

## BUTTE SAFE SPACE

# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



### MONTHLY RECAP

As always, these past months we have been busy with our duties as advocates as well as our fundraising activities.

As a program we continue to move towards opening a secondary location in the Deerlodge area to further our ability to provide services. Keep a look out for our advocates in surrounding counties as well here soon as we embark on our outreach roadtrip once again!

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Masako Tanno Emerson passed away November, 15, 2022. Safe Space has been honored by Masako Tanno Emerson after her passing by a donation of \$15,069 to our program. Her donation has been an amazing blessing to our program. This donation is not only one of the largest donations in Safe Space history, but also one of the most heart warming and beautiful donations we have ever received.

### SHOUT OUT

We at Safe Space would like to give a huge shout out to Catherine Shea for her long standing and repeated donations to our program over the years! Thank you!!!!



### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

This November 8th and 9th, Safe Space will again be hosting our bi-annual volunteer training. Anyone over the age of 18 who is interested in becoming a volunteer advocate is welcome to attend the 8 hour training, held both Online and in person. This training is a brief but strong introduction into what advocacy is and how you can help Safe Space and your community by becoming a volunteer.

These trainings are co-hosted by our community partners in law enforcement and MLSA, and are an amazing opportunity to get involved or simply learn more about our program. If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a volunteer advocate, watch our social media for announcements or call us at (406)782-9807 to attend our training!



**OUTREACH ROAD TRIP**

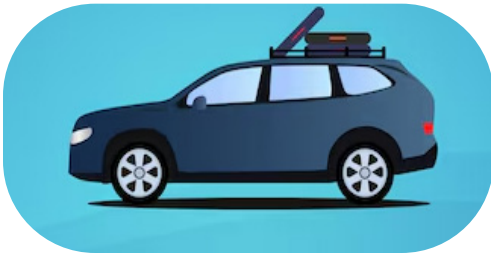
Safe Space is dedicated not only to the town of Butte, MT, but also the whole country of Silver Bow and the counties of Deerlodge, Powell, Granite, Madison and Jefferson totaling an area of almost 10,000 square miles.

As part of our dedication to these areas we will be once again traveling to hospitals, schools, police station, post offices, and anywhere else we are welcome in as many towns as we physically can in the coming months. We make it a point to his every town on our stop, from rural towns where the largest building is the post office, to city's bustling with business and streets.

Our mission is simple, to spread awareness. Some towns aren't even aware we exist let alone that we service their area, others have no idea the extent of our services.

Safe Space is dedicated to serving every victim of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault that falls within our service area, and we always have fun meeting people and spreading our message.

If you would like us to do a presentation at your school, workplace, or group or know someone or some place that would benefit from our outreach activities, please contact us either by phone or email at (406)782-9807, [assistantdirector@safespaceonline.org](mailto:assistantdirector@safespaceonline.org) Or [volunteercoordinator@safespaceonline.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@safespaceonline.org).



**DONATION WISH LIST**

To anyone looking to donate physical items to Safe Space but not sure what to give, this is a list of our current and most pressing needs here! If you have any questions or want to donate something outside this list, please give us a call at (406)782-9807

- Towels and Wash Cloths
- Laundry Baskets
- Laundry Detergent
- Everyday Household items such as:
  - o Disinfectant,
  - o Room spray,
  - o Hand soap,
  - o Swiffer duster,
  - o Batteries,
  - o Light bulbs,
  - o Mops and brooms,
  - o Garbage bags,
  - o Paper towels,
  - o Kleenex, etc.
- Deodorant
- Chap-stick
- Shower Curtains & Hangers
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Cell Phones
- Full Sized Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, and Lotion
- Sunscreen
- Infant Items such as: Pacifiers, Bottles, Sippy Cups, Baby Wipes
- Diapers of all sizes
- Food Donations
- Strollers, single and double



**JOB OPENINGS**

We are looking for a part time Relief Advocate and full time Shelter Manager to join our team. If you are interested in advocacy and looking for a job where you can help make a difference, find us on Indeed to apply!



**TREES OF CHANGE**

Jay Arms, owner of A & H Tree and Yard Services has teamed up with our crew here at Safe Space to turn the month of October into a month long fundraiser in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A & H Tree and Yard services is Veteran Owned and offers discounts to Veterans.

Every year, in fall, landscaping businesses see an increase in pre-winter yard cleanup and tree trimming. This October, for every job done by Jay and his business, a portion of the profit will be donated to our program here.

For jobs \$0 - \$500, a \$25 donation will be made  
For jobs \$501 - \$2,000, a \$50 donation will be made  
For jobs over \$2,000, a \$100 donation will be made.

