

Greetings!

Fall is approaching and the school year has already kicked off at all of our Margaret's Place locations in NY, NJ and CA! We hope you enjoy reading our September Newsletter which includes updates on our impactful 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*

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## Margaret's Place is Back to School!

School is back in session and our Margaret's Place (MP) programs are moving full speed ahead, reaching students, school staff, and parents with our violence intervention and prevention services. As the school year starts, MP counselors and social workers focus on outreaching to students, reminding them how to get involved in programming. They facilitate workshops for school staff on the impact of violence and trauma on young people as well as how to identify students that may be in need of counseling. Our enthusiastic Peer Leaders are rearing to go, assisting MP staff in classroom presentations, recruitment of new peer leaders, and planning our fall school-wide domestic violence awareness campaigns. MP staff also prepare for the fall Parent Open Houses, informing parents about MP services and offering resources to those who need it.

There will be a lot of exciting things to come this school year and we will keep you updated with pictures and stories about the impactful work our programs are doing. We would like to wish our MP program staff best of luck for a successful year!



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## Stuck In Traffick Film Project Updates

Written and created by alumni of the MP program, the Stuck in Traffick film was accepted into the Buffalo Niagara Film Festival and the Manhattan Film Festival. This past June Safe at Home hosted a panel discussion following the Stuck in Traffick screening at the Manhattan Film Festival-our first open public screening of the film in NYC. The panel discussion was moderated by our Executive Director, Yolanda Jimenez and featured Joe Torre, the MP youth filmmakers, Rebecca Rubin (SAH Program Supervisor), and a representative from GEMS (a domestic sex trafficking agency in NYC). The event highlighted the powerful work Margaret's Place

is doing, engaging young men and women in using creative modalities to fuel community awareness and action. Following the Manhattan screening, Hector Velasquez, one of our youth filmmakers and Alumni Intern along with other MP staff hosted community screenings to youth throughout NYC over the summer. Screenings of the film focus on informing participants about the intersection of domestic violence and sex trafficking. Participants also engage in a creative response in which they create visual art and/or poetry, using the creative process to give voice to the experience of survivors. Our screening and workshop efforts are shining light on the profound effects of domestic violence and how important intervention and prevention services like Margaret's Place are in ending the cycle of victimization and perpetration.



## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Begins October 1st!

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and we are excited to be a part of The Allstate Foundation's Purple Purse Challenge starting on October 1st!



The challenge will donate to organizations that are focused on ending DV and assisting with financial independence for those abused. The organization that raises the most during the Challenge will get a \$100,000 donation to their cause. **We want to win the \$100,000 grand prize and we need your help to make it happen!**

### How You Can Help

**1. Become a fundraiser on CrowdRise:** By setting up a fundraiser for our cause and reaching out to your networks, we can have the greatest chance of winning. It takes five minutes to set up a fundraiser. All you have to do is [Go Here](#) and click 'Fundraise for This Campaign.'

Once you start your fundraiser, update it with the story of why you're one of our biggest fans. Also make sure to put pics and videos on your fundraising page that help to illustrate why this cause means so much to you. Then, when the Challenge starts on October 1st, share it with everyone you know and start raising money.

**2. Donate:** Please [Click Here](#) and give whatever you can. Every donation makes a difference.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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## Join Us at Cipriani - 25 Broadway for Our 13th Annual Gala

Safe At Home is excited to announce that our 13th Annual Gala will be held on Thursday, November 12th at a new location, Cipriani, 25 Broadway in Manhattan. We invite you to join celebrities, sports stars, philanthropists, and industry leaders in honoring former New York Yankee All-Star and five-time World Series Champion, David Cone.



Hosted by Ali and Joe Torre, the evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail reception and silent auction that includes memorabilia and priceless travel experiences, followed by dinner and entertainment at 7:00 p.m. The evening will be headlined by a musical performance by the multiple Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and social activist, Michael Bolton followed by a performance by SNL Weekend Update Anchor Michael Che.

