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Since 1979, HomeSafe has been dedicated to protecting Palm Beach County's and South Florida's most vulnerable residents: survivors of life-altering abuse, neglect, abandonment, and domestic violence. HomeSafe is a leading provider of prevention and intervention services, serving more than 15,000 infants, children, young adults, and families each year.

Dear Friends,

HomeSafe has been my home for 28 years. When I think about the thousands of children and families we have served over the decades, I'm filled with a deep sense of joy and purpose. One of my favorite parts of this job is reconnecting with former clients after they have grown up and become happy, productive adults.

This year, The Boca Raton gave me that opportunity when they introduced me to one of their employees who had nominated HomeSafe for a grant from their charitable foundation. This remarkable young woman, Faith, was in HomeSafe's care when she was five years old, and we were serving the community as an emergency shelter. While she was living at HomeSafe, one of our volunteers fell in love with Faith, and she and her partner decided to adopt her. I've spent quite a bit of time with Faith, her moms, and her young son, getting to know them and admiring the love and unconditional support that they share.

Stories like Faith's make coming to work each day a joy because we are connecting with our kids, showing them that they are loved and valued, giving a voice to those without any power, and breaking generational cycles of abuse. The greatest gift of my job is seeing our children become happy—watching those who arrived sad, angry, guilty, and untrusting, buy into our programming, accept and love themselves, develop confidence, and move on with joy, hope, and a new passion for life.

Seventeen years ago, HomeSafe's board of directors decided to prioritize making a positive impact through prevention—serving young families who are concerned about their children's developmental differences or behavioral challenges, or families who are in danger of falling into a cycle of abuse.

We are excited to share that this month, in partnership with Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, HomeSafe has begun a new program that provides

classroom support to teachers in local childcare centers—helping them sustain nurturing, responsive learning environments where young children can thrive.

As long as there are children and communities who are struggling, HomeSafe will continue to grow and innovate our programming to solve complex issues facing families and positively impact more lives.

We are grateful to you for your support.

Thank you for trusting us to transform children's futures.

Sincerely,

Matthew Ladika
Matthew Ladika
Chief Executive Officer



Healthy Beginnings Entry Agency

HomeSafe serves as the entry agency to the Healthy Beginnings System of Care, a program funded by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County that supports families with children ages birth to age five.

The program promotes healthy births, helps prevent child abuse and neglect, encourages healthy child development, and prepares every child to enter kindergarten ready to learn. HomeSafe's Hospital Liaisons visit every maternity ward in Palm Beach County to screen parents and their newborns, identify family needs, and connect them with services and resources that reduce stressors, strengthen families, and support positive outcomes from the very beginning.



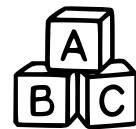
14,614 mothers who gave birth in Palm Beach County were screened in the hospital and received information on postpartum depression, child development, and the importance of safe sleep.

More than 10,000 developmental screens and assessments were completed to identify children's developmental milestones and family needs.

1,776 families who were referred to the Healthy Beginnings Entry Agency, received ongoing support and services for their children.



1,023 developmental toys were distributed for free, to help young children reach important developmental milestones.



PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Expanding Our Reach: Last year, HomeSafe's Outreach team conducted 27 presentations and participated in 20 community events to increase awareness of early childhood development and available support services. We received a first-time grant from Admirals Cove Foundation to enhance and expand services (including car seat safety and safe sleep education) in Northern Palm Beach County.



Filling the Gaps: At the request of Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County and to meet the growing needs of our community, HomeSafe added four new positions to our assessment team.



Keeping Our Kids Safe: More than 300 families received safe sleep education and access to portable cribs for their little ones. 184 families received car seat safety education, services, and resources.



ADIS *Adis*

When Adis became a mother, she wanted to give her daughter the best possible start, but like many new parents, she had questions and concerns along the way. Through HomeSafe's Growing Smart program, Adis received personalized guidance throughout her daughter's first two years, gaining the knowledge and confidence to understand her development and respond to her changing needs. When establishing healthy sleep habits became challenging, Adis learned strategies that created consistency and calm for both mother and daughter. Today, she looks back with gratitude, knowing Growing Smart helped her become a more confident parent and advocate for her daughter.



