



Annual Report

2022



A Message from our CEO

Safe Horizon has always been there when New Yorkers needed us most: when violent crime hit a peak in the early 1990's in the painful aftermath of 9/11, and when New York City became the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic, Safe Horizon did not pause – not for one minute.

Thankfully, the pandemic entered a different stage in 2022. But with violence on the rise, even more survivors need our community's support now and in the years ahead. When survivors speak out about their journeys – not just the pain but the bravery and support that helped them survive and thrive – that never fails to inspire me. In 2022, we developed compelling campaigns to spread the word about key issues including: gun and community violence campaigns, #TraumaTakesTime to discuss why we must believe survivors when they come forward on their own timeline, and how our staff and community have gone #BeyondTheCall to tap into determination and resourcefulness to show up for survivors. I hope you will feel inspired by the stories shared in this report and accompanying videos on our website.



I am so proud and grateful to each and every member of the Safe Horizon team for ALL that you have done to care for survivors during the extraordinary times we have recently faced together. The truth is, our staff couldn't do what they do if we didn't have a whole community behind us. Our supporters have stepped up, in so many ways. To each and every member of our community – thank you for standing with survivors, and for doing your part to go beyond the call.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz".

Liz Roberts
Chief Executive Officer

Our Impact

We provide assistance, advocacy and support to people who have experienced domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, youth homelessness and other forms of violence. Our community is comprised of thousands of partners who are advocates, survivors, professionals, and donors who come together and support the 1 in 33 New Yorkers who find safety and hope through Safe Horizon each year.

The reach and impact of some of our programs during the period ended June 30, 2022 include:

Children Experiencing Extreme Physical or Sexual Abuse

Our five Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) which are co-located spaces with ACS, NYPD, DA, Medical Services, and are coordinated by Safe Horizon saw **8,869** children and **3,997** caregivers.

Sheltering Families Reclaiming their Lives

We welcomed **819** survivors of domestic violence and their **1,169** children who found safety and began their journeys to healing in one of our eight Domestic Violence Shelters.

Supporting Survivors

Our **Crime Victim Assistance Program** (CVAP) connects Safe Horizon advocates and survivors of crime or domestic violence in 86 NYPD commands, and select Special Victims Divisions. CVAP advocates worked with a total of **35,329** survivors.

Community Programs

provide practical assistance, crisis intervention, supportive counseling, and case management for survivors of crime to **1,165** clients.

Legal Programs

Domestic Violence Law

Project (DVLP) provides free representation, information, and consultation to domestic violence victims – we served **1,117** clients.

Immigration Law Project

(ILP) provides advice and low-cost legal representation to victims of crime with immigration law-related matters. We provided representation or advice to **903** clients, and **4,686** information and referral calls.

Anti-Trafficking Program

(ATP) provides legal and social work services to survivors of labor trafficking and sex trafficking. We worked with **295** clients and provided **1,204** telephone counseling sessions.

Hotlines, Help Line and Safe Chat

Our three 24/7 Hotlines answered 102,825 calls. Our Hotlines include the Domestic Violence Hotline (**87,969** calls), the Rape and Sexual Assault Hotline (**9,138** calls), and the Crime Victims Hotline (**5,718** calls). Advocates offer personalized, nonjudgmental advocacy, supportive counseling, and referrals.

The Helpline - our centralized telephone intake center serving all Community Program offices - connected with clients at **5,095** unique telephone numbers.

Safe Chat conducted **1,003** online chats where survivors ask questions and explore options.

Young People Experiencing Homelessness

The Streetwork program operates two drop-in centers, an overnight shelter, and an outreach program for homeless youth. Streetwork drop-in centers provide practical assistance (showers, hot meals, clothing), case management, and mental health services. We worked with **1,237** clients across the drop-in centers and the overnight shelter, and our outreach team had **10,716** contacts.

Responding to Community and Gun-related Violence

Gun violence has become more prevalent in New York City and across the country. [According to one CSC study in 2022 about 124 people die from a firearm-related injury each day.] Many New Yorkers may not fully understand the far-reaching impact that gun violence has for survivors and their families and communities. For communities of color and particularly boys and young men of color, many people don't know gun violence support is available or simply aren't offered help.

