



Safe Passage

No one deserves to be abused.

Safe Passage's Monthly news & updates

May 2020

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COVID-19 Update from Safe Passage

We know this is a difficult time for all of us as we wonder what the future may bring. For survivors, being asked to quarantine or shelter-in-place in a dangerous household can bring additional fear. We want to reassure our community that we are still here. We are taking steps to protect the health of our clients and staff, but we are **STILL** providing domestic violence and sexual assault survivor services to all in need. Call us 24/7 at 815-756-5228.

Help us spread the word by reminding your friends and family and by sharing our social media posts.

We may be apart, but we are not alone!

Give DeKalb County - THANK YOU!

Our staff, our board, and our clients are beyond grateful for the generous support during Give DeKalb County! In 24-hours alone, 353 donors gave \$52,937 to support our non-profit! It means the world to us to know our community stands with survivors and our mission to end violence!

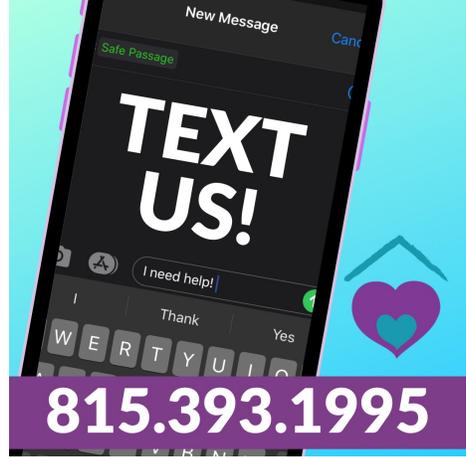


Crisis Text Line Now Available

Text Safe Passage

We are excited to announce our new Text Crisis Line: 815.393.1995! This line can be contacted 24/7 for those in crisis! Like all our survivor services, this is FREE to use! We know talking on the phone can be difficult, especially in situations when an abuser is home. We hope texting us can be safer and easier!

Please know our 24/7 crisis hotline is still available and should be used for those seeking information and/or scheduling an appointment with a counselor or legal advocate. Contact our hotline at 815.756.5228.



Safe Passage Rocks!



#SafePassageRocks

We might be biased, but we think our agency rocks!

We're exciting to kick off the **#SafePassageRocks** project! Over the next several weeks, decorative rocks will be popping up all over DeKalb County!

If you find one, leave it to be discovered by the next person, but don't forget to snap a photo and upload it to social media!

Be sure to tag us and use the hashtag, **#SafePassageRocks**

Feed Our Families

Feed Our Families: Support Restaurants, Support Survivors

Many of us are struggling under the current COVID-19 pandemic. This is an incredibly difficult time, but also a time when our community has come together like never before! Feed Our Families is another chance to make a difference! As rates of domestic violence increase due to the pandemic, Safe Passage is providing shelter in new and different ways to keep our clients safe. This means some of our clients don't have access to kitchens or hot meals. Help provide a meal to a family in crisis while also supporting our local restaurants!



A donation to the "Feed Our Families" fund will be used to purchase meals from local restaurants that we will deliver to our clients. You're making a difference twice! First, by helping a survivor fleeing violence and second, by keeping our incredible local restaurants in business!

To make a donation to the "Feed Our Families" fund you can:

- Donate online: [click here](#).
- Send a check to Safe Passage (PO BOX 621 DeKalb IL 60115) and note "Feed Our Families" in your memo

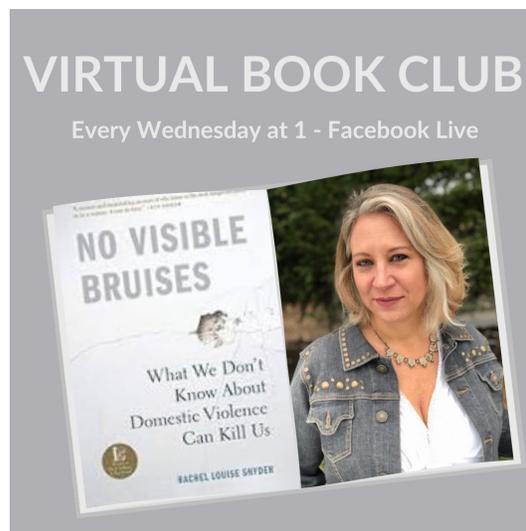
Safe Passage Online Event

"No Visible Bruises" Book Club

No Visible Bruises, by international investigative journalist Rachel Louise Snyder, is a deep dive into the issues that surround domestic violence in America. From victims to perpetrators to service providers, Snyder examines every aspect of this issue and why it remains so embedded in our country. No Visible Bruises will challenge and educate as we see how this type of violence can and does affect each and every one of us.

Join Safe Passage in reading "No Visible Bruises" by Rachel Louise Snyder. Every week, we'll come to you live on Facebook to break down the chapters and share our thoughts with you! We'll be encouraging you to do the same through discussion questions posted every Monday, in the comments, or with each other!

Learn more by visiting our [Facebook!](#)



June is Pride Month

Social Media Challenge and Pride Party

Pride celebrations look very different this year, but we still want to have a chance to celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community and continue advocating for a safe and just society for everyone! Join us June 15th through the 21st for online celebrations and a physically distant party!

JUNE 15: SHOW US YOUR SKILL

Get creative and show off your PRIDE crafts! Make a flag, paint a picture, color, record a song! Whatever you do best to show your PRIDE!

JUNE 16: PRIDE OUTSIDE

Post a picture of PRIDE in nature!

JUNE 17: HONOR A PRIDE HERO

Share a photo or message about your hero (historical or current) in the LGBTQIA+ community!

JUNE 18: THROWBACK THURSDAY

Flashback to your favorite Pride moments from years past OR share your favorite LGBTQIA+ history lesson!

JUNE 19: HELPING HAND

Share your favorite LGBTQIA+ organizations, donate to LGBTQIA+ activists, or help neighbor! Post a picture of a rainbow hand and tell us what you did to make the world a better, more proud place!

JUNE 20: PRIDE PARTY!

Join us for a drive-thru pride party, jam out to tunes, pick up some swag, and join a community celebration, all from the comfort and safety of your own decorated car! Location: 217 Franklin St. DeKalb, Time 2-4pm

JUNE 21: DEKALB PROUD

Share your decorated vehicles from the Pride Party, your Pride gear at your homes, or any favorite pride spot throughout the community! Let's show what makes us PROUD and welcoming!

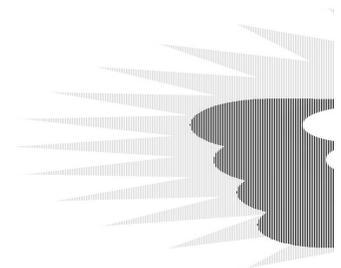
Don't forget to Upload your photos with the hashtag #DeKalbPride

Follow us on Social Media

Stay Connected

During this time, it's more important than ever to stay connected online! Follow Safe Passage on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Twitter](#). By following us, you'll learn more about domestic and sexual violence, our staff, opportunities at our agency and much more!

We also have a blog! Visit www.safepassagedv.com to read our articles.



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