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## SPECIAL APPEAL: THANK YOU

“Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone,” said writer G.B. Stern, so the staff and Board of Directors of Someplace Safe, Inc. would like to announce our appreciation for the response of community members to our Special Appeal of four weeks ago. We've received replies from businesses, churches, community leaders, and many individuals. In spite of these challenging economic times, the financial support donated to Someplace Safe, Inc., which assists victims of domestic abuse, has been generous and self-sacrificing. Many supporters wrote kind and inspiring notes and donated even while expressing personal hardship. Economic hardship certainly affects many citizens within our locality and beyond, and **Someplace Safe, Inc.'s presents a unique experience as the demand for services increases while funding decreases.** To find out why, please read the Special Appeal below.

Someplace Safe, Inc., Trumbull County's only domestic violence agency, is a private non-profit organization and **does not** charge its clients for services. Please call us at 330-393-3003 for the tax deduction information you'll need to receive credit for your donation. If you missed the opportunity to donate, you can easily do so with your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover card at [www.someplacesafe.org](http://www.someplacesafe.org) or mail donations to 1540 Tod Avenue NW; Warren, OH 44485. Please remember:

### SPECIAL APPEAL: Second Notice

Trumbull County's unemployment rate is 14.2% and has more than doubled since 2008. Not only does this affect our local economy, consider what else this means for our community: **Violence against women increases as male unemployment increases.** When a woman's male partner is employed, the rate of violence is 4.7%. It's 7.5% when the male experiences one period of unemployment. It's 12.3% when the male experiences two or more periods of unemployment (WomensLaw.org). A female victim's lack of money, meanwhile, is a common reason why she may refuse to leave an abusive partner. It still costs:

- \$504 to provide a victim 6 safe nights of shelter
- \$264 to provide age-appropriate, three-day presentation to a local Trumbull County school
- \$150 to provide a victim with 10 hours of group support
- \$105 to provide a child with 7 hours of individual support services
- \$50 to provide a victim with food for 5 days

**Operating costs remain a constant, though Someplace Safe, Inc. has a reported decrease of 19% in overall income and an increase in need of services. In order to continue to offer a safe place for victims of our community and provide crisis intervention services, won't you please help us continue to serve the growing number of victims—your mother, friend, sister, coworker, and neighbor?**