In 2022 Safe Horizon launched a digital campaign to raise awareness of this issue and of the resources Safe Horizon provides. Gun violence can happen to you or someone you care about. When these incidents occur, it is important not to blame the victims of a shooting for being in the way of a bullet.

When there is an incident involving a gun, there is an effect on an entire community, not just one person. In the aftermath

of a shooting incident, the family members of the person who may have been shot are deeply affected. Community members who heard or witnessed the shooting are impacted by the trauma of being near a shooting incident, and an individual survivor has to cope with the traumatic aftermath of being shot or shot at. Some people may experience anxiety or fear about leaving their home or walking outside because of the trauma experienced during the shooting. Sadly, often families grieve the loss of a family member killed.

At Safe Horizon we are raising awareness of the factors that contribute to the rise in gun violence. These factors include economic factors, systemic racism, and the environments in which people live. We urgently call for common sense gun reforms, and for critically needed responses to the economic and mental health conditions that contribute to gun violence.



On November 21, 2021, 18-year-old Keondre Adams was shot and killed at a deli in Tompkinsville on Staten Island. Keondre's family, friends, and community members come together to honor his memory and talk about the impact of gun violence on their community.

Watch Keondre's friends compelling story of coping with loss and grief and help from Safe Horizon.

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Keondre was like a son to Heather, who found support at Safe Horizon. Community leaders and mentors Malcolm Penn of Penn & Perry Inc and Mike Perry from True2Life, Heather, Keondre's family and friends come together to reflect on how understanding trauma helps them cope and heal.

Watch a community's response to gun violence.

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Our services include:

- One-on-one support
- Work with the whole family
- Counseling
- Ongoing safety planning
- Legal and financial assistance
- Connections to partner agencies who provide additional services

For immediate help call:

24/7 Crime Victims Hotline: **1-866-689-HELP (4357)**

*TDD machine for all hotlines: **1-866-604-5350**

SafeChat online chat support service
safehorizon.org/safechat

For a list of all gun violence resources, visit:
safehorizon.org/gv

Advocating for Survivors of Sexual Assault

Too often when sexual assault survivors speak out about what they experienced, they hear questions like: *Why did it take you so long?*

At Safe Horizon, we never ask that question. Instead, we say something far more important to survivors: I believe you! At Safe Horizon we know that #TraumaTakesTime. Readiness to come forward can take months, years, and even decades.

The Road to Justice for Survivors

Many survivors of sexual assault need time to process the hurt they've experienced. For years, New York State laws were out of step with that reality. Beginning around 2007, New Yorkers advocated for legislation that would expand the ability for survivors of childhood sexual abuse to have their day in court. Known as the **Child Victims Act (CVA)**, this legislation created meaningful and long-overdue statute of limitation reform for adults who experienced sexual abuse before their 18th birthday.

The Adult Survivors Act (ASA) created a one-year look back window for adult sexual assault survivors who are outside the statute of limitations.

To learn more about the Child Victims Act visit safehorizon.org/cva

To learn more about the Adult Survivors Act visit safehorizon.org/asa

Here is a snapshot of the milestones that brought us to these new reforms:

2006

Safe Horizon joins a coalition of survivors, victim service providers, advocacy organizations, and national experts to advocate for statute of limitation reform for survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

2019

After 13 years of being proposed in the New York State legislature, the CVA passes both houses and is signed into law. The CVA officially takes effect in August.

2019
Summer

Safe Horizon launches a public awareness campaign to inform New Yorkers about their new rights under the CVA.

2020
Winter

Members of the state legislature who sponsored the CVA introduce the ASA.

2020
Summer

The CVA one-year lookback window is extended in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2022
Spring

The ASA passes in both houses and is signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul.

2022
Fall

Safe Horizon launches an awareness campaign, premiering a PSA in Times Square where survivors and lawmakers stood together in solidarity.

The 1-year window of the ASA officially opens on Thanksgiving, meaning any adult survivor – no matter when they were assaulted and even if they are outside the statute of limitations – can file a civil case against their abuser or the institution that protected them, through November 23, 2023.



