There's really no such thing as the voiceless. There are only the deliberately silenced, or the preferably unheard.

Arundhati Roy
Dear Safe Havens Partners, Friends, and Supporters,

Welcome to Safe Havens’ 2018 Annual Report! This report captures the highlights of a busy and fulfilling year, and shares with you our significant impact on individuals, congregations, and faith communities in Greater Boston and across the U.S.

One of my personal highlights in 2018 was Safe Havens’ new partnership with Casa de Esperanza, a nonprofit that serves the Latinx community in St. Paul, MN and around the country. Alyson and I participated in a Listening Circle with Latinx faith leaders and faith community members in November 2018. Casa facilitated the Listening Circle, and we talked about the intersection between faith and abuse.

The conversation was wide-ranging, including the importance of faith in Latinx communities, the needs of young people, and how to best support faithful survivors of abuse. Despite differences in culture, language, faith, and tradition, we found so much common ground: a love of faith and family, the heartfelt belief that no one deserves to be abused, and a gritty determination that faith should be a strength and resource for all faithful survivors of abuse. We also heard a resounding affirmation of Safe Havens’ work.

Safe Havens will be expanding its partnership with Casa de Esperanza in 2019 as part of our wider efforts to center the experiences of those most affected by abuse (people of color, immigrants and refugees, rural communities) in our work.

It’s been a wonderful year, and, as always, the staff at Safe Havens feel blessed to partner with all of you to provide education and resources to faith communities and hope and courage to faithful survivors everywhere.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Hunter

SAFE HAVENS, DIRECTOR
ABOUT SAFE HAVENS

In recent years, a coordinated community-wide response that includes police, courts, medical personnel, schools, and service providers has provided resources and hope to people experiencing domestic violence and elder abuse.

Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse is dedicated to strengthening the capacity of faith communities to engage in this coordinated effort to end abuse. Working as a bridge between service providers and faith communities, Safe Havens provides education, resources, advocacy, and technical assistance to improve access to services, foster leadership development, encourage community collaboration, and promote responsible action.

The faith community is a critical partner in this work because intimate partner violence and elder abuse affect survivors physically, emotionally, and spiritually. In addition, faith leaders (clergy and lay) are important gatekeepers and first responders. In fact, research shows that victims are five times more likely to seek the aid of clergy than any other professional during a trauma. This is particularly true in low-income, urban, rural, immigrant and refugee, and marginalized racial and faith communities where a faith-based institution may be the only resource available or the only trusted or "safe" resource. Older adults who experience abuse are also more likely to turn to a faith leader for help.

Safe Havens works both locally and nationally to provide community outreach, education, resources, networking, advocacy, and technical assistance. Our work aims to improve access to services and to promote prevention and earlier intervention for people experiencing abuse and their families.

The inestimable cost of intimate partner violence, and the urgent and critical nature of Safe Havens’ work, is reflected in the comments of a Safe Havens trainee, who wrote on her program evaluation, “I’m glad you’re doing this work. My mother turned to our pastor years ago for help, but he didn’t believe her. Now maybe another little girl won’t spend her first 11 years being raped, like I did.”

We dream of and work toward a world in which faith leaders respond compassionately and effectively to survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse.
2018 IMPACT

FAITH LEADERS AND ADVOCATES TRAINED

170

CONGREGATIONS TRAINED

32

RESOURCES DISTRIBUTED

950

NATIONAL
As technical assistance service providers for the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice, Safe Havens provides national trainings, technical assistance (TA), resources, and webinars to educate faith leaders and domestic and sexual violence service providers on how to work together to combat domestic violence (DV), sexual violence (SV) and elder abuse.

During 2018, Safe Havens conducted 6 all-day Catalyst Trainings in Maine, Mississippi, and Florida. Our trainings catalyze relationships between service providers and faith leaders by reviewing DV and trauma, addressing barriers to partnerships between faith communities and service providers, and teaching guidelines for safe and effective responses and referrals. We trained 170 individuals: 81 service providers and 89 faith leaders from 32 congregations. It is important to note that many service providers are also members of a faith community, so the number of congregations reached is actually higher than 32. The average congregation includes approximately 50 individuals. Given that our trainings prepare faith-based individuals to relay the information we provide to their congregation, our trainings reached an estimated 1,600 individuals in 2018.

