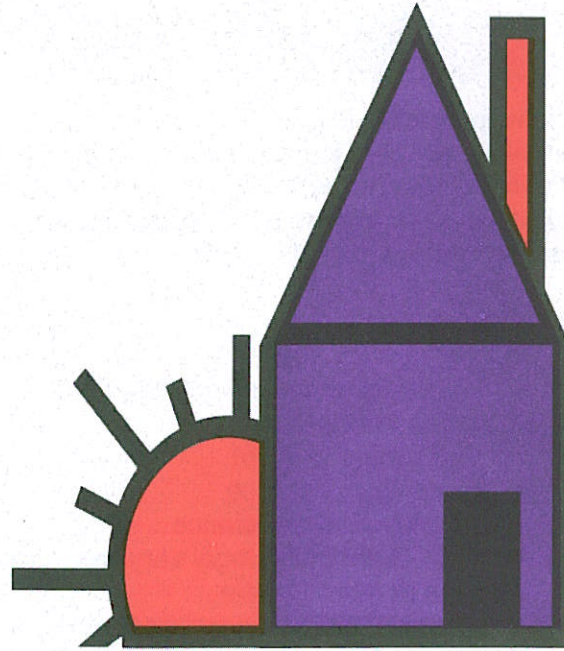


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# Safe Horizons

## Services and Programs

**Shelter  
Referrals and Personal Advocacy  
Court Advocacy  
Counseling Services  
Support Groups  
Public Speaking and Training**

*The mission of Safe Horizons is to partner with the community to provide the resources, support and education necessary for every individual to become empowered and live a life free from domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness.*

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### The Beginning

The agency began in 1977 as a volunteer program dealing with sexual assault and child sexual abuse. It was known as St. Clair County Rape Task Force. The Task Force found themselves dealing with numerous victims of domestic violence.

In 1978, the Task Force partnered with other advocacy groups in the area to become St. Clair County Domestic Assault and Rape Elimination Services Task Force [DARES].

From 1978 through 1981 DARES was funded through small local donations. In November 1981, DARES received its first major funding from the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board.

On December 1, 1983, DARES opened its first shelter facility and offered temporary shelter to victims of domestic and sexual violence and operated a 24-hour crisis line.

In 1991, DARES added ending homelessness to its primary mission and added the Pathway Shelter Home. The shelter opened April 8, 1991 at 511 Union Street in Port Huron. This facility is still running and provides shelter and support services to homeless men, couples and families.

In 1995 Carolyn's Place, a 20 bed facility for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, opened to honor former DARES Executive Director, Carolyn Superczynski.

DARES became Safe Horizons in the year 2000.

Safe Horizons has provided more than 70,000 nights of stay for homeless residents of St. Clair County

### Donor Opportunities

A significant portion of Safe Horizons' services are supported by donations received from the community.

*\$25.00 will provide*

- Two nights shelter for a homeless person

*\$50.00 will provide*

- Milk for all residents for one week
- Laundry detergent for both shelters for one week

*\$100.00 will provide*

- Gasoline for one domestic violence client to relocate out of state
- Toilet paper for the agency for two months

*\$250.00 will provide*

- One month of shelter electricity
- 250 lunches

*A donation of \$500.00 will provide*

- Shelter heat and hot water for one winter month at Pathway

*A donation of \$1,000.00 will provide*

- A new and clean pillow to each child that arrives in our shelters for one year

### Volunteer Opportunities

*We need:*

- Crisis Line Workers
- First Response Advocates
- Shelter Aides
- Groundskeepers
- Maintenance People
- Carpenters
- Plumbers
- Drivers
- Children's advocates
- Computer Techs