Specialized Therapeutic Group Care Homes

HomeSafe's Residential Program provides a safe, warm, homelike environment for abused and abandoned children, ages 8-17, whose complex needs extend beyond traditional foster care. Our kids require intensive, trauma-informed therapeutic support from compassionate, experienced caregivers to heal and flourish.

Children in our program engage in educational, cultural, and recreational activities that foster a sense of normalcy while building confidence and life skills. Our clinical team and program staff help them successfully learn to process their trauma, develop healthy coping skills, excel in school, and build the foundation for happy, productive lives.



HomeSafe provided welcoming, safe home environments to **56 youth** healing from trauma, and **17 children** were successfully discharged to a less intensive tier of supervision.

- **1** child was reunified with a family member.
- **3** children were adopted.
- **1** child turned 18 and moved to an independent living program.
- **12** children stepped down to a less restrictive environment. (such as a traditional or therapeutic foster home or group home)

100% of our children maintained an 80% attendance rate at school, and **100%** were promoted to the next grade level.



100% of our kids reported that their behavior had improved since coming to HomeSafe, and **85%** of our children reported they felt more confident in themselves and their abilities since living at HomeSafe.



PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

New Healing Spaces: Thanks to generous support from Kingdom Charitable Trust, HomeSafe built two new Play Therapy rooms at our Sylvester Family Foundation campuses in West Palm Beach. These quiet, calming spaces provide a safe and engaging environment for our children to work through their trauma with our clinicians.



Trauma-Informed Training: All Residential team members were trained over a period of six months on trauma-informed and attachment-based treatment and interventions.



The Healing Power of Art: With Cleveland Clinic's continued investment in our Art & Music Therapy programming, HomeSafe's youth continue to demonstrate greater use of art and music as healthy outlets for emotional expression and coping. 100% of our kids reported increased access to recreational opportunities including art and music exposure since joining our Residential Program.



MALAKI Malaki

Malaki arrived at HomeSafe after being kicked out of his home by his parent and shuffled from foster home to foster home. He struggled with feelings of abandonment, depression, and self-harm, and he experienced challenges with emotional regulation, trust, and expressing his feelings. As Malaki connected with our loving staff and the other children in the program, he became increasingly engaged in treatment and consistently participated in Art and Music Therapy. These sessions provided him with a safe and creative outlet to process emotions that were sometimes difficult to communicate verbally. This summer, Malaki turned 18 and transitioned to an independent living program. Prior to departing, he shared that being at HomeSafe was the first time he felt loved, safe, and confident to be himself.



Independent Living at Pond Place

Pond Place provides safe, affordable housing, mentorship, life skills training, and therapeutic support at the Bernstein Family Foundation Independent Living Campus for young adults ages 18-23 who have aged out of foster care and are pursuing a high school diploma, college degree, or vocational certificate.

The campus offers 11 one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartments and equips our young adults with the skills, confidence, and support needed to successfully transition to independence, overcome life's challenges, and build stable, self-sufficient futures.



13 young adults lived at Pond Place during the year, and actively participated in our independent living housing program.

100% of residents made progress in school, pursuing a high school diploma, vocational certificate, or college degree.

- 9** attended Palm Beach State College
- 1** attended Florida Atlantic University
- 3** graduated from high school and enrolled at Palm Beach State College

100% of our residents have opened and are actively contributing to a savings account.



70% secured part-time employment, building work experience, learning financial literacy, and improving their life skills.



PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Building a Path to College: Three of our residents earned their high school diplomas while participating in our program. All of them continue to live at Pond Place and are attending Palm Beach State College. Savvanah graduated fifth in her high-school class, and is pursuing an associate's degree in Crime Scene Technology, with plans to continue on to earn her bachelor's degree.



Increased Independence: 77% of our young adults obtained a driver's license while living at Pond Place, and three were able to purchase and maintain a vehicle.



Support from the Community: Nakaylin received a scholarship from the Greater West Palm Beach Women's Club for demonstrating academic success and submitting a powerful personal essay. In her words: "Education is a new start for me because it was the only consistent thing I have had. I am ready to shape my identity and add degrees to my name."



ELVIN *Elvin*

After experiencing a turbulent and deeply traumatic childhood, Elvin entered the foster care system and started high school at 17 years old. With support from our Pond Place team, he has excelled academically and graduated this past May. Elvin immediately enrolled at Palm Beach State College over the summer, and is working toward a bachelor's degree and a career in law enforcement. He is grateful for the support he has received from HomeSafe as he works toward a safe, stable, and happy future.



