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Mission Statement

SAFE Project's mission is to empower and advocate for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking while promoting sustainable practices that support long-term healing. Our education and awareness efforts focus on prevention, improved community response, and outcomes in Albany County.

Core Programs**Crisis Services/
Advocacy**

Free and confidential services for crisis, safety, and support including our 24-hour hotline, safety planning, resources, referrals, hospital response, help with protection orders for domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, court accompaniment, advocating for and supporting clients, and working with them to find and secure new or better employment and affordable housing. Services for students include helping them navigate Title IX and connect with specific resources such as campus housing and academic support.

Shelter

Emergency shelter for adults and their children and pets who are fleeing violence who would otherwise be homeless and/or unsafe. The shelter has three separate units with two that are pet-friendly with access to fenced pet runs. There is also a kids' playground on site. All units are furnished and stocked. Groceries, toiletries, and other needs are provided to each person during their stay. Pet vaccinations and food are supplied for all pets in the shelter.

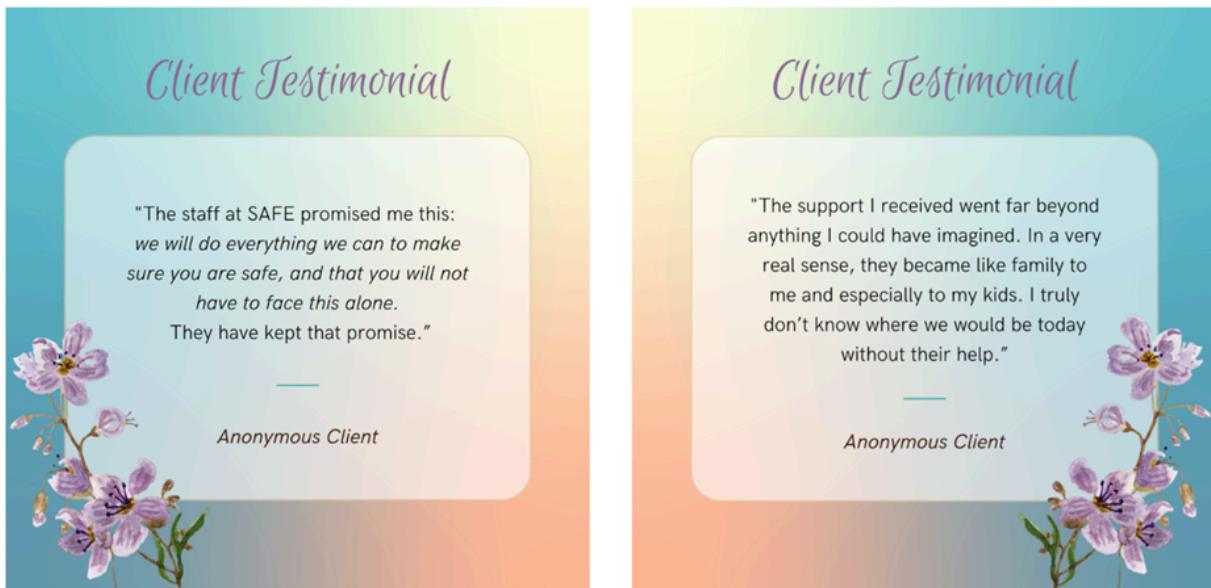
Financial Aid

Financial abuse occurs in 99% of domestic violence cases, and many of our clients are starting over when they arrive. Financial assistance reduces some of the financial burden and allows clients to save some income to become more sustainable, including rent for safe, affordable housing, gas to get to and from work, court, and/or appointments, and cell phone service. Other financial aid includes utilities, groceries, household items, clothing, attorney fees, child care, medical costs, counseling, and bus tickets for relocation.

**Prevention and
Outreach**

Prevention education in local schools to reach youth ages 2-19 and young adults about consent, safe relationships, teen dating violence, and more to promote respect and non-violence. Outreach and awareness through community presentations, booths and tabling, awareness events and campaigns, and participation in collaborative community meetings to evaluate, inform, and improve services.

2024 Community Impact



- **393 clients** received vital advocacy services, safety planning, shelter, help with protection orders, hospital response, court accompaniment, housing and job resources, budgeting guidance, financial aid, referrals, and more.
- **95 students** from UW, WyoTech, and Albany County LCCC received confidential services, assistance connecting with academic support and campus housing resources, and help navigating Title IX and other school-related systems.
- **35 adults, 20 children, and 8 pets spent 2,386 bed nights in our emergency shelter.** Groceries, toiletries, and other essentials were included. In 2024, we saw an increase in the number of children coming to shelter with a parent.
- **151 hours of free on-site counseling sessions** were provided to clients by counseling interns thanks to a partnership with the Counseling Program at the University of Wyoming.
- **Over \$50,000 in financial assistance** supported clients on their path to healing, safety, and sustainability. Top needs included rent, groceries, gas, cell phones and minutes, attorney fees, prescriptions, vet care, and utilities.
- **Hundreds of local K-12 students were reached with prevention education** covering age-appropriate content on topics such as healthy relationships, safe families, and teen dating violence.

Signature Annual Fundraiser

- ★ **Brunch & Bubbly 2024 was a sold-out success!** Over 220 guests joined us at the Alice Hardie Stevens Center on September 15, 2024 to raise funds for services, safety, shelter, and financial aid for our clients. Thanks to sponsors, guests, and a generous \$20,000 match from John Evans, we raised over **\$50,000!**
- ★ **Our keynote speakers from the Gabby Petito Foundation**, Gabby's mom, Nichole Schmidt, and stepmom, Tara Petito, share SAFE Project's commitment to domestic violence prevention. After a search that gripped the nation and ended in Wyoming, it was tragically discovered that their daughter Gabby had been strangled to death by her fiance. Her family answered questions from guests and discussed how the Gabby Petito Foundation brings awareness to domestic violence and provides prevention training to communities and first responders.



Bubbly in the garden



Silent auction items



Director Amy with Tara & Nichole



Ready for brunch



Keynote speech



Desserts by donation

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