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Greetings!

As the year comes to a close, we want to thank all of our supporters. You have allowed us to continue to reach and impact the lives of children. Here are a few updates for 2017.

First-Ever Margaret's Place in Ohio Opens

In September, Safe At Home launched its first-ever Margaret's Place program in Ohio at the Riverview East Academy in Cincinnati.

We are so grateful to our partners, the Cincinnati Public School District and the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati for their time and dedication. We would also like to thank and recognize our local supporters that understand the need and significance of this initiative, and for making this expansion possible, Ed Wolterman, Dennis Shiels, Mr. & Mrs. Judy and Joe Williams, The Wohlgemuth Herschede Foundation, the Williams Foundation, the Marge & Charles J. Schott Foundation, and the H C S Foundation.



Within the first 2 months of the programming, we have already reached 110 young people! [Learn More](#)

Peace By Piece Campaign and Art Contest

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, peer leaders across



all sites were engaged in our Words are Power 2017 campaign, "Peace by Piece". Students came together to explore ways they could make big changes with small actions to end the cycle of domestic violence.

As part of this year's school-wide campaign, Safe at Home and Margaret's Place invited students to submit artwork to a nation-wide art contest. Submissions ranged from painting to poetry.

This year's winner is Athena, a student at Venice High School. She created a piece called "Out of the Darkness and Into the Light". Congratulations Athena! [Learn More About Our Work](#)



Ending the Year, Safe At Home

Donate now to help us raise \$100,000 by December 31st so that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of young people.

Each year, Safe At Home reaches 12,000 children with critical counseling and education services in our school-based programming.

Yet with over 15 million children suffering the devastating consequences of violence in their home and communities each year, our services remain critical.



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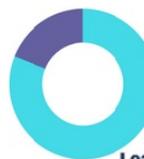
Safe At Home Kicks-Off Family Community Dinner at Bronx Site

In December, Safe At Home held our first Family Community Dinner in December at Hostos-Lincoln Academy, our Bronx Margaret's Place Program site, in partnership with Sanctuary for Families. Our community dinner project brings families together for round table discussions regarding emerging needs, services, and resources. Parents were engaged in small discussion groups while children played with supervised arts activities. With over 50 participants attending the event, the information shared will help inform Safe At Home's parent-engagement services.

Our Impact



95% of students who previously struggled with attendance reported that they go to class more often.



81% of students are more hopeful about their future.

[Learn More About Our Impact](#)



97% of students agree that they have developed safer coping skills

Safe At Home Hosts Site Visit for U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) Grantees

Safe At Home was selected to host a Peer-to-Peer site visit in November, for grantees funded by OVW for youth services. Representatives from six organizations attended including Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Alliance of Local Service Organizations, Men Can Stop Rape, Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Maine Boys to Men.

During the 2-day visit, Safe At Home provided a series of workshops on our program including our successful processes for hiring qualified counselors, our Alumni Intern program, and our approach integrating arts programming

processes for hiring qualified counselors, our Alumni Intern program, and our approach integrating arts-programming from art therapy modalities in counseling for youth and arts-based supervision to support staff against the harmful impacts of vicarious trauma.

New Website!

Safe At Home is proud to announce the official relaunch of our website!

Now www.joetorre.org provides more comprehensive information on who we are and what we do than ever before. We thank our wonderful website design partner, Great Believer, for their amazing work.

Head over to joetorre.org to check it out! While you're at it, weigh in on our poll designed for parents, youth, or educators at www.joetorre.org/resources.

