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# 2019 LEGISLATIVE DAY OF ACTION

New York State has the highest demand for domestic violence services in the country. On May 14th, Safe Homes joined the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV) and dozens of advocates and survivors to call on state lawmakers to invest in domestic violence programs. Together, we must ensure victims receive the help they need to stay safe and protect their families and address the root causes that make domestic violence happen in the first place.







# WE CAN BE HEROES!

## 5K AND KIDS FUN RUN

A gorgeous spring day set the tone for our 2nd Annual "We Can Be Heroes" 5k and Kids Fun Run on April 14th. Runners and walkers had a great time winding through some of the most beautiful streets in Newburgh!

This event would not have been a success without the generous help of the **City of Newburgh Police Department**, the **Newburgh Enlarged City School District**, **Mobile Life Support Services**, **Newburgh Free Academy Student-Athletes**, the **Hudson Valley Ghostbusters**, and *all our amazing race volunteers!*

### THANK YOU

to our 2019 race sponsors:

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

FERNANDO CRUZ, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Men's Overall  
HANNAH SCHMITT, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Women's Overall









# CHARITY BARTENDING

NEWBURGH BREWING COMPANY

Many 5k & Fun Runners joined us after the race at Newburgh Brewing Company for our Charity Bartending fundraiser. All cash tips benefitted Safe Homes and a lucky \$777 was raised!

**Thank you to our celebrity bartenders:**

JULIANA LOBIONDO, of LoBiondo Law Offices

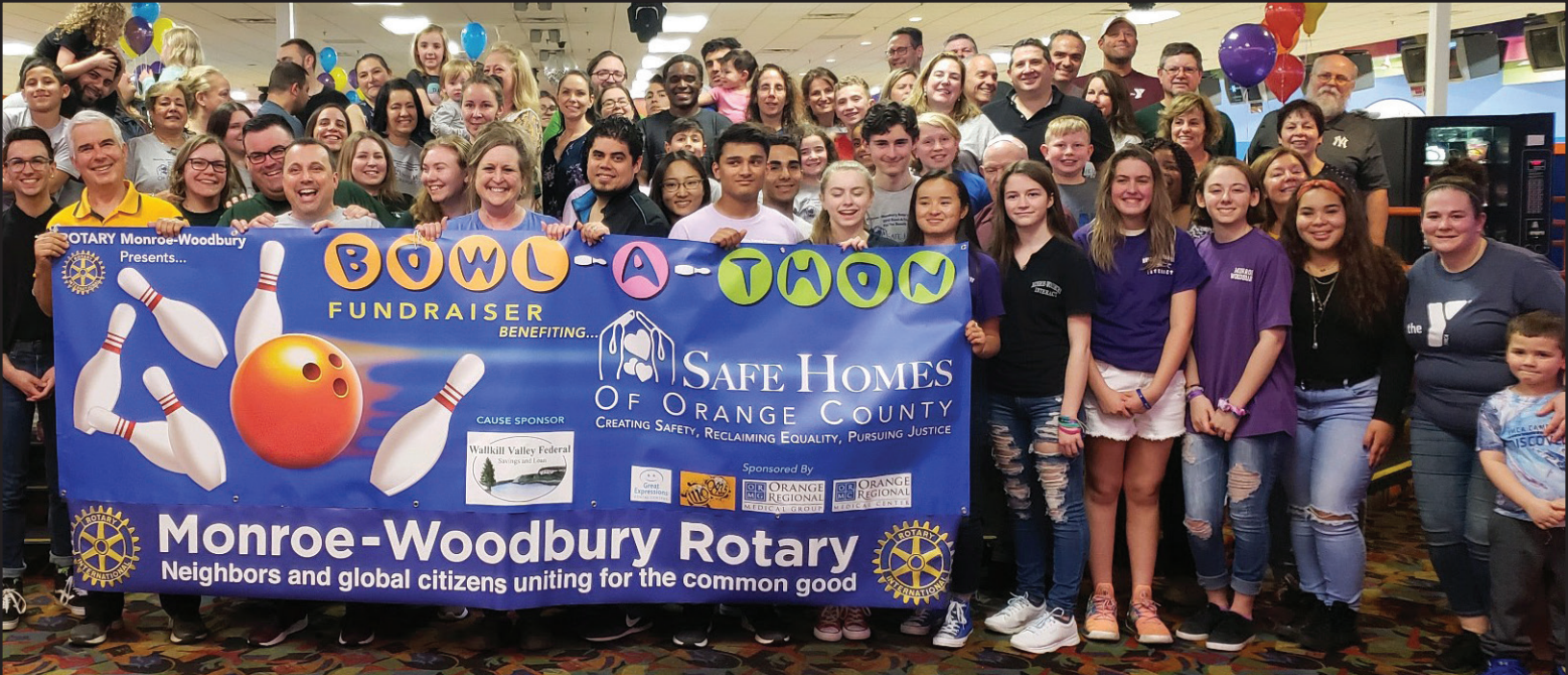
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A very special THANK YOU to  
Kelly Nolan and Shawn Leo of **THE HEY NOWS**





