OUR VISION
A just and safe community free from violence and abuse.

"You never know when one act or word of encouragement will change a life forever."
- former SAFE client
Our Impact

SAFE provides support for survivors of sexual assault and exploitation, domestic violence, and child abuse. Our work is the result of a deep commitment to the people we serve - an abused child victimized as an adult, a boy who grew up to beat his girlfriend after witnessing his dad beat his mother, a battered woman who loses custody of her children because of abuse by their father. The epidemic of violence is often transferred across generations, from person to person. Our services directly support survivors and work to prevent future violence. In 2017, SAFE achieved the following:

• **Youth and adults received** **108,393** nights of care
• **1,595** volunteers dedicated **37,010** service hours
• **154** youth came to SAFE from CPS and were served through our Emergency Children’s Shelter and/or SAFE’s Foster and Adopt in Austin
• In response to staff-recognized community needs, we created two new programs: SAFE CARES for sexually exploited youth and Alumni Services for youth who have aged out of foster care
• **14,537** SAFEline calls, chats, and texts
• **1,554** Individuals benefited from parental education
• **674** people received support and **578** forensic exams were provided in the immediate aftermath of a rape
• High-risk boys participating in Expect Respect support groups demonstrated statistically significant reductions in peer and dating violence
• **27,400** community members or professionals were educated about violence and abuse, including **513** Deaf community members and **1,647** people with disabilities
• We raised over **$1 million** at our annual gala

2017 Financials

**Expenditures**

- Residential Programs $8,651,451
- Client/Community Services 9,458,271
- Management & General 1,757,660
- Fundraising 1,357,737
- Total $21,225,118

**Revenue**

- Philanthropic $7,437,069
- Government Grants 8,055,009
- Reimbursements and Fees 3,072,872
- In Kind 1,500,818
- Other 770,679
- Total $20,836,448

*Expenditures include $921,000 non-cash depreciation expense
Melissa's Story

Melissa’s parents died when she was very little. Not long after, she lived in a home where her uncle abused her aunt. Her aunt, in turn, abused Melissa; she slapped Melissa, locked her in a closet, a doghouse, a pickup tool box, and worse. Melissa ended up in foster care at age 11 and was placed in at least 10 different cities. At 17, Melissa was pregnant and trapped in a relationship with a violent partner. Her boyfriend ran her over with a car, breaking her leg. Not yet 18 and she had experienced the full cycle of violence.

But when her caseworker brought her to the SAFE Children’s Shelter, things began to improve. Working to break the cycle of trauma and abuse, our staff supported Melissa and showed her that she did not have to live with violence. She attended SAFE’s counseling and parenting classes. Our staff took care of her and her baby daughter as Melissa graduated from high school and started college full time. Melissa went on to earn her license to sell insurance and became a full-time agent. She is now a wonderful mother of two small kiddos, a homeowner, and a survivor. Melissa had the strength to break the cycle of domestic violence, child abuse, and dating violence. SAFE had her back every step of the way.
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