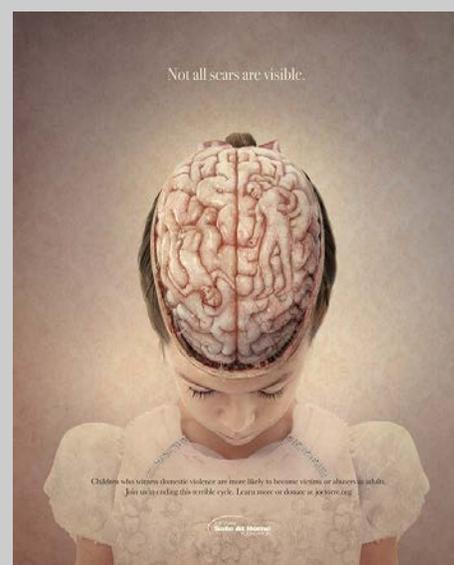
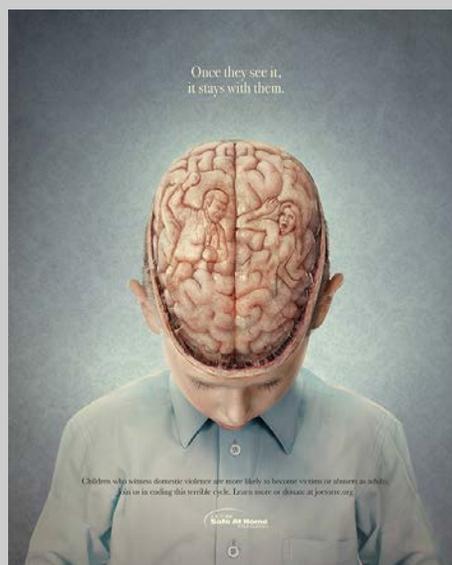


Safe At Home Launches New Awareness Campaign

This year, Safe At Home partnered with the ad agency gyro New York to launch an awareness campaign to help illustrate the traumatizing impact of domestic violence on children.

Our PSA [video](#) highlights how exposure to domestic abuse as children can greatly increase the likelihood of perpetuating violence as they grow. This PSA kicked off during March Madness on CBS and aired on A&E.

Our print campaign launched with a donated full-page ad in the Wall Street Journal. The campaign consists of three different images, all conveying a unified message, *exposure to violence can affect brain development*.



Safe At Home sincerely thanks gyro New York and the production companies, UNIT 9 and Rock Paper Scissors, for their inspired PSA creation and dedication to our national campaign. [Learn More](#)

Generous Donations from Ace Endico

Safe At Home and Margaret's Place extend a warm thank you to Ace Endico for generously supplying our schools in the tri-state area with snacks and drinks for our Margaret's Place programs. Peer leaders and group members in our New York City, Westchester, and New Jersey programs are feeling nourished and grateful!



Major League Baseball Donates Bicycles To Margaret's Place

In early December, various members of Major League Baseball and its franchises volunteered their time in an initiative to build bicycles for youth in the area. The MLB graciously selected Safe At Home as the recipient of these efforts.

Because of the diligent work from these volunteers, we are proud to announce that these bicycles will be given to students from our Margaret's Place program at Lincoln-Hostos Academy of Science in the Bronx!



15th Anniversary Gala

Celebrating 15 years of providing healing and hope to children that have been impacted by violence, Safe At Home hosted our 15th Annual Gala on November 8th. Emceed by Bob Costas and hosted by Ali and Joe Torre, the evening raised money to support our school-based programs sites.

With almost 375 attendees, we honored Sheri Bronstein, Global Human Resources Executive for Bank of America and four-time New York Yankees World Champion, Tino Martinez.

Thank you to all of you for supporting us and enabling us to reach this important milestone! [Learn More](#)



2017 TCS New York City Marathon

We are so grateful to our Safe At Home 2017 TCS New York City Marathon runner and Board Member James Redpath who together raised over \$8,000 for our Margaret's Place school based programs!

If you are interested in running for Team Safe At Home in 2018 please contact our Team Manager, Ann Dean, at ann@joetorre.org or 212-880-7373.



Join Safe At Home to help reach more children!!!

SAVE THE DATE!

[Los Angeles Dinner-April 25, 2018](#)

[Celebrity Golf & Tennis Classic-TBA](#)

[2018 TCS New York City Marathon-November 4, 2018](#)

[16th Annual Gala-TBA](#)

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