

Greetings!

The holiday season is upon us and we are excited to share our December Newsletter with you. We hope you enjoy reading about our advocacy efforts, programs and events. Thank you for making these results possible and for helping children who are impacted by violence and abuse.

Your Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation Team

Please Consider a Tax-Deductible Donation to Our Annual Fund

Since launching Safe At Home's Annual Fund Campaign back in June 2015, we have been actively working toward raising our goal amount of \$125,000 in support of our Margaret's Place programs.

During this time of giving, please consider making your year-end tax-deductible donation to the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation. Your gift to the Annual Fund will allow us to provide healing services to youth who have been traumatized by exposure to violence, including domestic violence, child abuse, teen dating violence, and sexual assault.

[Click Here to Make Your Donation Today!](#)



Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign: I Choose, We Choose

This October, Margaret's Place schools participated in our annual domestic violence awareness campaign. Students and staff took part in engaging activities focused on empowering them to play a role in ending domestic violence. "Stuck in Traffick", our Peer Leader film, was screened and students created art and poetry. Peer Leaders made t-shirts and community members contributed healthy words to our "I Choose, We Choose" community wall. After community members read our resource materials they had the opportunity to use body paint to show their support for the campaign. In addition, we distributed wallet cards with information about the signs of abuse, highlighting financial abuse, a form of abuse that often goes unseen. Students and staff wore purple ribbons to show support for survivors and MP gave out wristbands and wallet key chains with empowering



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messages. Posters were displayed throughout our schools featuring an empowering photo created by Peer Leaders. Parent Newsletters were distributed in both English and Spanish, providing information about DV and how to get help. Many of our programs planned classroom presentations to further educate about the issues. The campaign was a hit and we would like to thank the heart and soul of our campaigns, our amazing Peer Leaders!



Margaret's Place Staff Participate in Engaging Men and Boys Institute in New Orleans, LA

Safe At Home staff recently had the opportunity to participate in the Engaging Men and Boys Institute. The institute's purpose was to explore and discuss how dominant stories of unhealthy masculinity negatively affect boys, men and the communities they live in, as well as how teaching healthy masculinity enables men and boys to become allies in the prevention of sexual assault and violence against women. Through exercises, presentations, panel discussions, and small group work, attendees were able to explore and discuss effective strategies for engaging men and boys, examine developmental processes to enhance cultural competency, and learn how to implement these concepts into MP programming. Margaret's Place staff are looking forward to implementing much of what we have learned from the institute into our work with young men at our schools, as well as at our new MP program at the Eagle Academy, an all-boys school in Harlem.

Happy Holidays from Safe At Home's Peer Leaders!

So far this school year at Margaret's Place...

- Over **125 Margaret's Place Peer Leaders** have worked to empower other students to speak up against violence
- Students have participated in more than **550 counseling sessions**
- We have reached over **11,300 students, school personnel, and parents** through our annual awareness campaign



SAH Welcomes New Margaret's Place Counselors

SAH is thrilled to welcome three new staff members to our team! Jimmy Higa recently began as the MP Counselor for our brand new site at Venice Senior High School in Venice, CA, funded through a grant from LA County. (*Fun fact: The movie Grease was filmed at this school!*). Jimmy attended graduate school at Columbia University for a dual degree in Social Work and Public Health. He has extensive experience

working with both male and female victims of violent crimes. A native of LA, he recently returned home after living in NYC for nine years.

Joining our NYC-metro area team are Margaret's Place Counselors Evelina Rodriguez and Juanita Rivera. Evelina received a Master's degree in Counseling for Mental Health and Wellness from New York University. She comes to our program at Emerson Middle School in NJ with an array of experience working as a bilingual counselor and advocate for survivors and children exposed to DV, as well as victims of other violent crimes.

Juanita Rivera is a bilingual Licensed Creative Arts Therapist and earned an M.S. in Creative Arts Therapy from Nazareth College of Rochester. Juanita was raised in the Bronx community, not far from where she is working now at Hostos Middle and High School. She comes to Hostos with diverse experience working in schools as well as other clinical settings with adults and children.

We would like to welcome all of our new MP staff!

Join Us for Our 2016 Los Angeles Dinner Event

We are excited to host our Los Angeles Dinner again this year at the Hotel Bel-Air in Beverly Hills on Thursday, April 28, 2016.

