



Safe Passage

Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates

February 2021: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

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In February, we recognize Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.



As many as one in three teens in the US will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before they become adults, and nearly half (43%) of college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behaviors.

We're grateful to the schools in our county who understand the importance of healthy relationships and invite us in to talk with their students each year!

At Safe Passage, we offer free trainings on the signs of abuse, how to handle disclosures of abuse, and more. If you'd like to set up a training for your business or organization, call us at 815-756-7930 or email Lynnea at llaskowski@safepassagedv.org

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](#)

Save the Date!

We're excited to add the Greater Giving Golf Outing to our 2021 events calendar! Save the date for Friday, September 17 at Sycamore Golf Club. More details coming soon!





Introducing Vice President, Nancy Partch

Nancy Partch is a member of the DeKalb Community and is a Retired Administrator of Kishwaukee College. Nancy joined the Board of Directors in 2016 and currently serves as the board's Vice President.

She explains why she joined the board by saying, "In my previous position at Kishwaukee College I collaborated closely with Safe Passage on prevention programming, Title IX initiatives and providing confidential advisor services. I was incredibly impressed with the talent and dedication of the agency staff and the scope of the programming available to the community. When I was offered the opportunity to join the board I jumped at the chance to serve. I am proud to support the mission and vision of the organization and it's focus on the

dignity of every individual. I believe Safe Passage truly changes lives and is vital to the health and safety of the community."

Fun Fact: Nancy says she unexpectedly became skilled at jigsaw puzzles over the last year and enjoys her new hobby!

Swept Under the Rug Exhibit Receives Award



We are excited to announce that our recent collaboration with the The Pick Museum of Anthropology at NIU, Swept Under the Rug, received the 2020 Award of Superior Achievement from the Illinois Association of Museums (IAM)!

The judges noted that this was an amazing example of the power of community collaboration. "Safe Passage approached the Pick Museum about doing an exhibit, and from there it became a true collaboration with Safe Passage members providing content and insight, while Pick staff guided the transformation of ideas into exhibits, while keeping the power of Safe Passage voices."

The IAM Awards Committee stated they "were also impressed that the exhibit presented options for all visitors

to engage with difficult subject matter in their own way—from quiet spaces to process information to banners allowing allies to show support, all experiences were considered valid and important."

This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work and vulnerability from the survivors who made this exhibit possible!

Building New Beginnings

Visit our New Capital Campaign Website!

We're excited to have launched a new website dedicated to our Building New Beginnings project! Here, you can learn about the project, see our latest updates, and donate to the campaign. Thank you to board member, Darby Dwyer, and the MorningStar Media team for helping us create our site.



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Love Over Violence Event Canceled



L.O.V.E. Returns in 2022

We hope everyone had a safe and happy Valentine's Day! We know the importance of healthy relationships and we're sorry we couldn't celebrate with you this year. We weren't able to host LOVE this year, but we are planning to continue the annual event again in February 2022.

If you believe we all deserve happy and healthy relationships and you'd like to make a donation to our agency, click the button below.

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