

## “Securing Our Future” ... SAFE Haven’s Endowment Fund

Suppose that someone you know – a young relative ... the child of a friend or a neighbor ... the teenage son or daughter of a co-worker ... an adolescent who attends your place of worship with his or her family ... the student waiting each morning for a school bus on your corner – needs help.

For whatever reason, he or she needs a safe living environment on a temporary basis.

Maybe that youngster has been abused, neglected, or intimidated by gang members. Regardless of the problem or its cause, he or she needs a safe place to spend one or more nights with qualified adult supervision offering compassion, understanding, information, referrals, and community intervention services.

Where would she or he turn?

SAFE Haven of Racine is our local nonprofit agency that provides these critical human services. Our purpose is simple: to improve the quality of life for youth and families. With a rich tradition of helping people in need, we’ve been part of the Racine community for more than 35 years now.

- SAFE Passage, our transitional living facility on West Sixth Street for young adults aged 18-21 supports those needing safe housing as well as providing the educational, emotional and fiscal support that will prepare them to succeed in stable, independent living situations;
- SAFE Haven, our shelter for homeless, abused and runaway youth is located on Washington Avenue, close to many of our community’s more troublesome spots;
- Trained 2-1-1 staff members offer supportive listening and crisis intervention with access to information and referrals for health and human services. In fact, parents desperately trying to cope with abusing their children often call us for help and guidance;



- Our Gang/Crime Diversion Task Force shows adolescents and teenagers how to take charge of their lives, be responsible for their actions, and create a more secure future for themselves away from the harsh realities of involvement in street gangs and crime;
- SAFE Streets is our outreach program to youth on the streets or within the schools and juvenile justice system that helps get them off the streets and into safe shelter. Caring for youngsters in crisis, we provide the resources and tools they need to make positive decisions about the direction of their lives.

Although SAFE Haven applies for and receives some grants and government funding, we must rely on the support of concerned people like you to provide an annual income that will ensure the continued success and sustainability of the organization's operations.

**Securing Our Future**, SAFE Haven's endowment fund, is a practical way for individuals, businesses, and organizations to invest in the future of our children and families through a permanent, self-sustaining fund that will:

- provide fiscal responsibility for SAFE Haven;
- sustain SAFE Haven's day-to-day operations; and
- enable SAFE Haven staff and volunteers to focus on what they do best: providing vital services to the youngest and most at risk members of our community.

Our goal is \$500,000 ... and we still have a long, long way to go to reach this needed amount.

Hopefully, we can count on you to contribute to SAFE Haven's endowment fund.

Just take a moment to complete the information on the following page and return it to us with your tax-deductible contribution..

Thank you making an important – and lasting – connection with our children and community.

Sincerely,



Tom J. Christensen  
Deputy Chief, City of Racine Police Department  
President, SAFE Haven of Racine, Inc. Board of Directors



## Securing Your Future – And Ours!

When thinking about your legacy, what do you think of? Leaving a house or land for your grandchildren? Letting the government levy capital gains taxes on the proceeds your family and beneficiaries may inherit?

By giving to SAFE Haven's Securing Our Future endowment fund, you can be part of strengthening the lives of youth and their families in the greater Racine community. SAFE Haven wants to be part of this community for many more years to come. Yet we know that our funding sources don't provide sustained income ... and we must secure this agency's future to help our children.

### ENDOWMENT FUND PLEDGE

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### YOUR INSTRUCTIONS

Enclosed is a **one-time contribution** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to SAFE Haven of Racine, Inc. for the agency's Securing Our Future endowment fund.

I am **pledging a total contribution** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to SAFE Haven of Racine, Inc. payable over (number of) \_\_\_\_\_ years. I plan to **make my payments**  Monthly (12 payments)  Quarterly (4 payments)  Semi-Annually (2 payments)  Annually (1 payment) **beginning on** (date) \_\_\_\_\_ for the agency's Securing Our Future endowment fund.

Donor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return this form with your contribution and/or pledge instructions to:**



**SAFE HAVEN of Racine, Inc.  
Endowment Fund  
1030 Washington Avenue  
Racine, WI 53403**