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FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



NEW HOUSING PROGRAM PROVIDES VITAL OPTIONS FOR SURVIVORS

Someplace Safe was recently awarded funding from the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs for the Domestic Violence Housing First Pilot Project. This vital support is meant to enhance Someplace Safe’s existing domestic violence advocacy services, helping survivors recover from the trauma and challenges associated with domestic violence.

Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness among women and children. Survivors often face severe financial and housing challenges as a result of coercive control, financial manipulation, or physical injuries. These challenges can lead to job loss, poor credit, and eviction, making the search for stable housing even more daunting. Even after escaping an abusive situation, survivors are frequently left with the task of finding housing amidst limited financial resources, potential legal issues, and damaged credit.

This Domestic Violence Housing First Pilot Project allows Someplace Safe to expand its financial assistance to survivors of domestic violence, addressing barriers that prevent them from securing long-term, safe housing. This means Someplace Safe can now offer more comprehensive aid, including assistance with application fees, security deposits, and rent, along with other critical needs.

Leigh Nelson, a long-time Crime Victim Advocate in Douglas County, has transitioned into the Housing Specialist role. Leigh plays a crucial role in implementing this project, providing education and information to landlords and property managers, as well as assisting survivors in navigating the housing process, working closely with Crime Victim Advocates in each county, accessing necessary resources, with the goal of achieving long-term safety.

In addition to laying groundwork for this new program, several survivors have already been successful in obtaining housing, as well as accessing resources for deposits and first month’s rent.

The initial step for victim/survivors seeking assistance is to contact their local Someplace Safe Advocacy Office to explore available services. We also encourage property owners and landlords to consider domestic violence survivors for any available openings at your properties. For more information, please reach out to Leigh Nelson at leigh.n@someplacesafe.info.

“
They provided me with the resources I needed to start my own life, gave me daily goals to help me to not get overwhelmed. There services were above and beyond what I ever imagined. They were helpful, kind, and helped me stay on track.
-Client and Survivor of Crime
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2024 EVENTS

FALL & WINTER

SEPTEMBER 19

MEAT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

SILVERMOON LOUNGE & STEAKHOUSE
Perham, MN

Begins at 5:30pm. \$1 meat raffles, \$1 horse & pig races. Silent auction. Cash bar and food available for purchase.

For more information contact Michelle at 218-346-7276 or michelle.s@someplacesafe.info

OCTOBER 9

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE COURSE

ROOSEVELT EDUCATION CENTER
Fergus Falls, MN

6 to 7:30pm. Free class for women and girls ages 10+. Hosted in partnership with Fergus Falls Police Department and Community Education. Pre-registration required with Community Education at 218-998-0544 ext: 9200

OCTOBER 12

VFW BINGO FUNDRAISER

VFW POST 612
Fergus Falls, MN

Begins at 1pm. Featuring \$1 raffles and bingo! Cash bar available. Must be 18+ to play.

For more information call Robyn or Olivia at 218-739-2853

OCTOBER 14

13TH ANNUAL CHILI FEED FUNDRAISER

BRECKENRIDGE SENIOR CENTER
Breckenridge, MN

11am-1pm. Chili with fixings, chicken wild rice soup, desserts and beverages. Dine-in and take out available. Free will donation

For more information contact Alisha at 218-643-3109 or alisha.v@someplacesafe.info

OCTOBER 15

18TH ANNUAL TAKE A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Alexandria, MN

Begins at 5pm. Speaker: Robbie Stier, Domestic Abuse Survivor. Free vent with t-shirts and food for participants. For more info call Someplace Safe at 320-762-1995 or email UCAN at peaceinalexandria@gmail.com

OCTOBER 16

CHILI & SOUP FUNDRAISER

ORTONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
Ortonville, MN

11am-1pm. Chili and potato soup with fixings, desserts and beverages. Free will donation

For more information contact Jennifer at 320-839-2331 or jennifer.h@someplacesafe.info

OCTOBER 16

24TH ANNUAL DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS LUNCHEON

ARROWWOOD RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER
Alexandria, MN

11:45am-1pm. Speaker: William Kellibrew, MSW. Advance tickets \$25 at Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria. For more info call Someplace Safe at 320-762-1995 or email UCAN at peaceinalexandria@gmail.com

OCTOBER 17

DAY OF PURPLE TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



 **OCTOBER 17, 2024**
DAY OF PURPLE
WEAR PURPLE | PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT | HONOR SURVIVORS
SHARE YOUR #DAYOFFURPLE PICS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

OCTOBER 17

6TH ANNUAL SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON

HANS HOUSE
Elbow Lake, MN

Serving from 11am-1pm. \$14 per person. Take-out lunches available.

For more information contact 218-731-2096 or grant.co@someplacesafe.info

OCTOBER 23

3RD ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WALK

WESTERN PRAIRIE HUMAN SERVICES
Glenwood, MN

Begins at 11:30am. Program and free lunch for participants.

For more information contact Jenna at jenna.s@someplacesafe.info

OCTOBER 25

EGG ROLL SALE FUNDRAISER

SONE'S ASIAN + AMERICAN CUISINE
Pelican Rapids, MN

\$24 for 12 Pork Egg Rolls
Please **PRE-ORDER** by Oct 18 to guarantee your egg rolls by contacting Thip at 218.770.3704 or thip.p@someplacesafe.info. **Pick up/pay on Oct 25** from 2-6 pm at Sone's Asian + American Cuisine.

Join us and find more event details on our social media!



www.someplacesafe.info



24/7 toll-free Crisis Line
800-974-3359

NOVEMBER 9

CHILI FEED FUNDRAISER

WADENA VFW
Wadena, MN

Serving chili with fixings and desserts from 4-8pm. Free will donations. Door prize drawings - need not be present to win. For more information contact Alyssa at 218-631-3311 or alyssa.g@someplacesafe.info

DECEMBER

STEVENS COUNTY CALENDAR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Morris, MN

\$20 per ticket. Featuring cash prize drawings each weekday throughout the month of December!