Supporting Our Community

BEYOND THE CALL

Survivors of abuse connect to Safe Horizon at some of the worst moments of their lives. Providing support takes extraordinary compassion, commitment, and expertise. That's what Safe Horizon staff provide, and they go to extraordinary lengths, doing whatever it takes, to make sure every survivor feels supported. At Safe Horizon, we always go #BeyondtheCall because for our staff, helping survivors is personal – and we count on our community of supporters to fuel this work.

Watch these brief stories of how our community goes #BeyondTheCall in 2022 and beyond.

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Celines Finds Her Community at Lang House



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Trudiann Comes Forward and Finds Support



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Hyacinth and Kaeleen's Inspiring Connection



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We are a strong community for survivors of violence and abuse, and we have been going Beyond the Call to help New Yorkers when and where they need us for more than four decades. You are an integral part of our community.

Please join the more than **2,400 caring individuals**, who contributed over **\$2.7 Million** in 2022.

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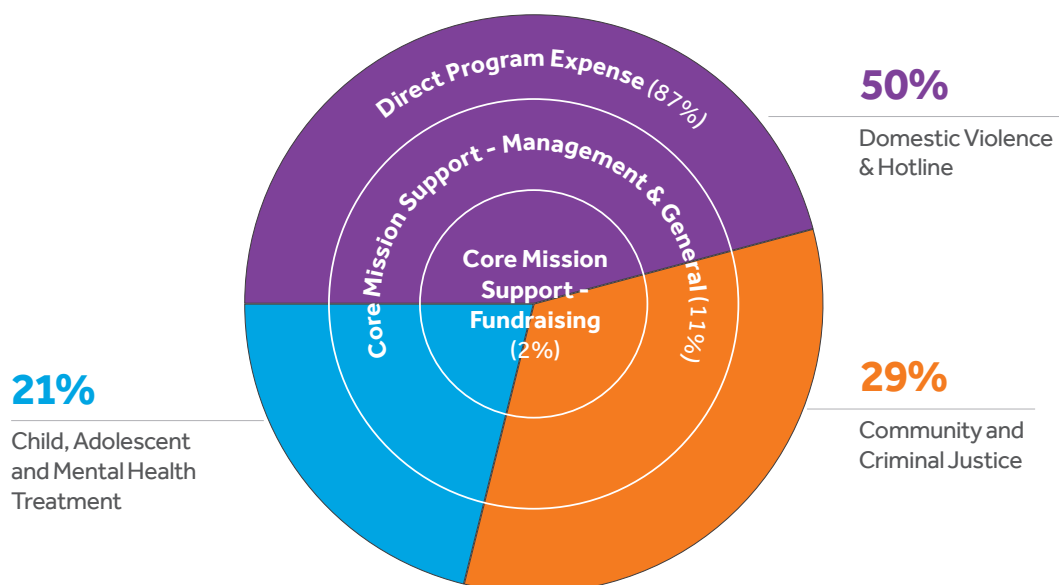
Financials

	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets			
Beginning of year	\$43,392,612	\$39,071,293	\$35,378,541
End of Year	\$44,459,932	\$43,392,612	\$39,071,293
Change	\$1,067,320	\$4,321,319	\$3,692,752

Where Our Funds Came From

	2022	2021	2020
Grants	\$83,344,323	\$81,049,117	\$82,767,586
Contribution	\$6,835,582	\$9,404,207	\$8,193,064
In Kind Contributions	\$2,642,664	\$2,476,869	\$2,582,852
Special Events	\$939,316		
Investments	-\$1,363,157	\$1,372,348	\$855,943
Fees	\$1,219,499	\$1,410,141	\$1,520,660
Gain (loss) on Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust	-\$155,081	\$203,127	\$(16,343)
Miscellaneous	\$657,235	\$617,815	\$331,973
TOTAL REVENUE	\$94,120,381	\$96,533,624	\$96,235,735

How We Spent Our Funds in 2022



Our Board and Leaders on The Horizon

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Since 1978, Safe Horizon has been at the forefront of helping victims of crime and abuse. We are woven into the fabric of New York City, and are here when and where you need us. We are always in your community, or at the other end of a phone any time of the day or night.

www.safehorizon.org

Our mission is to provide support, prevent violence and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families and communities.