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Someplace Safe for Everyone

Spring 2012

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Someplace Safe is Coming To A Community Near You

Someplace Safe is at an exciting place in 2012. A new year with new goals, new challenges, and new, exciting opportunities for our organization and our communities. We even have a new Executive Director to help lead the way (you can learn more about our newly named Director on Page 2)! It seems to be the perfect time to take this positive energy and put it to good use. We want to say thank you to YOU, and share more about the work you are helping us to do to build safe, healthy communities, so we are coming to a location near you to do it!

Throughout the month of March, Someplace Safe will be holding Public Thank You Receptions across our region, and you are all invited! These events will be an opportunity for Someplace Safe to say thank you to the thousands of individuals - volunteers, donors, businesses, community groups, churches and others - who make our work possible. It will also be an opportunity for us to report back to you and share more about us - what we have accomplished over the past year, how your support has been instrumental in our work, where we are headed in the coming months and years, and how and where you fit into it all.

Someplace Safe will also be kicking off its first ever Annual Campaign throughout these events, with a goal of raising just over \$53,000 to help support Someplace Safe programming. We are challenging communities in our service region to help us ensure that needed services for victims and survivors of crime are readily available for all who may need them by helping us reach this goal, approximately 5% of our annual budget for services.

Money raised during the Annual Campaign will be used to support services for victims and survivors in the communities in which it is raised, so every bit you give directly

Public Thank You Receptions

March 1 ELBOW LAKE

7:30am Thorson Memorial Library
Sanford Room

March 2 MORRIS

8am Best Northland Prairie Inn

March 5 GLENWOOD

8am Torgy's on the Lake

March 8 ORTONVILLE

10am Hilltop Cafe

March 9 ALEXANDRIA

7:30am Holiday Inn

March 12 FERGUS FALLS

7:30am Lincoln Center
Board Room #3

March 13 PERHAM

10am Arvig Communications

March 15 BRECKENRIDGE

8:30am Northern Grille

March 16 WHEATON

8:30am Traverse County Courthouse
Community Room

helps YOUR community! Your support and generosity will make a local impact by helping those around you, from your family and friends, to coworkers, or local schools and community groups. With your help, we can help to ensure Someplace Safe for Everyone!

If you would like more information on these upcoming events or Someplace Safe's Annual Campaign, contact Becki Jordan, Director of Development at 218-770-3702 or give@someplacesafe.info. If you are planning to attend a Reception near you, an RSVP to the local Outreach office is helpful for our planning, however all are welcomed and encouraged to attend any or all of these events.

Change Is On the Horizon



I am incredibly excited and humbled to accept the position of Executive Director at Someplace Safe, an organization I deeply respect and have long supported. As I

think about where I see Someplace Safe going in the coming years, the word 'change' comes to mind. Over the past 9 years, I have had the opportunity to work in nearly every program within the organization, including the Parenting Time Center, Shelter, Community Outreach and Advocacy, and Leadership. These experiences have allowed me to work with victims and survivors first-hand, hearing directly from them about the issues, struggles, and barriers they are faced with on a day to day basis. This work inspires me to do what I can to help bring about change and make the path from survival to thriving a little easier.

I have witnessed and been a part of many changes within Someplace Safe as an organization, including the expansion from providing exclusively domestic violence services, to now serving all victims of crime; a change to the agency's name and core mission; the expansion of the Parenting Time Centers, enabling children and parents the opportunity to work on building and rebuilding important relationships; the addition of a Community Outreach office in Douglas County; the opening of a new, updated Shelter facility for women and children; and most recently, the opening of the Someplace Safe Thrift Store in Alexandria, providing not only a place for the community to shop and donate, but an incredible resource to the individuals we serve. An especially memorable experience for me personally was the work that Someplace Safe was

able to do through a partnership with the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women securing a multi-year Grant to Encourage Arrest. The work done in conjunction with this grant has lead to stronger relationships with local systems partners such as Law Enforcement, County Attorney's Offices, and medical personnel, as well as innovative strategies for better meeting the needs of crime victims, while holding the offenders in these crimes accountable.

In this line of work, situations and systems can change on a day to day basis. In a conscious effort to best meet the needs of those seeking Someplace Safe services, we continue to grow as an organization, ready and willing to make needed improvements or adjustments as we go.

Within the past few months, internal and structural changes have been made to help streamline processes and better serve our growing numbers of clients and our communities as a whole. The Parenting Time Center is now managed by one individual overseeing all five locations, advocacy hours to assist clients in Douglas and Otter Tail Counties have been increased due to demands for service, and the Thrift Store will be moving to a new location, better suited for the needs of our patrons, clients and donors.