For information on this fundraisers, and A & H Tree and Yard Services, call or text and mention Safe Space:

Jay Arms  
(406)560-8176



**DONATION SHOUT OUT**

Thank you to all the beautiful people who have donated to our program! Your donation makes a difference in the lives of our clients and the communities they live in! To

- Butte Food Bank
- 1923 Crew
- Ace Hardware
- Anaconda hospital
- Becky Evans
- Belinda Lopez
- Betty
- Catherine Shea
- Clearwater Credit Union
- Dancing Rainbow
- Ellen Donohue
- Cobras Hockey, Bill Lavelle
- Janet Downey
- Kathleen Martin
- Kelly Lewis
- Kennelly
- Linda Winnick
- MAK Charitable
- Marci A. Robinson
- Masako T. Emerson
- Montana Tops No. 26
- Nitro Green
- Rosemary Ellmaker
- Ruby and the Wild Floristry
- Steve Biere
- Tara
- Torri Hafer
- UDAP Industries

We appreciate you! If you are interested in donating, please give us a call at (406)782-9807.



**LOOKING FORWARD**

As we move into the fall months you can expect to see Safe Space at schools, in class rooms, at orientations, and our staff’s favorite, up at treat street handing out information and candy to children and adults alike. While we love working with our clients, we always find joy in being out in the community. And remember that October is Domestic Violence awareness month!

As always stay safe and if you would like us to do a presentation at your school, workplace, or group or know someone or some place that would benefit from our outreach, please contact us either by phone or email at (406)782-9807, [assistantdirector@safespaceonline.org](mailto:assistantdirector@safespaceonline.org) Or [volunteercoordinator@safespaceonline.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@safespaceonline.org).

**SAFE SPACE STATS**

This past year we have been fortunate enough to continue helping our clients despite the turmoil in the political, financial, and general world. In the past year we served 69 primary victims and 90 secondary victims inside the shelter and 82 primary victims and 177 secondary victims outside the shelter for a total of 418 victims served. We were able to provide 1,550 nights of shelter to our clients, 67 individual instances of financial aid ranging from bus tickets to cell phones, and received 1,812 crisis calls. It was a busy year, but we are always here, 24/7, ready to help anyone in need. If you are in crisis or have any questions, feel free to call us at our crisis line at (406)782-8511 or at our office line at (406)782-9807. We are happy to help!

**FLOCKING**

In April, we acknowledged Sexual Assault Awareness Month and engage the community, Safe Space hosted a month long Flocking Fundraiser, accepting donations in exchange for running around town and placing flamingos in peoples yards. We wanted to take a second to say thank you to our community for how great of a success this fundraiser was, here are some of our favorite images of our Flocking Experience.





**WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUPS**

Speaking out about your abuse or assault can be difficult, especially with such a traumatic aftermath. We at Safe Space welcome victims or survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with compassion and understanding. Every Tuesday from 5pm to 6pm, domestic violence victims are welcome to attend the domestic violence support group. Also at this time, victim's children and children experiencing any secondary victimization can attend the children's support group. If you or you know someone who is a victim of sexual assault, the sexual assault support group takes place on Fridays from 5pm to 6pm.

As the group facilitators meet each member with passion and empathy, this gives victims and survivors room to grow through shared stories and healthy coping skills. It's critical to us that victims and survivors have a supportive and confidential space to share their thoughts and experiences during such a challenging time.



**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

A shout out to our amazing volunteers over the past few months! Thank you so much for the time and effort you have put into this program!

- Bella Crawford
- Cameron Lundy
- Dan Murphy
- Ellen Donohue
- Finley Gonzalez
- Fran Swisher
- Gretchen Geller
- Jay Arms
- Jen Murphy
- Jermey Crawford
- Jorey Thatcher
- Lacey Blumhagen
- Leona Price
- Misty Henderickson
- Pollann Bruner
- Priscilla Buffalo
- Susan Czapiieski
- Taylor Sewell
- Theresa Renouard
- Tim Dick
- Tonya Geraghty

If you are interested in volunteering to help sort donations and clean the shelter, or becoming a volunteer advocate call Heather Thatcher at our office line (406)782-9807

**NEW FACES**

Joining our team here at Safe Space are two new members, Kathy Chebul as Relief Advocate and Rashauna Kovacich as Weekend Night Advocate. Both of these lovely ladies are passionate and caring souls who are excited and enthusiastic about the program and the work we do for the community!

**CLOSING NOTES**

**Thank You to our Board Members:**

- Dan Murphy
- Jen Murphy
- Janet Downey
- Theresa Renouard
- Jorey Thatcher
- Tim Dick
- Gretchen Geller
- Ellen Donohue
- Taylor Sewell

**Our Staff:**

- Rachael Weaver - Exectutive Director
- Winchester Kessler - Assistant Director
- Heather Thatcher - Volunteer Coordinator
- Kathy Chebul - Relief Advocate
- Brenda Beardslee - Night Advocate
- Rashauna Kovacich - Night Advocate
- Melody Gotschall - Housekeeper
- Dan Huerta - Maintinance

**Together we serve:**

- Silver-Bow County
- Deerlodge County
- Powell County
- Jefferson County
- Granite County
- Madison County