Raffle tickets will be available at the Someplace Safe Stevens Advocacy Office and Morris Thrift Store, or by calling 320-589-3208



COMMUNITY EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Seeking volunteers to assist with upcoming community events!



CONTACT US

volunteers@someplacesafe.info
www.someplacesafe.info/volunteer

VISIT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR AT
www.someplacesafe.info/events/calendar.html

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025



Tea Fundraiser

M-State, Legacy Hall | Fergus Falls, MN

Silent Auction | Tea Luncheon | Prize Drawings
Games | Purse Scavenger Hunt
Entertainment and More!

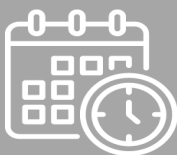
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025



Purple Power Fundraiser

Wahpeton Event Center | Wahpeton, ND

Designer Handbags | Silent Auction | Prize Drawings
\$1 Auction | Raffle Boards | Purse Scavenger Hunt
Mexican Cuisine | Desserts | Cash Bar



SAVE THE DATES!

S E P T E M B E R

Staff Spotlight

DEE DALY

Morris Thrift Store Manager

WHAT IS SOMETHING INTERESTING ABOUT YOU?

I did daycare in my home for 25 years. I love to bake, cook, can and freeze!

WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

There are so many things to be grateful for, but above all my husband, kids and grandkids, they make my heart so happy! And of course all the friends you meet on your way.

WHAT FALL ACTIVITIES DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO?

The fall is my favorite color! I enjoy the cooler temperatures, all the amazing colors, and canning fresh produce.

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT SOMEPLACE SAFE?

The Someplace Safe Thrift Stores are important, but there is so much more to Someplace Safe that not everyone knows about. The agency has many services to help victims and survivors of crime. Along with the thrift stores we have advocacy offices, parenting time centers and much more.



THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Training and education are essential tools in the fight against violence. They provide individuals and communities with the knowledge, skills, and awareness to prevent, respond to, and recover from acts of violence.

Knowledge is power: Educating people about the causes and consequences of violence can help prevent it from happening in the first place.

Building empathy: Understanding the experiences of victims can foster empathy and compassion, reducing the likelihood of violence.

Developing conflict resolution skills: Teaching people how to resolve disagreements peacefully can help prevent escalating situations.

Empowering bystanders: Training individuals to recognize and respond to signs of potential violence can make a difference in preventing harm.

Providing support: Education on how to support victims of violence is crucial for creating a safe and supportive environment.

Developing crisis response plans: Training organizations and communities on how to respond effectively to acts of violence can minimize harm and facilitate recovery.

Understanding trauma: Education about the impact of violence on individuals and communities is essential for supporting healing and recovery.

Building resilience: Teaching people how to cope with the aftermath of violence can help them to rebuild their lives.

Creating safe spaces: Promoting inclusivity and acceptance can help to prevent re-victimization and create supportive communities.

Effective violence prevention and response requires a comprehensive approach that includes training and education for various groups:

Youth: Schools and community programs can teach young people about

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healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and bystander intervention.

Adults: Workplace training, community workshops, and media campaigns can raise awareness and provide the tools to prevent and respond to violence.

First responders: Law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and social service providers need specialized training to effectively handle violence-related incidents.

By investing in training and education, we can create safer communities where violence is not tolerated and where victims receive the support they need. Learn more about training and education offerings and submit a request for your staff, organization, workplace, or school at www.someplacesafe.info.

Get involved during
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

#DAYOFPURPLE



Day of Purple

OCTOBER 17, 2024

- WEAR PURPLE
- HONOR SURVIVORS
- PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

Free posters & stickers available!

To request Day of Purple materials
contact newsletter@someplacesafe.info

For more information, and to make
your Day of Purple Pledge,
visit us online at:

www.someplacesafe.info/day-of-purple

\$31 For 31



Daily \$1 Pledge

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

Here is what your \$31 gift can accomplish:

- A gas gift card for a family who needs to travel to work, school, counseling, medical or advocacy appointments.
- A meal to a family staying in emergency safe housing.
- About 1 hour of supervised parenting time to a family at Someplace Safe Parenting Time Centers.
- A prepaid cell phone card to a victim, allowing them to stay in touch with their advocate and other support systems.

TO MAKE YOUR \$31 GIFT, VISIT OUR DONATION PAGE
AT WWW.SOMEPLACESAFE.INFO/DONATE. BE SURE
TO SELECT \$31 FOR 31 AS THE DESIGNATION.

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SOMEPLACE SAFE WORKS TO CREATE SAFER COMMUNITIES IN WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA BY PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY CRIME VICTIM SERVICES. SOMEPLACE SAFE IS A NONPROFIT AGENCY OFFERING A MYRIAD OF SERVICES TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES IN A NINE-COUNTY REGION IN WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA. NEARLY 4,000 UNDUPLICATED LOCAL VICTIMS OF CRIME ARE PROVIDED SERVICES EACH YEAR THROUGH ELEVEN ADVOCACY OFFICES, FIVE PARENTING TIME CENTERS, AND THREE THRIFT STORES, LOCATED IN: BIG STONE, DOUGLAS, GRANT, OTTER TAIL, POPE, STEVENS, TRAVERSE, WADENA, AND WILKIN COUNTIES. SOMEPLACE SAFE WORKS TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT AND EXPLOITATION, SEX AND LABOR TRAFFICKING, AND OTHER CRIMES, AS THEY NAVIGATE THE SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS FACED AS VICTIMS ON THE PATH TO BECOMING SURVIVORS.



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