage tickets,
- 18 holes of golf and cart

To reserve your spot or to sponsor, call Christine K.:  
**(815)–762–4273**

## Job Openings:

- *Bilingual PAIP Co-Facilitator*
- *Domestic Violence*



# WE ARE HIRING



Safe Passage has opening positions in several different departments. Regardless of position, each department and position in the agency has their own contribution in fighting domestic and sexual abuse in our community. From counselors to prevention specialists– there are a handful of positions that you might be interested in!

*Children's Counselor*

- *Sexual Assault Counselor*
- *Overnight Residential Case Manager*
- *Prevention Specialist*
- *Volunteer Coordinator*

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

## Staff Appreciation



**Melissa**  
*Clinical Director*

I am Melissa McGraw and I have been the Clinical Director at Safe Passage for 6 years. I have almost 20 years of experience helping survivors of



**Kelsey**  
*Sexual Assault Legal Advocate*

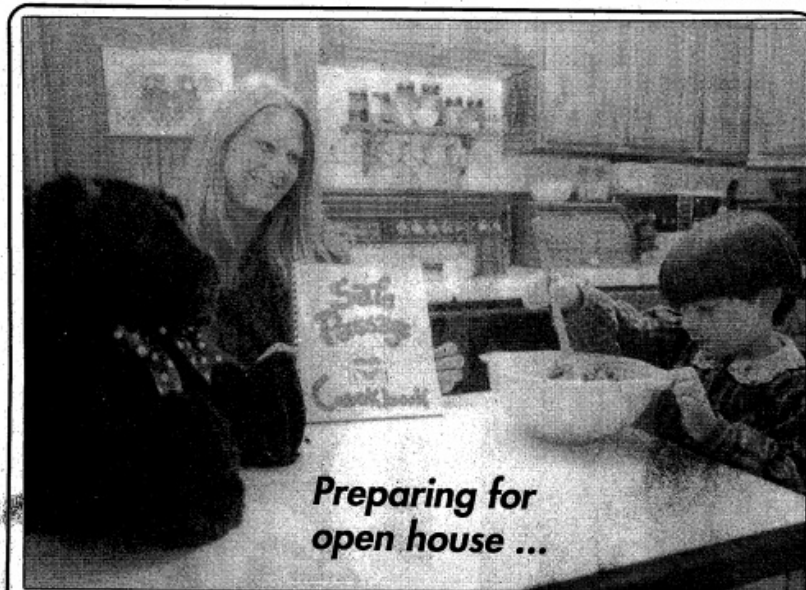
My name is Kelsey and I am the Sexual Assault Legal Advocate at Safe Passage. I am a mother of 2, a boy and a girl, and I have been married for 13 years to my high school

domestic and sexual violence recover from the traumas they have endured. My graduate school internship was at a domestic violence agency and I have been hooked ever since! I find it incredibly rewarding to help others who have suffered so much at the hands of family members and loved ones—they are often some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. It continues to be a silent epidemic so I think it is incredibly important to continue with public awareness and education on these issues.

sweetheart. I enjoy working out, spending time with my family and being in nature. I chose to work at Safe Passage because my family has donated to Safe Passage, my family has relied on Safe Passage for safety and its important to me to help those in need. I try to be a helpful person and help people through these tough times and advocate for them strongly to ensure everyone's needs are being met.

**Fun Fact:** *Our Legal Advocate Kelsey has been involved with Safe Passage as early as the age of 3 years old!*

DAILY CHRONICLE DeKalb/Sycamore Ill., Friday, November 26, 1



**Preparing for open house ...**

Kelsey Liewing, 3, stirs up a batch of dough made from a recipe in the Safe Passage cookbook, shown by Pam Wiseman, director of Safe Passage, the county's shelter for victims of domestic violence. The 24th annual Ellen Oaks Christmas open house will take place Dec. 2-4 at the Masonic Temple, Genoa. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Ad-

mission is free. A portion of the proceeds from the sale by the artists and craftsmen will be given to Safe Passage. Safe Passage will sell cookbooks at the open house. There are 200 recipes in the cookbook, which includes low-cost meals. Some of the recipes were submitted by clients of the shelter, and the art work was done by their children. (Chronicle photo by Kathy Fox)



## Annual Ellen Oaks show set

**T**he 27th annual Ellen Oaks Christmas Open House will be Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 5-7.

The hours are Thursday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

It will be held at the Genoa Masonic Temple, Watson Drive and IL 23, one block south of IL 72.

There is no admission charge and refreshments are free.

Handmade arts and crafts, and homemade baked goods will be available.

Included will be santas, snowmen, dolls, florals, stocking stuffers, baby items, and sweatshirts and

clothing, country wood, handmade ornaments, wreaths, toys, calligraphy and jewelry.

There will be 33 other locations for the annual Genoa-Kingston Craft Walk, with over 100 crafters participating. Maps will be available.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale at the Masonic Temple is given to Safe Passage, which shelters domestic violence victims in DeKalb County.

Shoppers are invited to further assist Safe Passage clients by bringing either a wrapped and tagged or unwrapped gift to drop in the

Christmas Wish Box at the Masonic Temple during the show.

Wish lists also will be available at the show. Gifts also can be dropped off at Eagle Country Markets, both DeKalb locations, through Dec. 11.

Some of the items on the Christmas Wish List are: art supplies; large plain white t-shirts and fabric paints; beads for jewelry; non-violent videos, toys and games; books; Jigsaw puzzles; make up for adults and toiletries; stationery; mittens and gloves; scarves; sweat pants and tops; socks; sleepwear.



The 27th annual Ellen Oaks Christmas Open House will Dec. 5-7, at the Genoa Masonic Temple. Arts, crafts and baked goods will be sold, with a portion of the proceeds going to Safe Passage. Here, Kerry Lieving (left) and Kel Lieving show some of the crafts to be sold, including ornate sled. (Photo by M. Robert Berg)

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