In the coming year, Someplace Safe will continue to look towards future sustainability for the organization. We will be working to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors, looking for individuals from the Big Stone, Otter Tail, and Grant County geographic areas, but also for those with knowledge and experiences in fundraising, nonprofit management, long range planning, and who are themselves survivors of violence, to help strengthen and diversify our Board and organization as a whole. In addition, the reality and necessity to develop and secure new funding sources is apparent for Someplace



Safe, just as it is for many nonprofits. Thanks to grant funding through the Otto Bremer Foundation specifically for fund development, some of this work is already in progress. The past seven months have been spent rethinking and reevaluating current strategies, utilizing grant resources and consulting services, and focusing on long-term, sustainable funding options for the organization. We know that in order to continue the crucial work of Someplace Safe, we cannot rely solely on steadily decreasing state and federal resources. I, along with the agency as a whole, am committed to maintaining long-term, base-level services for Someplace Safe's clients, and therefore will be looking to other sources such as revenue from the Thrift Store, planned giving, on-going grant funding, an Annual Giving Campaign, and gifts from generous individuals and businesses to help round out and stabilize Someplace Safe's current funding stream.

I look forward to continuing my work with the staff, Board, systems professionals, and supporters of Someplace Safe in the years to come, and am grateful for the opportunity to do what I can to help ensure a safer world for victims and survivors of violence in my new role as Executive Director. I welcome and encourage those interested to contact me in regards to Someplace Safe and the work that we do to build safe, healthy communities. Thank you in advance for your continued support for this organization and its programming!

*--Sheila Korby
Someplace Safe Executive Director*



THE SPOTLIGHT

Making a Difference: Who's Doing it and How?

FFA Gives Back

The Someplace Safe Stevens Outreach Office recently received a generous donation of \$2,000 from a group of hardworking, local high school students. "The Morris Area Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter decided to donate some of the money we raised from the Corn Drive to local businesses and organizations. We chose Someplace Safe because we know they do a lot for victims of domestic violence in Stevens County. We wanted to make sure Someplace Safe could continue to help as many people as possible in the Morris Area."

Thank you to the FFA students for choosing to share your efforts and succes with others! Someplace Safe appreciates your support!



Pictured: Erin K., Someplace Safe Advocate, and Morris Area High School FFA Representatives

Students Choose Service to Someplace Safe

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"

Each year, Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the King Holiday to serve their neighbors and communities.

The MLK Day of Service is a part of United We Serve, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. Each January, the University of Minnesota, Morris, takes on this call to action, setting up a variety of service projects to provide opportunities for community involvement.

Someplace Safe has participated in this event for the past 3 years and



worked with many groups of students and community members on a variety of service-related projects. This year, 61 volunteers signed in at the Day of Service for 10 different projects in the area, one of which included spending the day at the Someplace Safe Thrift Store. The group of students sorted donations and helped organize merchandise. Their only feedback was that they wished they would have had more time to help.

Someplace Safe thanks you for your willingness to give back!



"I am a member of a woman's club whose goal it is to improve our communities through volunteerism. Someplace Safe is one organization our members truly support because of its reputation for helping many women and children.

Someplace Safe's variety of activities for member involvement has given us insight into the help they are to our community and victims of abuse, and increased overall community awareness about how we can help."

*-Darlene Femrite,
General Federated Woman's Club -
Potpourri, Glenwood, MN*

We Asked and You Gave

YOU gave over \$35,000 in financial support to help support Someplace Safe services through the 2011 Holiday Season! This is an amazing testimonial to the support and generosity of local individuals, community groups, churches and businesses. In addition, countless contributions of time, energy and much needed items were given all across our service region, helping Someplace Safe to provide holiday gifts to at least 213 clients and their families.

Thank you to our communities for your continued generosity and support to help local victims and survivors!

We Need YOU

We encourage you to gather your friends, family, coworkers, and others, and take part in one of the upcoming public receptions or events planned to take place throughout the region in the upcoming months. Many of our Outreach programs host these and other events as a way for you to get involved, learn more, and take part in speaking out against violence in your community. These events are open to all - we hope to see you there! Contact your local offices for more information, or visit www.someplacesafe.info.