In 2018, Safe Havens provided 100 hours of TA to DV programs, SV programs, dual DV/SV programs, state, tribal, and territory coalitions, faith-based organizations, elder abuse and aging organizations, and national TA service providers. In addition, we distributed 950 educational resources to rural and non-rural communities, including toolkits, training curricula, and a Constitutional Considerations fact sheet.

Safe Havens conducted a 2017 webinar series for advocates on supporting victims and survivors of faith. This webinar series is still available to the public at https://www.interfaithpartners.org, and was viewed by 191 individuals during 2018.
2018 IMPACT

LOCAL

494
PEOPLE TRAINED

8
CONGREGATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

26
TRAINING HOURS
LOCAL TRAINING LOCATIONS

SAFE WITH FAITH OUTREACH AND TRAININGS IN MA

Middlesex County

Norfolk County

Essex County

Suffolk County
Safe Havens’ local initiative in Greater Boston is called Safe with Faith (SwF). This initiative recruits and empowers volunteers within diverse local faith communities to partner with Safe Havens to provide training and technical assistance on domestic violence and elder abuse that is tailored to the needs of their local congregation.

In 2018, Safe Havens worked with 8 active Safe with Faith congregational partners in four Massachusetts Counties: Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk.

Our 8 active Safe with Faith Partners include the following congregations:
- All Saints Episcopal Church, Danvers
- Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead
- Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, Cambridge
- Holy Family Parish, Concord
- Old South Church, Boston
- Old West Church, Boston
- Parkway United Methodist Church, Milton
- Temple Emanu-El, Marblehead

In addition to guiding our active SwF partnerships, Safe Havens provided 26 training hours on domestic violence and elder abuse and reached 494 faith-based leaders and community members directly.

Because New England congregations average 150 constituents, we estimate our Safe with Faith efforts benefited a total of approximately 1,200 people of all ages in 2018 alone.

Congregation by congregation, Safe with Faith seeks to build a world in which victims more easily find safety and healing and congregations actively work to end abuse.

If you or someone you may know is interested in learning more about or becoming a SwF member, please visit our webpage at https://www.interfaithpartners.org/volunteer or contact us at info@interfaithpartners.org.

At a Glance:
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- 494 Faith Leaders and Community Members Trained
- 26 Training Hours
- 1,200 People Reached
CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS

REV. DR. ANNE MARIE HUNTER
DIRECTOR

Anne Marie is an ordained United Methodist pastor. She received her Master of Divinity from Harvard University and a PhD in Religion and Society from Drew University. In 1991, Anne Marie linked her pastoral, seminary, and domestic violence services experience and founded Safe Havens.

ALYSON MORSE KATZMAN, MPA
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Alyson earned her Master’s Degree in Public Administration from New York University. She has extensive experience in public and non-profit management and has been working with Safe Havens since 2002.

CATHERINE OIDTMAN, MPP
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Catie earned her Master’s Degree in Public Policy, specialized in health policy, from the University of Maryland. Prior to joining Safe Havens in 2019, she conducted research on gender-based violence and worked at a healthcare philanthropy.
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We send a very warm thank you to the **ANDREAS FOUNDATION** for their generous and ongoing support.

A special thank you to our very generous **PRIVATE DONORS**. We couldn’t do this without you!

We are also deeply grateful for the **CONGREGATIONS** that support this work.

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- **JANE DOE, INC.**
- **JEWS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION**
- **JEWS WOMEN INTERNATIONAL’S INTERFAITH COALITION**
- **NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP LAB**
- **PHILANTHROPY MASSACHUSETTS**
For more information about Safe Havens’ work or to get involved to make a difference in the lives of people experiencing domestic violence and elder abuse, please contact us.

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