Funds raised at this event will go directly to our Los Angeles programs and we look forward to sharing with you our new accomplishments and future plans for our sites in LA. With your help, our goal is to provide these young people with the support they need to live a life free of violence.

We invite you to join celebrities and sports stars for an evening filled with stories and personal memories from some of sports' most admired athletes, coaches and commentators. We are planning an exciting program that will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail reception and silent auction featuring memorabilia and other unique items, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Coppola at 212-880-7367 or Jennifer@joetorre.org or Jocelyn Toner at 310-570-4523 or Jocelyn@joetorre.org.



Our 13th Annual Gala Was a Success!

The Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation held its 13th Annual Gala on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at an exciting new venue, Cipriani - 25 Broadway. Hosted by Ali and Joe Torre, the event raised over \$850,000 to maintain and expand our in-school program, Margaret's Place. These programs provide support and education to children who witness violence in their homes, schools and communities.

More than 375 celebrities, sports stars, industry leaders and sponsors gathered to support the Foundation's efforts including Commissioner Rob Manfred, Bill O'Reilly and Terry Collins. Former New York Yankees All-Star and five-time World Series Champion, David Cone was the evening's honoree. Many of David's former teammates were on hand to share stories about the major league pitcher. On stage Joe Torre called up Scott Brosius, Jose Cardenal, Derek Jeter, Tino Martinez, Don Mattingly, Lee Mazzilli, Mariano Rivera, David Wells and Bernie Williams who shared fond memories of their friend, and had some laughs along the way. Oscar and Emmy nominated Actress and friend Lorraine Bracco served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening and the event came to an exciting close with a dynamic performance by Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and social activist, Michael Bolton.



The celebration continued while we hosted our first ever After-Party to over 200 young professionals who enjoyed a stand-up routine from SNL's Weekend Update Anchor, Michael Che.

[View more photos from the 13th Annual Gala here!](#)



Joe Torre Receives Rawlings Heart of Gold Award

We are so pleased to share that our Founder and Chairman, Joe Torre, was the recipient of the Rawlings Heart of Gold Award for his work with the Safe At Home Foundation. He was presented with the award by Don Mattingly at the 2015 Rawlings Gold Glove Award Ceremony on Friday, November 13th at The Plaza Hotel in New York City.

Joe joins three of his fellow beloved and iconic baseball legends--Tommy Lasorda, Cal Ripken, Jr., and Albert Pujols--as winners of this prestigious award. Congratulations, Joe!



Calling All Runners...Join Team Safe At Home in the LA Marathon!

We are excited to announce that the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation has been selected to participate as a Charity Partner for the 2016 LA Marathon on Sunday, February 14, 2016. Athletes who run in the LA Marathon as part of Team Safe At Home are required to raise a minimum of \$1,000 in support of the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation. The LA Marathon is the fourth largest marathon in the country with more than 26,000 participants, thousands of volunteers and hundreds of thousands of spectators. The "Stadium to the Sea" course, starting at Dodger Stadium and finishing near Santa Monica Pier, is one of the most scenic in the world, taking runners on a tour of Los Angeles past major landmarks. The race has been named "Best Big City Race" by Runner's World.



Please contact Jocelyn Toner at jocelyn@joetorre.org or 310-570-4523 if you are interested in being a part of Team Safe At Home.

Congratulations to Team Safe At Home Runners in the NYC Marathon

On November 1, 2015, seven Team Safe At Home runners participated in the TCS New York City Marathon and raised over \$24,000! Our team did a fantastic job of raising funds for Margaret's Place to help us in our goal of expanding our programs and assisting children impacted by violence and abuse in their lives.

**A huge thank you to our runners for their hard work, preparation and fundraising:
Meggan Ellingboe // Justin Felber // Rhonda Holder // Michael Jurewicz // Erin O'Neill
Jim Redpath // Theresa Urban**

Our New York City Office has Moved!

The Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation is happy to share that as of **October 1, 2015**, our **New York City office** is located at **55 West 39th Street, Suite 600, New York, NY 10018**. Please update your records to reflect this change and send all future correspondence to our new address.

Upcoming Events:

2016 Los Angeles Marathon - 2/14/2016 - Los Angeles

2016 Los Angeles Dinner - 4/28/2016 - Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles

14th Annual Gala - 11/10/2016 - New York City

Please email Jennifer@joetorre.org for more information.

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