# MONROE-WOODBURY ROTARY CLUB 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON

Monroe-Woodbury Rotary Club held their 4th annual Bowl-a-thon for Safe Homes on May 4th at Colonial Lanes in Chester. Run entirely by the Rotarians, \$9,025 was raised this year! Monroe-Woodbury Rotary has raised over \$40,000 in four years for Safe Homes programming through this fun family event. Thank you so much to Elaine and the entire MWR team for all their hard work organizing this event each year. Thank you to the generous sponsors, and most of all thank you to each and every bowler for your support of Safe Homes! We hope to see you again next year!





# 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ORANGE & SULLIVAN PARTNERS IN JUSTICE RECEPTION

On May 21st, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) honored Safe Homes and our Executive Director, Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier, at the 3rd Annual Orange & Sullivan Partners in Justice Reception at Newburgh Brewing Company. While poverty significantly impacts many victims that Safe Homes supports, access affects all victims. Whether it's access to information; resources; assets; expert witnesses; funding for materials and documentation; or access to printing - access, in general, impacts every victim that walks through our doors.



In her remarks, Kellyann said, "There's a lot of hard work to do, but there is no better team I want to be on, than the privilege of working with LSHV - and I will do everything in my power to continue to find funding and resources to expand, because there will never be enough civil attorneys or enough legal service attorneys in the work that we're doing."

In 2013, Safe Homes partnered with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) to provide increased access to holistic legal services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking in the areas of family offense, custody, visitation, child support, and victim-related immigration matters. As a result of this partnership, one full-time attorney and one full-time paralegal from LSHV were co-located at Safe Homes Family Justice Center. In October 2016, LSHV was awarded additional funding to enhance our collaboration from the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), providing one additional full-time attorney to our project. In October 2018, Safe Homes was awarded additional funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) to once again expand legal services to victims. Through OVS, Safe Homes expanded our contract with LSHV to employ three attorneys and one paralegal who will be located at LSHV offices in Newburgh and Monticello, allowing Safe Homes to expand these vital services into Sullivan County.



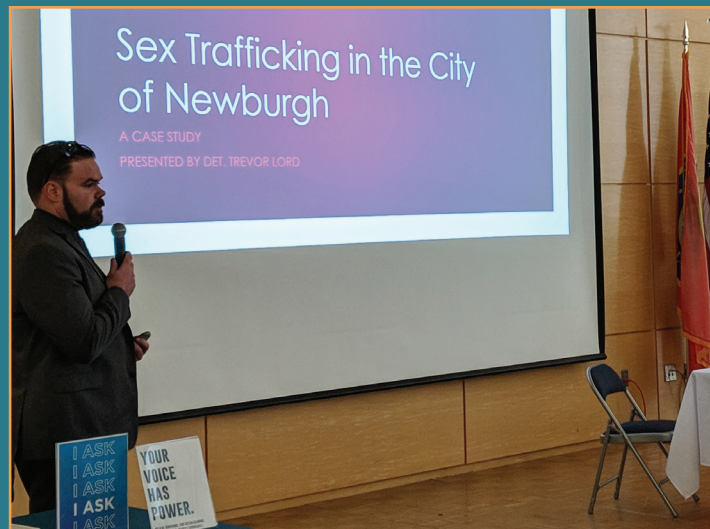
In 2018,  
LSHV provided  
legal assistance to  
**1,849**  
victims of  
domestic violence.

