

our mission

The Safespace Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization committed to the advocacy and empowerment of domestic violence victims and survivors through our collaboration and support of the Miami-Dade County agencies and other entities that provide emergency shelter, transitional housing and financial assistance to these individuals. We also pledge to educate our community on the destructive impact domestic violence has on our children, families, congregations and work environment in order to ensure social justice and support for the victims while planting the seeds of positive change for the future.

“Abuse happens in every culture, every country, and every age group, and it may be happening to you or to someone you know.”

what is domestic violence

Merriam-Webster defines domestic violence as violence committed by one family member or household member against another. In fact abuse or battering is a system of behaviors used by one person to control another person's actions and feelings. These behaviors or tactics by the abuser are planned actions that are executed in order to control the victim. It is all about control, not loss of control on the part of the abuser, just control over a weaker partner.

Abuse comes in many forms, physical, sexual, emotional, financial and psychological. Physical and sexual abuse are the foundation behind the tactics used for all abuse. If someone fears for their physical safety or for their life then they can be controlled. Once a victim of violence, they are easily controlled by threats, isolation or humiliation.

who we are

Safespace Foundation Inc. serves as the advisory board to the Department of Human Services' Advocates for Victims Programs that include Safespace North and South, Inn Transition North and South and the Victims Assistance Program, an outreach component. Their services include: safe housing, emergency financial assistance as well as information and referrals for individuals and families who are victims of domestic violence.

These programs represent a new beginning for many survivors of domestic violence, but it is only with your support that we can provide the resources to empower these victims to break away from their destructive and dysfunctional environment. Your help can change lives.

The Safespace Shelters and Inn Transition Shelters are located in the northern and southern areas of the county and provide an emergency safe haven for women and children who are fleeing abusive situations. The Inn Transition Shelters are long term transitional housing (up to two years) for women with children. The Outreach Programs along with the Victims Assistance Programs provide support, services and guidance to those victims who may not be in immediate need of shelter or housing. All programs provide safety planning, service management, counseling, emergency financial assistance, relocation and crimes compensation assistance and information and referrals.

Safespace Foundation, Inc. funds and supports numerous start-up programs and “pass through” funds. It has worked with community leaders and groups, local government, private donors, businesses, service clubs, and other groups interested in eradicating domestic violence to expand and improve services to women and their children.

Domestic violence statistics are alarming. However, we are committed to end the violence. Your donations can and will help.

Miami Dade County ADVOCATES for victims services



The Safespace Foundation's main beneficiary and collaborator is the Miami-Dade County Advocates for Victims Program (AVP). This county program has under its umbrella various components that provide a comprehensive range of services. Among them are:

- ◆ A 24-hour, 7-days a week Crisis Hotline in English, Spanish and Creole
- ◆ Emergency shelter
- ◆ Transitional housing
- ◆ Crisis counseling and educational group sessions
- ◆ Advocacy and support
- ◆ Information, and referrals to numerous community providers
- ◆ Vouchers for food, personal items, clothing, etc.
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Financial assistance
- ◆ Crime compensation and domestic violence relocation expenses
- ◆ Children and youth services
- ◆ Health Screenings and Physical Examinations
- ◆ Numerous educational and entertainment activities and events
- ◆ Community awareness and education





get involved!

Safespace Foundation Programs:

The Women's Empowerment Series was devised as a means to increase participants' self worth, build self-esteem, life management and employability skills. The program continues to maintain its focus through the integration of personal and interpersonal skills development workshops. Topics addressed in various sessions include: self-esteem, goal setting, assertiveness and effective communications, financial education, maintaining healthy relationships, effective parenting, interview skills training, resume writing, among other job skills components.

- ◆ The Wheels to Work Program offers qualifying women ownership of vehicles. If you are interested in donating a car please call us. Remember all donations are tax deductible. We accept gently used clothing, furniture and household goods.
- ◆ The Empowering Women to Build Careers Program provides career tools and skills such as exploring work opportunities, job search, writing resumes, role playing, effective communication skills, and dressing for the job.
- ◆ Knowledge is Power! Our Community Outreach programs enable us to educate and inform the public in a variety of forums and settings. Our Speakers Bureau is available to speak at your workplace, meeting, community center or church.
- ◆ If you would like to participate in any of our volunteer opportunities including working with the children and youth, we welcome your support.

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 24 hour Crisis Hotline800-500-1119
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statistics

we will let the statistics identify the problem:

- ◆ One in three women will be a victim of domestic violence at least once in their lifetime...
- ◆ Every nine seconds a woman is battered...
- ◆ A woman is murdered by her husband or boyfriend every six hours...
- ◆ Forty percent of the women, who die every year, die as a result of domestic violence incidents...
- ◆ In 80% of domestic violence cases, children witness the physical abuse...
- ◆ Children growing up in these families are four times more likely to become juvenile delinquents than children who grow up in healthy environments...
- ◆ The health-related costs of rape, physical assault, stalking, and homicide by intimate partners exceed \$5.8 billion each year...
- ◆ It is estimated that 25% of workplace problems such as absenteeism, lower productivity, turnover, and excessive use of medical benefits are due to family violence...



Empowering
 Educating
 Advocating

In the quest for a society free of domestic violence

