



## S.A.F.E. Place Shelter

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[www.safeplaceshelter.org](http://www.safeplaceshelter.org)

**Mission:** to offer safety, empowerment, advocacy, and support to victims of domestic violence & their children.

S.A.F.E. Place is an emergency domestic violence shelter for women and their families. It serves Calhoun, Barry, and Eaton counties. The shelter and its crisis line are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There are 54 beds, and many nights all of them are full.

The average stay is 30 days. During that time, guests are offered opportunities for counseling, legal advice, and referrals to other community agencies that also offer support. All programs are voluntary and free of charge. The focus is on services which will help victims make informed decisions in a secure, supportive environment. S.A.F.E Place also welcomes those who have a place to stay but need these support services. Special programs give children the chance to process their feelings and deal with their worries. Because victims of domestic violence often must leave their home quickly, they may arrive with nothing. S.A.F.E. Place also provides food, clothing, and basic needs.

*In the time it took you to read this flyer, an average of 20 people in the U.S. have been physically abused by their partner.*

## Connecting with Mercy

Collecting items for women & children at S.A.F.E. Place at Weekend Masses  
**September 16 & 17**

Suggested items:  
personal care items  
combs, brushes, lotion,  
bar soap, first aid supplies,  
new sippy cups, pacifiers  
baby bottles, baby wipes,  
new or gently used  
washcloths, bath towels,  
twin size sheets, blankets.

**for kids:**  
card games,  
construction paper, stickers,  
puzzles, puzzle books or  
coloring books.

## CARE CARDS – NOTES OF SUPPORT AND HOPE

Since 2017 Connecting with Mercy has been delivering note cards with handwritten messages of encouragement to women at Safe Place. No names are exchanged. The cards are in a basket and available for someone to choose from on a down day. The message is signed just with initials, a first name, or “a friend.” The cards lift spirits and remind women that we care about their wellbeing. Blank note cards are available in the wooden box on the wall in the Narthex.



For all victims of domestic violence, that they may find safety, hope and peace, we pray to the Lord.