**70%**  
of LSHV clients are  
women.

For more information:  
**lshv.org**







# I AM JANE DOE

## A CONFERENCE ON SEX TRAFFICKING

On April 30th, *I Am Jane Doe: A Conference on Sex Trafficking* was held at the SUNY Orange Newburgh Campus. Presented by SUNY Orange Cultural Affairs, the Orange County Human Rights Commission, and Safe Homes of Orange County, this one-day event began with a screening of the powerful documentary *I Am Jane Doe*. We were excited to have two special guests, Nacole Svendgard and her daughter, whose family's story is one of several told in the film. Both mother and daughter spoke at length about their experiences and the progress that has been made through their activist work against the systems perpetuating sex trafficking.

The afternoon session included a panel discussion on *Policy, Education, and Advocacy: a multi-level approach to addressing sex trafficking in our communities*. Both Nacole and her daughter participated in the panel, as well as Safe Homes Collaborative Programs Director, Pam O'Dea, Orange County Senior Assistant District Attorney Jessica Dovico, and Madeline Heir from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

The day concluded with a case study presented by **City of Newburgh Detective, Trevor Lord**, and **Safe Homes Risk Reduction Response Program Project Coordinator, Joanna Janik**. Incredibly, earlier that same day, the trafficking perpetrators in this particular case were sentenced in Orange County Court to a total of eighteen years in state prison in connection with the 2017 forcible rape and sexual assault of a teenage girl in a Newburgh apartment.

Human trafficking can happen anywhere. Would you be able to recognize the signs and know what to do to help? Safe Homes offers free education and prevention workshops on human trafficking, domestic violence, and teen dating violence. If you are interested in bringing a workshop to your agency, business, school, or community organization, please contact us at (845) 562-5365 or by email at [admin@safehomesorangecounty.org](mailto:admin@safehomesorangecounty.org).





# THANK YOU

**Crystal Run Healthcare Employees** for your incredible generosity!



**American Heritage Girls Troop #4813** for the beautiful birthday bags made for children staying at our shelter!

**Orange Bank & Trust** for your generous donation!



**Warwick Valley Rotary Club** for helping us provide safety and supportive services to those that need it!



# THANK YOU

## WOMEN SERVING WOMEN SUMMIT

We are incredibly grateful to the Omega Women's Leadership Center for the opportunity to "Do Power Differently" at the Women Serving Women Summit during Nonprofit Week in May. This is the fourth time Safe Homes has been granted the incredible gift of a retreat open to our entire staff. The Omega Institute in Rhinebeck is a unique place that has allowed us the space to breathe deep and gain insight into the future of our work.



Safe Homes Executive Director, Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier, is deeply honored to be one of 14 inaugural Juno Leadership Collective grant recipients.

"The Juno Leadership Collective is dedicated to lifting up issues, organizations, and individual leaders. The remarkable women selected to receive grants this year are working to solve some of the most intransigent issues women face today.

We are committed to moving the needle on these critical issues by advancing women's leadership and strengthening the organizations they spearhead."

— Carla Goldstein,  
cofounder of the Omega Women's Leadership Center

## UNDOING RACISM

In June, Safe Homes staff attended Undoing Racism, a workshop facilitated by the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond. Participants analyzed the structures of power and privilege that hinder social equity and learned how to be effective organizers for justice in an effort to dismantle racist structures in the United States. Thank you to Orange County Government, the Orange County Human Rights Commission, and YWCA Orange County for once again bringing this powerful workshop to our community.





# SAFE HOMES OF ORANGE COUNTY 2019 CELEBRATION OF HOPE HONOREES



## **FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AWARD**

**Kristen M. Gibbons Feden**

*Associate, Stradley Ronon, Philadelphia, PA*

Kristen M. Gibbons Feden is a nationally acclaimed litigator and concentrates her practice on institutional responses to sexual and gender-based harassment and abuse, ethical concerns, discrimination, and other misconduct. Kristen represents clients in general and complex litigation matters, including sexual harassment, employment discrimination, and Title IX and corporate regulatory compliance, as well as clients in the financial services industry.