Providing Safety, Options & Hope: A Year In Review

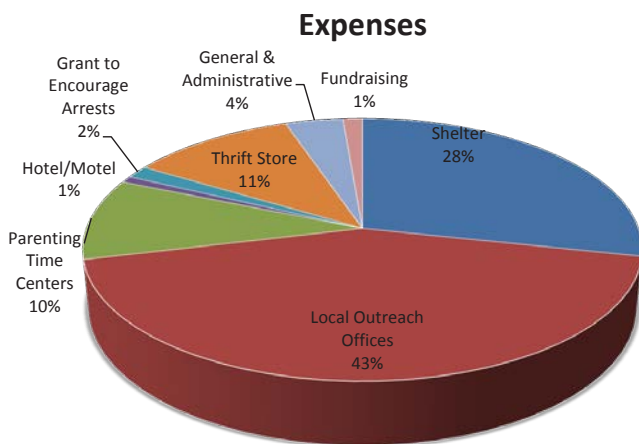


Each year, Someplace Safe serves thousands of individuals and families in our area, and our most recent fiscal year was no exception. From October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011, Someplace Safe served at least 4,564 clients and their families in our 8-County region. Here is a brief snapshot of just some of the important work Someplace Safe was able to do with your help and support over the past year:

OUR MISSION:
**TO CREATE A SAFER WORLD FOR EVERYONE, WE
WORK TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION
THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND SERVICES**

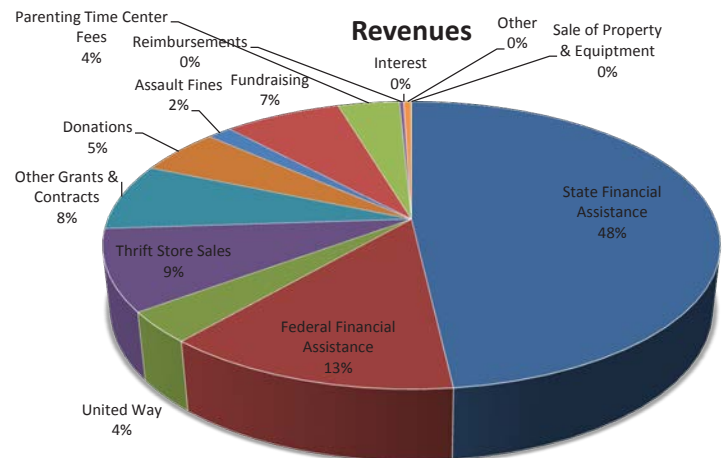
- More than 535 volunteers volunteered over 6,875 hours of service to Someplace Safe in FY2011. These volunteer hour contributions equaled an economic impact worth nearly \$150,000 – all by individuals contributing their time!
 - Someplace Safe provided services to 1,359 victims and survivors of domestic violence, and their families and friends.
 - Someplace Safe supported 293 victims of sexual assault/abuse, and their families. Services for survivors include; legal advocacy and court assistance, accompaniment to the Emergency Room, safety planning, support groups, and more.
 - Someplace Safe assisted 458 victims of general crimes, such as harassment, stalking, theft, etc., in addition to sending nearly 2,000 letters offering services to victims of these crimes in our communities.
 - Someplace Safe’s Shelter provided 2,264 nights of safety to 50 women and 61 children. Trained advocates answered 1,597 crisis calls from across the Region on the 24-hour crisis line, and offered information and referral 1,877 times.
 - Someplace Safe Parenting Time Centers served 208 children and 204 parents in FY2011 by providing 1,747 safe exchanges and 1,142 supervised parenting times. PTCs are located in Fergus Falls, Glenwood, Morris, Ortonville and Perham.
 - The Someplace Safe Thrift Store provided 95 vouchers, totaling \$8,578 in goods to clients and members of the community. Over 2,097 volunteer hours from community members, service organizations, and local businesses were utilized in the store.
 - Someplace Safe provided 21 trainings to at least 532 professionals across the region in. Advocates, staff, and volunteers gave 161 presentations reaching at least 7,000 individuals in schools, civic groups, churches, and local communities.
 - Someplace Safe held a variety of events to help raise awareness about our work as well as monetary support for programming and services. These included everything from annual walks and vigils, to Teas, Chili Cook-offs and our first ever Golf Scramble, hosted by our Board of Directors in September.
 - Someplace Safe received donations of items, time and money from thousands of individuals, community groups, foundations, and others. Your support enables us to continue the important work of building safer, healthier communities for us all. Thank you to all who gave to Someplace Safe throughout the year, your contributions make an incredible impact in the lives of others.
- To learn more about ways you can continue to help Someplace Safe, visit www.someplacesafe.info/give.

