



Transforming Lives After Domestic Violence

A Safe Place is the leading advocate for eliminating domestic violence in Northern Illinois.

Who We Are

As the only organization in Lake County solely dedicated to domestic violence, we have been helping transform victims' lives after domestic abuse for 38 years. Each year we provide life-saving services and programs to more than 13,000 children and adults.

What We Do

A Safe Place provides life-saving comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence by:

- Filing **3,001** orders of protection for domestic violence.
- Overseeing **2,500** custody exchanges & supervised visits
- Responding to **2,833** crisis line calls, often the first courageous step a victim of domestic violence will take.
- Providing **10,979** hours of one-on-one and group counseling to **700** victims & children, helping them gain control of their lives.
- Educating over **10,000** students & community members about healthy relationships.
- Providing **41,355** nights of emergency shelter, housing, and other necessities for families fleeing abuse.

The Need is Staggering

Every nine seconds, a woman in the United States is assaulted or beaten. One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime, as well as one in seven men. At some point in our lives, nearly all of us will know someone affected by domestic violence, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, income, geography or religion.



A Safe Place 2017 Wish List



A Safe Place depends upon the generosity of the community for many of our operational needs as well as personal items for our clients. Because the needs at A Safe Place are ever changing, we encourage you to consider monetary donations or gift cards if possible. These donations give A Safe Place the most flexibility in meeting day to-day needs. If you are able to donate any of the following items that are *new and unused*, please contact Sheridan Shumsky at 847.731.7165 x100, email SShumsky@asafeplaceforhelp.org to set up a donation time at our Zion location.

Toiletries

-Full-size toiletries:

- Lotion, ethnic hair care products
- New, unused makeup products
- Hair tools (hair brushes, straightener, curling iron, hair dryer)
- Perfume and body sprays

Baby Items

- Diapers (especially sizes 5 & 6)
- Toiletries
 - baby oil and baby powder
- Baby wipes
- Formula
- Bottles and sippy cups

Gift Cards

- Walmart, Target, Jewel, etc.

General Items

- Small appliances
 - Microwaves, crockpots, toasters, coffee makers etc.
- Paper products
 - Toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, and tissues
- Cleaning supplies
 - Bleach, laundry detergent, dish soap, trash bags, disinfectant, toilet bowl cleaner, Lysol, garbage cans, brooms, mops

Home Items

- Linens
 - towels, extra-long twin sheet sets, comforters
- Pillows—new
- Plates, dishware, and eating utensils

Please note that due to budget cuts, staffing and storage constraints, A Safe Place is no longer able to accept travel-sized toiletries, large electronics, and large furniture. Due to health and sanitation standards, we are unable to accept used mattresses, used clothing, used baby items, used stuffed animals, and expired/open food. A Safe Place keeps costs down by asking our donors to bring the items to our Zion facility, as we do not have the capacity to pick up donations. **Donations are only accepted at the Zion location.**