## **HOPE AWARD**

**Blaise Gomez**

*Reporter for News 12 Hudson Valley*

Blaise Gomez is an Emmy-nominated general assignment reporter for News 12 Hudson Valley. She began her career with News 12 as a freelance reporter in 2007, covering Westchester, Hudson Valley and Connecticut. Gomez has reported on and covered nationally recognized breaking news stories including the Angelika Graswald case, Tragedy on the Taconic, Horror on the Hudson and the Newtown School Massacre. Prior to joining News 12, Gomez got her start in Broadcast Journalism reporting news on-air for WRCR AM 1300 Radio Rockland in Nanuet, NY and then on-camera for Time Warner Cable's Cable 6 News in Middletown, NY. She interned at CBS in Manhattan and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors Degree in Communications from Pace University in Pleasantville, NY in 2006. Gomez was born and raised in Orange County, where she still lives.



## **MILDRED WARREN GOOD-NEIGHBOR AWARD**

**Ashley Lenahan, Caitlin Tabala, and Nicole Pena**

*Stylists, Activists, and Owners of Indigo Beauty Lounge in Chester, NY*

Indigo Beauty Lounge was founded upon the life long dream of three like-minded women. Established in September 2018, Ashley, Caitlin, and Nicole have made it a top priority to ensure their business acts as a platform for the greater good of the community. They are extremely proud of their sustainable salon, but even more so of the relationship they have built with Safe Homes. They have worked hard to increase public awareness about the issues Safe Homes provides resources for, as well as to fundraise for the organization. This year, their goal is to engage other local salons in fundraising opportunities for Safe Homes. Their desire to empower women and give back to their community has allowed them to thrive in the business they love each day!



## **JANE CHERTOCK LEGACY AWARD**

**Ada Lara**

*Youth Activist and Survivor*

Since 2004, more than 25 women have been murdered by their intimate partner in Orange County. At our annual Celebration of Hope, we remember their names. Ada's mother, also named Ada Lara, is one of the women whose memory we honor each year.

"My mom was a very fun and caring person. At age 12, I was just starting to get to know who she was, to become close with her -- but in a split second that was taken away from me. Afterward, I was heavily supported by so many people, but did not realize that one group was Safe Homes. Years later, when I found out, I decided to support Safe Homes. Giving back to an organization that helped me during a hard time, in order to help others just like me, makes me feel great. It feels like a great way to honor my mom."



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Together for a world free of fear.

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**OCTOBER 25, 2019 ANTHONY'S PIER 9**

*For information about sponsorship packages, screen ads, tickets, or to donate to our silent auction, please contact:*

**ALISON FISHER, Events & Community Engagement Manager, at:  
(845) 562-5365 ext. 101 or [afisher@safehomesorangecounty.org](mailto:afisher@safehomesorangecounty.org)**

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**POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY**



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPOTLIGHT

## MEGAN BAMBINO

Freelance Project Manager

Safe Homes has served such an important role in this community for decades and I'm thrilled to be a part of its future.



We proudly welcome our newest board members.



## MICHELLE PFEFFER

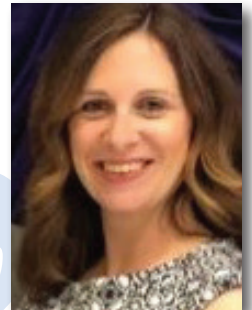
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson, Home in the Hudson Valley  
Better Homes & Gardens | Rand Realty

I'm so excited to be a part of the board of a nonprofit dedicated to creating real change in our world through social justice, education, and support and services for our community members who need it the most. My hope, as a new board member, is to create more awareness and raise more support for this incredible mission so they can continue doing this very challenging and important work.

## KELLY A. PRESSLER

Senior Counsel  
Jacobowitz and Gubits, LLP

I had previously assisted with providing services to victims of domestic violence and was looking for a way to become more involved in Orange County. I learned about Safe Homes and was immediately so impressed with its scope of services, reach within the County, and most of all, dedication to survivors. I knew right away that I wanted to be a part of this incredible organization and its movement, and to help in whatever way I can.



**SAFE HOMES OF ORANGE COUNTY**

# ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 30TH, 2019

## BACK TO SCHOOL

time is coming up fast!  
Please donate if you can.

**2019 BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES WISH LIST**

- sturdy backpacks for teens & kids
- colored pencils • markers • rulers
- glue sticks • school glue • safety scissors
- geometry sets • scientific calculators
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- tissue boxes or packs • hand sanitizer
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- loose-leaf paper • blue and red pens
- disinfecting wipes • staple removers
- staplers • lined index cards • highlighters
- gift cards for clothing & shoes

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