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SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER



SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



THE FUTURE OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES: WHY FUNDING MATTERS

With looming state and federal funding cuts threatening the safety net for victims and survivors of crime, some are asking: How is Someplace Safe funded? The answer is complex, reflecting a diverse mix of financial sources that keep these crucial programs running.

Funding Breakdown

Someplace Safe relies on a variety of funding streams, including:

- **40%** from Crime Victim Services grants (State and Federal Funding),
- **6%** from the Domestic Violence Housing First Pilot Project (set to end in December 2025),
- **7%** from Crime Victims Intervention and Prevention Grants for at-risk youth survivors,
- **8%** from Safe Harbors (Minnesota Department of Health), supporting regional navigation, youth sex trafficking advocacy, and labor trafficking advocacy,
- **22%** from revenue generated by the organization's thrift stores, and
- **17%** from all other sources, including donations, fundraisers, local grants, United Way, Parenting Time fees, training and education programs, and criminal assault fines.

These funding sources support Someplace Safe's client-centered programs, which are essential in providing support to survivors. Notably, 40% of the budget comes from Crime Victim Service grants, which funds 11 community advocacy offices and 5 Parenting Time Centers, supporting a total of 25 staff. However, a significant portion of this funding is at risk due to federal cuts.

The Federal Funding Crisis

Federal funding for Crime Victim Services primarily comes from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), which relies on fines collected from individuals and businesses convicted of federal crimes. Over the past eight years, declining prosecutions and reduced fines have caused a significant drop in available funds. In Minnesota, this decline led to a 40% cut in funding for all programs. While the state legislature stepped in to backfill this gap during the last biennium, that temporary solution expires in 2025.

Taking Action for Survivors

Recognizing the urgency of this issue, a group of 30 volunteers, community members, and Someplace Safe staff boarded a bus to St. Paul on February 10, 2025, to participate in the Action Day to Prevent Violence. They met with local legislators, advocating for continued or increased funding to support crime victim services. The message was clear: survivors must have access to these vital resources, which are an integral part of Minnesota's public safety framework.

What's Next?

As the expiration of funding approaches, community action is more critical than ever. Advocates and supporters may contact state and local legislators to ask for sustainable solutions to ensure Someplace Safe can provide lifesaving services to those in need. Whether through legislative advocacy, donations, or community engagement, every effort counts in securing a safer future for survivors of crime. For more information, contact Sheila Korby, Executive Director, at 218-739-3486 ext. 445 or sheila.k@someplacesafe.info.



SPRING & SUMMER 2025 EVENTS

MARCH 21

PURSE BINGO & TACO BAR FUNDRAISER

THE CACTUS
Perham, MN

-Taco Bar, Cash Bar and Raffles-
Doors open at 5pm for Taco Bar and
Cash Bar. Bingo starts at 6pm.
Pre-purchase \$15 Taco Bar ticket
to guarantee your seat at the
Perham Someplace Safe Office or
events.idonate.com/perhambingo.
\$20 bingo packets can be purchased
beginning at 5pm on March 21.
Contact Michelle at 218-346-7276
for more information.

MARCH 25

WOMEN'S SELF- DEFENSE COURSE

GREENQUIST ACADEMY
Breckenridge, MN

FREE event in partnership with
Greenquist Academy.
Course will be held from
7:30pm -8:30pm. Class size is
limited, please pre-register.

Contact Alisha at
218-643-3109 to pre-register.

MARCH 27

BINGO FUNDRAISER

AMERICAN LEGION
Wheaton, MN

Begins at 6pm.

\$2 per card
\$40 for all 40 rounds
\$20 cash prize awarded/round
Prize drawings between rounds.

Contact Jennifer at 218-770-5752
for more information.

APRIL 9

WOMEN'S SELF- DEFENSE COURSE

ROOSEVELT EDUCATION
CENTER
Fergus Falls, MN

Free event in partnership with
Fergus Falls Police Department
and Community Education.
6pm-8:30pm.

Pre-register with Community Ed
at 218-998-0544 ext: 9200 or
online at: ce.fergusotters.org

APRIL 23

DENIM DAY SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WALK

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Wadena, MN

11:30 am - Registration
12:30 pm - Walk & Lunch

Walk starts/ends at the Wadena
Chamber Office. \$20 registration
includes a participant t-shirt, lunch
and program after the walk.
Pre-register by April 8th to
guarantee your t-shirt/size.
Contact Alyssa at to
pre-register 218-631-3311.



APRIL 25

PURSE BINGO FUNDRAISER

VFW
Pelican Rapids, MN

A variety of prizes awarded
including purses, wallets,
Yeti cups and more!
Begins at 7:00pm. Bingo cards
\$25 per game pack. \$1/card for
black out round. \$1 raffle tickets
also available. Contact Estefany
at 320-270-3009 for more
information.

APRIL 30

DENIM DAY TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Wear JEANS to raise awareness
and pledge your support of
survivors in your community.
Contact Someplace Safe to
request free flyers and stickers at
newsletter@someplacesafe.info.



Learn more at
www.denimdayinfo.org

SPRING CAMPAIGN

DOUGLAS COUNTY SPRING FUNDRAISER

Douglas County, MN

Your support provides critical
safety and services to local
survivors in Douglas County.
Send your donation to: 700 Cedar
Street Ste 268, Alexandria, MN
56530 or go online to give at
www.someplacesafe.info/donate
Be sure to select "Douglas
Spring Fundraiser" as the
designation of your gift.