SafetyNet

SafetyNet is HomeSafe’s comprehensive domestic violence prevention and intervention program, providing evidence-based individual therapy, psychoeducational group sessions, case management, safety planning, crisis intervention, and legal advocacy for adult, teen, and child survivors throughout Palm Beach County.

Services are offered in English and Spanish, with complimentary childcare available during group sessions to ensure accessibility. Through trauma-informed support, SafetyNet empowers survivors to heal, regain stability, and build lives free from abuse while helping break the intergenerational cycle of violence.



A total of **371 individuals** received family violence services through SafetyNet this year.

156 adults/teens received group counseling and **61** received individual counseling.



105 domestic violence survivors increased their knowledge about safety protocols and exit strategies.



42 adults participated in Art Therapy, and **22 children** participated in Art and Music Therapy sessions.



PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

In March, SafetyNet hosted “**Día de la Mujer**” (Women’s Day), featuring presentations from successful women entrepreneurs who shared their personal journeys, challenges, and achievements. Current and former domestic violence survivors gained inspiration, built confidence, connected with peers, and developed supportive networks that encourage personal growth and economic empowerment.



One of our SafetyNet families was selected for **The Palm Beach Post Season to Share Program**. Gifts secured from Palm Beach Post readers helped a mother and her three children maintain stable housing and transportation as they rebuilt their lives after domestic violence. HomeSafe received a second significant gift from Season to Share contributors so we could provide direct assistance to 16 other families for essential needs.



At the 2025 Palm Beach County Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Team Opening Ceremony, long-time SafetyNet Victim Advocate, Marlene Rivera, received the Domestic Violence Awareness Month **Impact Award for Victim Advocate Professional of the Year**. For 28 years, she has been a powerful force for survivors of domestic violence in our community.



ALITZA

Alitza

Alitza was abandoned by her parents at an early age and endured physical, emotional, and verbal abuse from her grandparents throughout her childhood and adolescence. Into adulthood, she experienced emotional and financial abuse in her marriage, and continued to endure emotional and verbal abuse after reconnecting with her parents. Years of trauma left Alitza believing she was unworthy of love and respect. When she entered HomeSafe’s SafetyNet program, she was quiet, overwhelmed, and struggling to see her own worth. Through individual therapy and support groups, Alitza began healing and learning what healthy relationships look like. Today, she confidently shares her voice, recognizes her value, and looks toward a future defined not by the abuse she endured, but by the strength she has discovered within herself.



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HomeSafe's Guardian Society donors, who have made lifetime gifts of \$50,000 or more, are a unique group of philanthropists who care deeply about the well-being of our community's most vulnerable children and families. These gifts transform lives and offer hope and healing to survivors of child abuse and domestic violence.

Investing in Children’s Futures

The **HomeSafe Endowment** is a critical resource for ensuring the long-term financial stability of our organization and its life-saving programs. Endowment support allows HomeSafe to provide consistent, high-quality, life-saving services while creating a financial buffer against volatile funding trends. We are grateful to the following contributors who have invested in our endowment over the past five years as part of HomeSafe’s Healing the Hurt Campaign.

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“We are very happy to be able to support HomeSafe in the very important work that it does with children in need. By donating to the endowment, we are increasing the long-term financial strength and stability of HomeSafe. We believe this provides leadership with the confidence and security to provide the best possible decisions and resources for the benefit of the children HomeSafe serves.”



Jeff and Aggie Stoops
Stoops Family Foundation

Year in Review



EVENTS – Top Row: L to R: At our Classic Rock & Roll Party in January, Co-Chair Steve Bernstein recognized board member, Rob Vargas as the 2026 HomeSafe Hero; Also at the Classic, staff members with 20+ years’ service with the agency were recognized. L to R: Classic Co-Chair Steve Bernstein, Derek Earl, Matt Ladika, Natarsha Augustine, LeSchawn Flowers, Classic Co-Chair Abby Bernstein-Henderson, Lakesha Cato, Tommie Duhart, D’Anna Monroe, Monique Barnett and Eric McGirt.; Our spring golf tournament raised more than \$78,000 thanks to the leadership of our Golf Ambassadors, Phil Procacci, Jim MacCutcheon, Logan Shalmi, Patty Larkin, Pete Austin, Brooke Qualk, and Fern Schmidt (not pictured).