The only one of its kind, the Gala brings sports stars and legends together to provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience for our guests where they can hear stories and personal memories from baseball's most admired athletes, coaches and commentators. All proceeds will go toward maintaining and expanding the Foundation's comprehensive in-school programming Margaret's Place, both locally and nationally.

**To reserve your table, or for sponsorship information, please contact Jennifer Coppola at 212.880.7367 or [Jennifer@joetorre.org](mailto:Jennifer@joetorre.org).**

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## Join Us for a Gala After-Party

Along with our new Gala venue this year we are also hosting an After-Party. The After-Party will begin at

9:30pm at Cipriani - 25 Broadway and will include cocktails, lite fare and DJ. Tickets to the After-Party will also give you access to attend the performance of Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update Anchor Michael Che at the Gala. All proceeds from the Gala After-Party will benefit Safe At Home's school-based violence prevention and intervention programs.

Tickets are \$150 each with an advance rate of \$100 each available until October 19th.

[Click Here to Purchase Your Ticket](#)



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## Our 2015 Golf & Tennis Classic Was a Success!

Thank you to the individuals, corporations and businesses that donated their time, energy and resources to help make our Celebrity Golf & Tennis Classic a great success.

We are thrilled to announce that through the support of our sponsors, the event raised over \$500,000 to sustain and expand our Margaret's Place programs nationwide. Sleepy Hollow Country Club provided a wonderful facility and a breathtaking setting for our guests to enjoy as they played with celebrity hosts such as Bob Gibson, Al Leiter, Tony LaRussa, Dan Lauria and Rusty Staub.



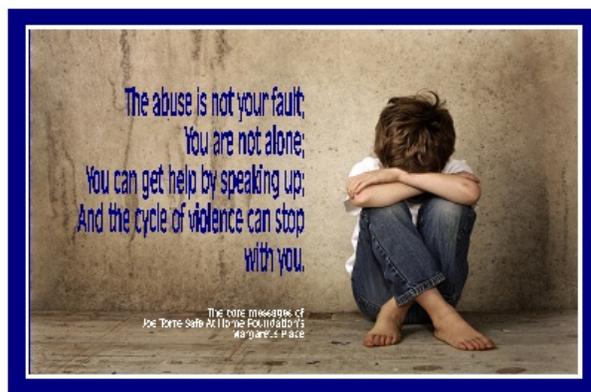
A special thank you to our Golf & Tennis Committee members for their generosity and dedication: Co-Chairs, Nick Botta & Tony Petitti, Tom Fuerst, Maury Gostfrand, Tom Kushner, Brian O'Connor, Tim O'Neill, and Gerry Polizzi.

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## Donate to the 2015/2016 Annual Fund

Having launched Safe At Home's Annual Fund Campaign in June 2015, we are actively working toward our goal of \$125,000\* in support of our Margaret's Place programs.

Your gift to the Annual Fund allows the Foundation to provide Master's level counselors in every safe rooms, individual and group counseling for students, educating teachers, staff and parents regarding issues related to violence, peer leadership programs, school-wide outreach campaigns, and much more. Thank you for making a gift to the Annual Fund today.



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

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## Joe Torre Safe At Home Charity Baseball and Softball Tournament

The Second Annual Joe Torre Safe At Home Charity Baseball and Softball Tournament hosted by VCAA (Valley Christian Athletic Association) in Encino, California is now one for the record books! Approximately 375 boys and girls and their managers/coaches played a total of 51 games incorporating 25 teams in six different Divisions over Labor Day weekend. With 1,000 people participating each day of the Tournament, Safe At Home utilized youth baseball and softball as a means of sharing our mission and message with a broad range of families from all over Southern California. Our thanks to the countless volunteers who put in hundreds of hours to make the Tournament a great success.



**Upcoming Events:**

- 2015 TCS NYC Marathon - 11/1/2015 - New York City**
- 13th Annual Gala - 11/12/2015 - New Venue! Cipriani, 25 Broadway, NYC**
- 2016 Los Angeles Marathon - 2/14/2016 - Los Angeles**
- 2016 Los Angeles Dinner - 4/28/2016 - Los Angeles**

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