MAY 4

6TH ANNUAL PURSE & YETI BINGO FUNDRAISER & SPRING RAFFLE

CAPTAIN'S BAR
Glenwood, MN

Bingo packets will be for sale
beginning at noon. Bingo begins
at 1:00pm. 10 game packet PLUS
11th jackpot game. 2:00pm break
for \$1 Auction drawings.

For more information call
Ashley at 218-739-3486 ext 222.

MAY 8

SPAGHETTI & SQUARE DANCING FUNDRAISER FEATURING THE TICKWOOD STRING BAND

KNOTTY PINE
Elbow Lake, MN

Spaghetti and silent auction
beginning at 5:30pm. \$15 per
person includes spaghetti, salad,
and breadsticks. Free live music
and dancing beginning at 6:30
pm. For more information call
Alison at 218-685-4203.



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

AUGUST 1-7

6TH ANNUAL SUMMER VIRTUAL AUCTION FUNDRAISER

VIEW, REGISTER & BID:
onecau.se/sps25

Annual online summer auction
with proceeds benefitting
Someplace Safe. Donations of
items are welcome!

Contact Emilyn for more
information at
emilyn.w@someplacesafe.info.

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



April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), and this year's theme is **Together We Act, United We Change**, highlighting the importance of working together to address and prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.

This campaign focuses on enhancing public understanding of sexual violence, amplifying the voices of survivors, and empowering us to work together to promote the safety and well-being of others. Everyone in our communities deserves to live in safe and supportive environments where they are treated with respect. When our workplaces, schools, and communities work together to uphold safety and respect, we make progress in preventing sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.



TOGETHER WE ACT, UNITED WE CHANGE

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH 2025
To learn more, visit www.nsvrc.org/saam

SPRING

Volunteer Spotlight



ERIC DISON

Someplace Safe Board of Directors

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO DURING SUMMER?

Getting out on the lake and getting together with friends.

WHAT IS A FUN FACT ABOUT YOU?

I enjoy wood working and cooking.

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE MOTTO?

Be not afraid of what's around the corner... a new adventure awaits!

WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

Family and good health.

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT SOMEPLACE SAFE?

Someplace Safe is a service that works for the people I serve as Police Chief of my community in Battle Lake. It is a valued resource that covers people of all ages and walks of life. From victim services to thrift stores to walking the path towards surviving an unwanted act, Someplace Safe is there for you.



HELP US WITH SPRING CLEANING!

With warmer weather on the way, we're looking for volunteers to help spruce up the outdoor space at the Fergus Falls Parenting Time Center! We need extra hands to clean up the toy and play area and clear out brush and overgrown plants around the building. A little effort goes a long way in keeping our space safe and welcoming for families.

If you enjoy working outside and can spare some time, we'd love your help! We'll provide the necessary tools, but feel free to bring your own work gloves or gardening gear. If you're interested, please call 218-739-3132.

Thank you for supporting our space and the families we serve!



THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTING TIME CENTERS

Someplace Safe's Parenting Time Centers (PTCs) provide safe, neutral spaces for children to spend quality time with their parents, even in challenging family situations. These centers help reduce conflict, ensuring that parenting times remain focused on the child's well-being rather than external family dynamics. With trained staff overseeing parenting times and safe exchanges, parents and children can interact in a positive, structured environment that supports healthy relationships and emotional stability. Safe exchanges allow parents to transition children between homes without direct contact, minimizing stress and ensuring a smooth, conflict-free experience for everyone involved.

For many families, these centers offer peace of mind, knowing that children have a safe place to main-

tain meaningful connections with both parents. The support provided through PTCs not only strengthens parent-child bonds but also fosters long-term emotional and developmental benefits for children. By providing a secure, consistent space for parenting times and exchanges, these centers play a crucial role in promoting stability and positive family experiences.

Someplace Safe operates PTCs in five communities, including Fergus Falls, Glenwood, Morris, Ortonville, and Perham. The Parenting Time Centers are a program offered by Someplace Safe. They function independently from Someplace Safe's Advocacy programs, having separate staff to ensure there are no conflicts of interest and to maintain confidentiality. However, in several communities, the PTC may be situated near Someplace Safe's local Advocacy offices or even co-located with them.

To learn more, call 218-739-3132, or email ptc@someplacesafe.info.

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Raise Awareness.
Support Survivors.

DENIM DAY

APRIL 30TH

PARTICIPATE

Wear your favorite jeans on April 23rd!

SHARE

Post your #denimday participation photos on social media

PLEDGE

Consider pledging a few dollars for the privilege of wearing denim for the day

Drop off or mail your pledge to Someplace Safe or donate online at www.someplacesafe.info/donate. Select "denim day" as the designation.

Email newsletter@someplacesafe.info to request free Denim Day flyers and stickers.

#DENIMDAY2025

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Pledge
www.someplacesafe.info



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THRIFT STORE

**EXCLUSIVE
TEXT LISTS**



Text "morristhrift"
to 855-947-0070



Text "ffthrft"
to 855-947-0070



Text "alexthrft"
to 855-947-0070

Receive exclusive store sales and deals via text message to redeem throughout the month!

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Help support survivors in your community! Someplace Safe is always in need of toiletry and personal care items, gas cards, gift cards, and many other necessities. Contact an office near you for more information!



SAFER FAMILIES. SAFER COMMUNITIES.

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, HUMAN 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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24-Hour Crisis Hotline
800-974-3359



Text
844-980-0169



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