Someplace Safe Financial Snapshot



\$1,520,657

4 Total Expenses for 2011 FY



\$1,527,859

Total Revenue for 2011 FY

Parenting Time Centers Expand Services

Someplace Safe Parenting Time Centers (PTC) have served local children and families since 1993. Over the years, as we notice the needs of our communities expand and change, Someplace Safe strives to offer the services required to meet these needs.

For this reason, we are excited to announce the recent addition of new services now available for families.

Supervised Phone Calls: This service is available to parents or children making phone contact where supervision is required. PTC Staff is present to document what takes place during each supervised phone contact. Cost: As determined by PTC sliding fee scale of supervised parenting time.

Contact Exchanges: This service is available to families who are allowed to have contact, but are in need of assistance exchanging children. Parents meet at the Parenting Time Center at a scheduled time to exchange children. PTC Staff is present during the exchange. Cost: \$5 per parent per exchange, flat fee.

Someplace Safe Thrift Store is Moving

Nearly two years into Someplace Safe's newest venture, we are excited to announce that the Someplace Safe Thrift Store is relocating! Our new store location, at 801 Co Rd 44 NW - Suite 108, in Alexandria, will allow us to better meet many of the requests and suggestions we have heard from our customers and communities.

Parking will be more readily available and convenient for shoppers and donors. A one-level space will make the entire store much more accessible to all who come to shop.

Because of the great layout and accessibility of the new store, we are also happy to announce that donations will be accepted daily during set hours at our new location, helping to make the donation drop-off process more convenient for the community. Store hours will remain virtually the



Scheduling: This service is available for families in need of a neutral third party ONLY to prepare a monthly visitation schedule based upon their Court Order or another agreement. Cost: \$10 monthly per parent.

Skype Visits: This service is available to families to provide an alternative opportunity for parenting time via Skype, an online video-calling service, when circumstances prevent physical contact. This contact may be supervised or unsupervised, based on the family's needs or existing Court Orders. This program is being piloted in the Glenwood Parenting Time Center, with plans to expand to other locations based on requests and need. Cost: Unsupervised; \$10 for up to one hour, flat fee. Supervised; as determined by PTC sliding fee scale of supervised parenting

"I want to commend you and your staff for the great job you do. It takes special kinds of people to do this work every day! I bet the smiling faces of the kids when their parent shows up make it all worthwhile. In a perfect world you would be without this job, but that is not the case, so I am very thankful for you and people like you who make it possible for parents and children to be together. Thank you."

—Parenting Time Center Client

time.

Parenting Time Center will also continue to provide supervised exchanges, maintaining our no-contact policy between parents exchanging children, as well as supervised parenting times, during which parents are supervised while having parenting time with their child(ren).

We hope this information is helpful to you or others you may know, and encourage you to contact Emilyn Haugen, Parenting Time Center Manager at 218-739-3132 or emilyn.h@someplacesafe.info with questions about these new services or the Parenting Time Centers in general.



same, 10-5pm during the week and 10-3pm on Saturdays, but we will now be staying open until 6pm on Thursdays. We hope this will be convenient for those who aren't always able to shop or drop of donations during the regular hours

You can look for the new location to be opening in late May, but in the meantime, be sure to stop by the Thrift Store's current location at 619 Broadway Street in Alexandria to take advantage of some unbelievable deals before we move!

If you are interested in volunteering at the Thrift Store or have other questions about the move or the store in general, please contact Kathy at kathy.b@someplacesafe.info or call the store at 320-763-4677.



"The Someplace Safe Thrift Store is an affordable place to shop and the staff is always friendly and helpful. We like the fact that our money goes to support such a great cause. We appreciate all of the specials that keep us coming back, and bringing our family and friends! We have furnished our home and clothed our entire family with purchases from the Thrift Store. It is our favorite place to shop!"

—Kris & Janie, Skyler, Abbigail & Taelor



Making A Positive Impact in Our Community

Volunteer Orientations Scheduled



Have you ever wondered about getting involved more in your community? Are you or your group interested in volunteer-

ing with Someplace Safe? Not quite sure what opportunities are available? Wondering how helping Someplace Safe can benefit you? Here's your chance to learn more!

Someplace Safe will be offering volunteer orientation sessions for all current and perspective volunteers or community members interested in learning more about Someplace Safe or getting more involved with us.

Upcoming sessions are scheduled for March 21 from 5-7pm in Morris (202 Atlantic Ave), and March 29 from 9-11:30am in Alexandria (700 Cedar Street, Suite 237).

