



Safe Passage Monthly Update



Residential Case Managers, Mikaela and Abby won our Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

October at Safe Passage

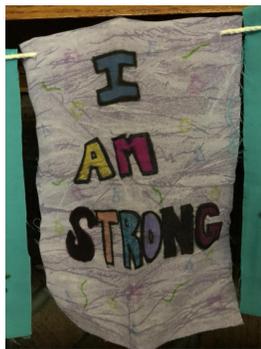
Your monthly update:

- Our Prevention Team was excited to kick off One Love trainings with NIU Athletics this month! We're so grateful to have the opportunity to educate the students about unhealthy relationships and warning signs of domestic violence. [To learn more about the One Love Foundation, click here.](#)
- On October 30, Lodi Tap house of Maple Park hosted a fundraiser for our organization. 10% of all food sales that day came back to Safe Passage! Thank you to those who attended!
- Erin's Law presentations continued through October in schools throughout DeKalb County. If you work with children and are interested in educating your students through a presentation, or are interested in learning more about appropriate responses to disclosures, please contact our prevention department: 815.756.7930 x 106 or llaskowski@safepassagedv.org.

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Domestic Violence Vigil

We kicked off Domestic Violence Awareness Month with our annual vigil! Survivors had the opportunity to share their stories and encouraging words before the candlelight vigil.



Displayed at this year's event were over 100 flags. Staff and clients worked together to create them around the theme of "Why I Matter."

[To learn more about the event, click here.](#)



Staff, community supporters, and survivors share a moment of silence at our annual candle light vigil

Dangers of Strangulation Training

We wrapped up the month by co-hosting the Dangers of Strangulation Training with the DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office.

Gael Strack, CEO of Alliance for HOPE International, led a discussion during the session on how our community can better streamline choking-related cases in the county through law enforcement, hospitals, the court system and victim advocacy groups.

[To learn more about the training, click here.](#)



Staff members, Kelly and Karleen, were excited to be at the Dangers of Strangulation Training!

We love our Sexual Assault Counselors!

This month, sexual assault counselors, Liz and Alex, adventured through Starved Rock State Park with their clients! The group closed the day with an activity titled "Let it Go." In this activity, clients were given a piece of dissolvable paper and were instructed to identify and write down something they would like to let go of. Clients were then given a small tube of bubbles and placed the paper inside. They blew the bubbles to symbolize the release of what has been weighing on them. In processing the activity later, clients described feeling a sense relief and a greater feeling of peace. The bubbles can be carried around with them and blown whenever they need to find that comfort again. We are so thankful to Liz and Alex, for their compassion and hard work!



All services at Safe Passage are free and confidential. To get connected, or to sign up for counseling, call our 24/7 hotline: 815.756.5228. [For more information about our sexual assault services, click here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Giving Tuesday, November 27

Help support Safe Passage and survivors of domestic and sexual violence by making a donation on November 27! Your support, no matter the size, has a huge impact on those affected by violence! Donations can be made online by [clicking here](#), or by sending a check to Safe Passage at PO Box 621 DeKalb, IL 60115.

Lodi Tap House Fundraiser, February 26

Join us for a delicious meal as we raise money for our agency! 10% of all food sales come to us! [To view their menu, click here.](#)

[For more information on both events, click here.](#)

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