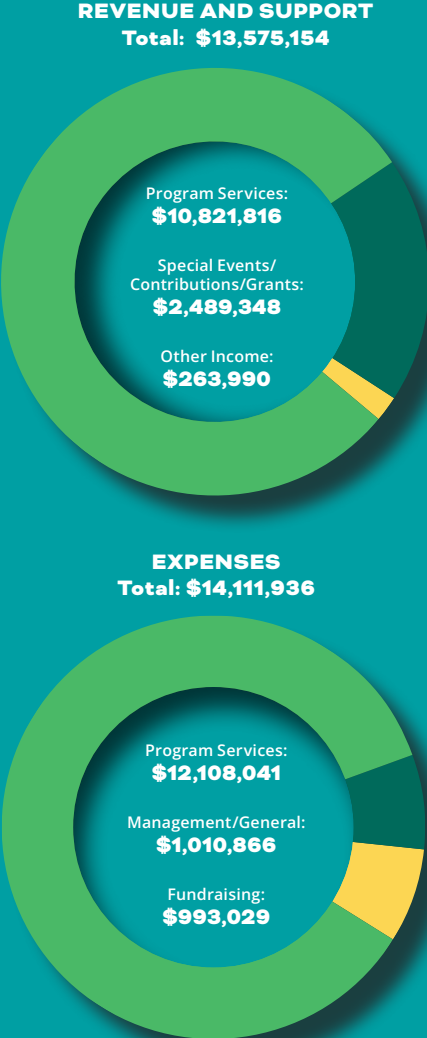
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS – Bottom Row: L to R: Lori Cabrera, Robyn Cohen, Christina Irving and Marcia Mithun from Boca West Children’s Foundation hosted a Galentine’s Day party for the girls on our Boca campus; Board member Mike Bruno (center back row) and his co-workers from Cresset Capital West Palm Beach office, hosted an end-of-school party for the kids; HomeSafe was one of the benefiting agencies for the Florida Panthers Foundation’s holiday toy drive in partnership with WPTV. Pictured are Laura Barker, foundation staff members Brooke Fahey, Emily Rodriguez, and Matthew Smith, Matt Ladika, Lindsey Kostura and Amanda Stone.

Financial Statement

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	
As of June 30, 2026 (Unaudited)	
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalent	\$1,116,932
Accounts receivable	956,923
Pledges receivable, net	2,502,083
Prepaid expenses	855,324
Deposits	34,661
Investments, at market	9,099,153
Split interest agreements, net	25,734
Property, plant and equipment, net	21,457,637
Total Assets.	\$36,048,447

Liabilities and Assets	
Accounts payable	190,577
Accrued compensation	574,313
Other Liabilities	548,850
Total Liabilities	1,313,740
Total Net Assets	34,734,707
Total Net Assets & Liabilities	\$36,048,447

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	
As of June 30, 2026 (Unaudited)	
Revenue and Support	
Program services	\$10,821,816
Grants	974,483
Contributions	657,504
Special events revenue, net	857,361
Other income	62,481
Investment income/loss (net)	201,509
Total Revenue and Support	\$13,575,154
Expenses	
Program services	12,108,041
Management and general	1,010,866
Fundraising	993,029
Total Expenses.	14,111,936
Change in Net Assets from Operations (536,782)	
Extra Ordinary Income	
Comprehensive campaign	1,065,000
Unrealized gains (net of exps.)	1,214,692
Change in Net Assets	1,742,910
Net Assets, beginning of year	32,991,797
Net Assets, end of year.	\$34,734,707



Locations

RESIDENTIAL CAMPUSES

Simon C. Fireman Foundation | Main Campus
2840 Sixth Avenue South, Lake Worth, Florida 33461

Sylvester Family Foundation North
5130 47th Place North, West Palm Beach, Florida 33417

Sylvester Family Foundation West
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Bernstein Family Foundation
680 Ipswich Street, Boca Raton, Florida 33487

HomeSafe at Pond Place
Bernstein Independent Living Campus
3899 Pond Place, Palm Springs, Florida 33461

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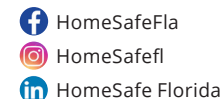
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