These sessions are free and open to the public, through an RSVP is appreciated. Contact Erin at 320-589-3208 or erin.k@someplacesafe.info to reserve your spot today!

Meeting Needs with the Click of a Button

In times of crisis, it can be easy to forget about the everyday, basic needs that exist - shampoo, diapers, paper towels, toothpaste - all important, but not always the first thing we think of when giving to help others. At Someplace Safe, the needs of our clients and those we help can change almost daily. This can make it difficult to always keep stocked up on the items we need most, or even share up to date information on what is needed most at a particular time or location with all of you.

Now, with the help of Amazon.com's Wishlist feature, getting what is needed to those who need it has gotten even easier! With a few simple clicks, you can browse through items currently needed at Someplace Safe's Shelter, Outreach Offices, or Parenting Time Centers, and help meet those needs immediately!

Simply visit www.someplacesafe.info/give and click on the link to *Donate New or Gently Used Items*. Someplace Safe's interactive Wishlists are listed by location, and allow you to browse and immediately purchase much needed items for the individuals and families we work with, have them shipped directly to a local office, and into the hands of someone in need quickly and efficiently. It simply can't get any easier! This feature has allowed Someplace Safe to share not only the basic needs of our clients with the community, but to include other items such as craft supplies for children and families, journals for support and empowerment groups, and gift cards to help cover fuel and other needed items.

If you would like more information on giving to Someplace Safe programs and clients, please visit us online at www.someplacesafe.info/give or email give@someplacesafe.info.

Save the Dates for Upcoming Someplace Safe Events Near You!
April 14: Alexandria, MN Vintage Tea & Fashion Show
April 22: Glenwood, MN Ladies of All Ages Tea
April 17: Morris, MN Walk A Mile in Her Shoes
April 26: Fergus Falls, MN Walk A Mile in Her Shoes
Visit www.someplacesafe.info or www.facebook.com/someplacesafe for more information!

H.O.P.E. and Healing Through Art

Someplace Safe is in the early planning stages for this year's Creative H.O.P.E. (Healing Our Pain with 'Ease'ls) Art Exhibits, to be held in various locations throughout the area. This year, the exhibits will be held in October, with official dates and locations to be announced. Individuals or artists who have been victims of crime, or who have artwork relating to the impact of crime and violence, as well as hope for the future, who would like to express their experiences through the arts are invited to submit work. The exhibitions traditionally feature art in a variety of forms, from both professional and casual artists.

Submissions may include literature (poetry, short stories, or essays), or visual arts (paintings, drawing, print-making, sculpture, ceramics, fabric/textiles, and photographs). Video and musical entries cannot be accepted at this time.

Someplace Safe is searching for individuals who are inspired to create an original piece, or contribute an existing, relevant piece to the upcoming exhibits. If you or someone you know is interested in submitting an original piece, would like more information on the upcoming exhibits, or are interested in helping to organize one of the exhibits, contact Erin at 320-589-3208.

Give to Someplace Safe



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Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

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Visit www.someplacesafe.info/give for more information on giving to Someplace Safe



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Alexandria, MN 56308
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Fax: 320-762-2245

Grant Outreach
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Elbow Lake, MN 56531
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Otter Tail Outreach-Perham
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218-346-7276
Fax: 218-346-7576

Pope Outreach
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Stevens Outreach
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Fax: 320-563-0408

Wilkin Outreach
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Breckenridge, MN 56520
218-643-3109
Fax: 218-643-3227

Safety.

Someplace Safe provides emergency services and support for victims of violence, and their families. We collaborate with systems professionals to create safe, healthy communities.

Options.

Someplace Safe offers information and resources to individuals utilizing our services. We create opportunities for volunteers, donors and supporters to get involved.

Hope.

Someplace Safe empowers survivors to live a violence free life. We inspire social change through advocacy, education and awareness.

Your support makes this all possible!

Please send your Questions, Suggestions, Story Ideas, and Mailing List Additions or Removal information to:
newsletter@someplacesafe.info - we would love to hear from YOU!



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Perham Location
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Glenwood Location
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Morris Location
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320-424-2301 or 218-739-3132
Fax: 320-589-9926

Ortonville Location
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WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU!

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Someplace Safe will be hosting Public Thank You Receptions in many locations throughout our service area in March, and you're invited! Join us for refreshments as we say Thank You, offer information, share accomplishments from the past year, and let you know what Someplace Safe has planned for the future.

Please visit www.someplacesafe.info for information, or check out Page 1 of the newsletter for a full listing of event dates, times, and locations. Mark your calendars and plan to attend an event near you!

