



## Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates

*March 2023*

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DeKalb County values its community and this has helped Safe Passage stand strong through periods of turbulence.

You can't foster a strong foundation within your community without community participation. Our goal has always been to create a community where individuals feel empowered and safe. The residents and stakeholders of DeKalb County share the wealth with our agency in several ways: through attending Safe Passage Hosted events, spreading our message to other community members, and giving back to our agency through both monetary and item donations,.

The support of our community has enabled Safe Passage to share our free services for over four decades. This gift is passed on to our clients.

Check out some of the agencies and institutions that we've collaborated with since the start of the year:



*The Beckam North Foundation*



*United Methodist Church of Waterman*



*Kishwaukee Community College*

**LOVE**  
over  
violence

This February, Safe Passage hosted our annual Love Over Violence Event to celebrate love in all its safest and healthiest forms.



Our agency was star-struck by all of the support we received, both leading up to the event and on the day of.

Shout out to some honorable mentions:

*Blumen Gardens*  
*Bob Palmer and Emily Miller*  
*Karli Johnson*  
*Catering by Diann's*  
*MVP's*  
*Sweet Dreams Desserts &*  
*Catering*  
*Willrett's Flower Company*  
*Egyptian Theatre*

*all of the local and surrounding businesses who decided to sponsor our event*

*..and of course*  
*Safe Passage Board and staff members!*

Without your help, we wouldn't have had such a memorable event. Safe Passage is truly grateful to be part of a community that supports our mission to end domestic and sexual abuse.



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## Upcoming Events



## SAAM Schedule:

### Take Back the Night

April 17th, 6pm-7pm

[Egyptian Theatre](#)

135 N 2nd St

Dekalb, IL 60115

Part of healing our community means having those conversations that are survivor and victim focused.

### Walk-A-Mile

April 22nd, 9am-12pm

[NIU Convocation Center](#)

1525 W Lincoln Hwy

Dekalb, IL 60115

Safe Passage is hosting a series of events throughout the month of April to show solidarity towards survivors and victims of sexual violence.

### Denim Day

April 24th, TBD

Keep an eye on our social media for more information on upcoming events!

### Jam for SAAM

April 26th, 5pm

[Tapa La Luna](#)

226 E Lincoln Hwy.

Dekalb, IL 60115

[Events Calendar](#)

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## Staff and Board Highlight







## Tarryn

Board Member

Tarryn has been a board member since 2016 and has served as Vice President of the Board, Chair of the Fund Development Committee and Personnel Committee. She has also served on the Capital Campaign Steering Committee.

"I have such great respect for the work that is done by so many dedicated board members and staff!" says Tarryn.

As she became more involved with Safe Passage, Tarryn realized that Safe Passage on was not just a domestic violence shelter but so much more. After taking the 60-hour training class, she learned that Safe Passage provides adult and children counseling, sexual assault counseling, prevention education, legal advocacy, long term housing services, and helps survivors gain their independence through and education assistance.

Tarryn graduated with a BFA from NIU and currently enjoys her work as an Architectural Designer and Warehouse Property Manager.

She enjoys spending time with her 3 children and 2 grandchildren as well as running and spending time traveling.



## Kirsti

Prevention Specialist

"Hello, I'm Kirsti and I am a Prevention Specialist at Safe Passage! I am originally from Morrison, IL but DeKalb has been my home now for 9 years. I earned my Bachelors degree in Psychology at Northern Illinois University- Go Huskies! I live with my fiancé Troy, and my little orange cat Rizzo. In my free time I like to read, cook, and watch reality TV shows. Prior to Safe Passage, I worked as a Retail Supervisor at Heartland Bank and Trust, but I knew my heart wasn't in banking- my heart was in helping others. My life goal has always been to make a positive impact on my community and the people that live in it. I want to de-stigmatize talking about mental health, domestic violence, and sexual assault. I have only been with Safe Passage for 3 months, but I can already see the huge difference that we have on the people we work with. I am honored to promote nonviolent and abuse-free relationships in DeKalb County."

**Thank you , Kirstti, for all of the the work you've contributed to both Safe Passage and to our community!**

"..I am grateful for Safe Passage and will continue to be an advocate for all they do!"

Thank you, Tarryn, for all of the dedication and support you've given to Safe Passage!

## Stay Connected



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