



Greetings from Safe At Home!

Now that fall has arrived, many of us are striving to adjust to our new normal. At Safe At Home, our participants returning to school – regardless of format – means that we had to hit the ground running. Our staff have been busy all summer long, sharing resources with youth, schools, and our supporters, as well as getting ready for the year ahead. That means being prepared for all of the unique challenges the new normal will bring.

Things may be different, but we are committed to being present and supportive of our participants – and of you – at this challenging time. Read on for highlights, resources, and more.



Envisioning a Virtual Margaret's Place

Because Safe At Home has 15 locations in 4 states, each school partner is handling the transition for the school year a little differently. Our supporters may be wondering: *what does Margaret's Place look like in light of these changes?*

We are thrilled to announce that at all of our locations, we will be offering our full suite of services – including critical mental health counseling – in a virtual format.

Regardless of whether we are providing services in-person or virtually, we are so happy to offer our comprehensive, holistic programming to every participant. While many students won't be able to pull up a cozy chair within our four walls, our virtual Margaret's Places will be safe, secure, and supportive for all.



In Case You Missed It: Family Activities & Self-Care

Throughout the summer, our program team provided special resources and tools with our supporters in our new Summer Share series. In case you missed it, we wanted to share our top picks of these resources: **a video art activity with counselor Aleecia** (creating a family garden), **a playlist of short videos called "self-care Sundays"** that can help you decompress when you're stressed, and **a video craft**

[activity with program supervisor Rachel](#) (creating a family calming tool). We hope you'll enjoy tuning in and taking part with your loved ones!



Finding Community During a Crisis: Youth Reflections & Highlights

Over the last 6 months, our organization has identified one of its greatest strengths: finding and building community during crisis. Few things highlight that more than the incredible work of our peer leaders and alumni team throughout the spring and summer. Together, these inspiring young people compiled a beautiful peer yearbook that focused on the positive highlights of the 2019-2020 school year at all of our locations nationwide. **We are excited to share our 2019-2020 Peer Yearbook with you.** We also hope you'll check out our alumni reflections – a series of brief thoughts from a set of team members who began as participants, and have moved up through Safe At Home as staff members on our team. **Check out their reflections now.**



Looking Ahead: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October marks the commemoration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is Safe At Home's tradition to recognize this somber occasion with activism and leadership. At all of our locations, our peer leaders will be meeting virtually and working together to lead a virtual awareness campaign during the last week of October. This year's theme is Spread The Word, and youth will be encouraged to pass on knowledge to their family, friends, and neighbors to raise awareness and help others cope with the impact of domestic violence. Youth will have access to activities they can do alone or share with others, allowing this campaign to be a true community-building experience. **Keep tabs on our social media at the end of October to see highlights of their work.**



Safe At Home is also planning virtual workshops in October – free of charge to our supporters and parents. The parent workshop will be focused on emotional wellness and self-care. We look forward to sharing more news about these workshops with you soon.



Peer Leader Makes Headlines in Cincinnati

Safe At Home's peer leadership program is an opportunity for a select group of youth to meet weekly and build skills on leadership, advocacy, mentorship, conflict resolution, and more. Peer leaders are responsible for organizing and executing school-wide awareness campaigns, and are often the greatest spokespeople we have for our programs. We are so proud to share that Rachel, a 12th grader and long-time peer leader from Riverview East, was chosen by her school district as a student representative in their Speak Up, Speak Out initiative. This new program focuses on bringing students, school administration, and local law enforcement together to talk about racial injustice and to propose solutions for the entire community. **This groundbreaking initiative was recently featured on the news, including a video interview with Rachel – check it out now!**

Mark Your Calendars

While COVID-19 has limited our ability to hold special events, we're excited to share some fun – and safe – opportunities for supporters to connect with Safe At Home.

Wednesday, September 23 - Fall Golf Outing

This intimate gathering will include golfing in foursomes in a "play your own ball" format. Guests will be provided with breakfast and boxed lunch, as well as hors d'oeuvres and cocktails upon their return from the course. The safety of our guests is of the utmost importance to us; a robust set of safety protocols will be followed. **For more information, contact Jennifer at jennifer@joetorre.org or at 917-608-7692.**

Tuesday, September 29 - Virtual Trivia Night

Join Safe At Home for our first ever virtual trivia night! Sign up with your team of friends, or be randomly assigned to a team. Guests will play three rounds of general knowledge trivia and hear a special message from Safe At Home staff about our work. The event will last approximately 2 hours and have up to 50 teams competing. Each member of the first place team will win an autographed Joe Torre baseball. Members of the second place team will win an autographed Joe Torre photograph. **To register, visit joetorre.org/trivia.**

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