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Dear Friend of Safe Harbor:

As you know, Safe Harbor serves children and teenagers who have been abused, which is something that most people can find hard to talk to about. We are here for children and families during some of their most difficult times.

On any day we might serve a 7 year-old who has been sexually assaulted by a step-parent; a 10 year-old who takes care of their younger siblings because their parents are incapacitated by the opioid epidemic; a 14 year-old who is exploited over the internet by an adult posing as a teenager; an 8 year-old who called 911



because his mother was getting choked by her boyfriend and couldn't breathe; or a 4 year-old wearing a sling because of a broken clavicle, due to abuse. *This is difficult stuff to hear about, I know. Our job at Safe Harbor is to not turn away, and I'm so glad you are not turning away either.*

Around 400 children walk through our doors each year. It's our response to their trauma that makes a long-term difference in their lives. Safe Harbor offers compassion, justice, healing, and hope. Our coordinated response helps kids stay in school, become healthy and thriving, and puts them on the road to a productive and happy life.

But we can't do it alone. We rely on the generosity of private funders to keep our doors open - governmental grants are not enough. YOUR gift this year can make a huge impact on a child going through an incredibly difficult ordeal. We provide crisis counseling, trauma-informed forensic interviews, advocacy, child life services, emergency assistance (gas, food, housing), mental health services and referrals to medical exams and long-term counseling.

Here are a few examples of what various gifts could provide at Safe Harbor:

\$50 - Gift cards for Gas, Food & Clothes

\$100 - Case Planning for At-Risk Children or Emergency Housing

\$150 - Trauma-focused Therapy Session

\$300 - Interpretation Services for Forensic Interviews

\$500 - 1 full appointment: forensic interview, advocacy & child life services

Two ways you can have a lasting impact on the sustainability of Safe Harbor:

- 1) **Become a monthly donor:** Your recurring donation helps us plan for the future.
- 2) **Include Safe Harbor in your estate plans.** For information on how you can do that or to notify us of an already established gift, please contact our Development Director, Mikel Domnitz at mikeld@safeharborhelpskids.org.

EXCITING NEWS: Gifts totalling \$1000.00 or more in 2024 qualify you for membership into Safe Harbor's **Lighthouse Keepers Giving Society**. Lighthouses provide a light in the darkness and provide a path to healing, safety, and recovery. Safe Harbor is that place of safety and calm in the storm. Our staff of compassionate, trauma-informed professionals works together with a team of investigators to amplify the voices of the most vulnerable children in our community.

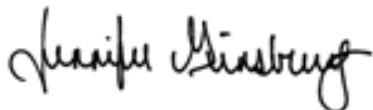
We couldn't do it without the help of our supporters. We are so excited to welcome our inaugural class of Lighthouse Keepers and honor them for their much needed and appreciated support of our vital services.

If you would like more information about benefits of membership, email our Development Director, Mikel at mikeld@safeharborhelpskids.org.

We hope that you will consider a gift to Safe Harbor this year, the ONLY Child Advocacy Center in Dane and surrounding counties - providing vital services to 400 kids and their families each year.

To make a gift - you can mail a check to Safe Harbor 2445 Darwin Rd. Madison, WI 53704, OR donate through our website at <https://www.safeharborhelpskids.org/how-to-help/donate.html> or use the QR code below.

Warmest regards,



Jennifer Ginsburg
Executive Director

