



SIGNATURE PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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AS OF 2/23/21 S.A.F.E. HOUSE™ NUMBERS:

- 6** Current Residents (Max of 6)
- 12-17** Age range of all residents
- 16** Average age
- 4-6** Average months of stay
- 57** Clients served since opening, May '18

**Residents come to us from counties all across California.*

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COASTLAND CARP:

MORE THAN JUST A CHIC BOUTIQUE

Before Covid-19 hit, a couple of Junior Leaguers were able to visit Coastland Carp to observe the S.A.F.E. House™ girls working hard to create artisan goods. The girls were proudly crafting shampoo bars, soaps, candles, potted succulents, jewelry, wooden coasters, and more.

Coastland is a nonprofit retail store operated by the Pro Deo Foundation, a local Christian private operating foundation committed to creating opportunities for children and youth to flourish. Students are the heartbeat of Coastland in their maker space where they run an after school youth entrepreneur and business training program called Pathways.

Local students who participate in Pathways learn how to make the products sold in the store and how to run a business. 100% of the profits of sales are shared by the students in the form of scholarship grants. Nearly all of the products at Coastland are made by and for local youth.



Coastland Carp is located at 768 Linden Avenue in Carpinteria and is open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm

SERVING TOGETHER

Last spring, Junior League members were able to participate in a unique Impacts event supporting the Food Bank of Santa Barbara.

We partnered with S.A.F.E. House™ girls in a morning of gleaning oranges donated by a local farmer to help feed those in need.



APPLES TO ZUCCHINI AREN'T JUST TASTY

Apples to Zucchini is a Santa Barbara based cooking school who's mission is to teach young people how to prepare delicious, nutritious, and affordable meals made from real food. Prior to Covid, an instructor was visiting S.A.F.E. House™ and teaching the girls. Cooking is an excellent independent living skill that has benefitted the girls greatly.



A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



Thanks to some very generous donations the girls at S.A.F.E. House™ had a wonderful Christmas in 2020. In addition to individual gifts, we were able to purchase outdoor furniture for them to enjoy in the backyard.

The Signature Project Committee gets excited about birthdays and works hard to ensure that each resident gets recognized, appreciated, and given a gift on their special day.

Earlier this year, in 2021, we put together "Party in Box" packages for the house to celebrate Valentines Day and St. Patricks Day with crafts, decorations, baking projects, and silly swag.

WHAT IS S.A.F.E. House™ ? TALKING POINTS:



- S.A.F.E. House™ opened May 31st, 2018. The opening of S.A.F.E. House Santa Barbara™ was a joint effort between the Junior League of Santa Barbara and 4 Kids 2 Kids, Inc.
- S.A.F.E. (Saving At-risk youth From Exploitation) House Santa Barbara™ is a 6-bed therapeutic, rehabilitative shelter for minor female survivors of commercial sexual exploitation.
- All residents are under 18.
- It is a California state licensed Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP). Residents come for a term of 6 months before transitioning.
- It is located in Santa Barbara County.
- 4 Kids 2 Kids, Inc. is the non-profit which holds the state license for S.A.F.E. House Santa Barbara™ and administers all programming.

SB COUNTY TRAFFICKING STATISTICS



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WHAT'S TRENDING...

On July 30 we recognize World Day Against Trafficking in Persons - a global problem that hits home here in Santa Barbara.

The League encourages the community to read more about World Day against Trafficking in Persons and share [UNODC's resources](#) to increase awareness.

For more information: National Human Trafficking Resource Hotline 1.888.375.7888 · humantrafficking@SBSheriff.org
Dr. Kary O'Brien, kobrien.research@gmail.com · TraffickStopSB.org

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

UPCOMING:

Starting in September, we will be conducting pandemic-compliant monthly outings with the residents at S.A.F.E. House™ & Living Arrows. All JLSB Members are invited to join us. More info coming soon.

- **Donate your time.** Offer to host a Zoom Meeting with the girls at S.A.F.E. House™. This can be something educational -like teaching origami or fun - like a pizza party.
- **Donate funds.** JLSB works hard to support S.A.F.E. House with everything from general maintenance to the home to holiday gifts. Your donation would go directly towards helping the residents. Donate at JLSantaBarbara.org.
- **Educate our community.** Learn, process, and share the statistics on trafficking with those you know. Show a documentary and educate those around you. Be a change maker.
- **Lobby and Advocate** to your politicians about why this is important.

BIG NEWS:

JLSB proactively addresses human trafficking in Santa Barbara County by improving the lives of at-risk young women by educating and empowering them to reach their full potential while working to prevent exploitation and injustice in our community.

Currently, the average length of the therapeutic program at S.A.F.E. House™ is between 4-6 months. After this time period, girls who are 18 years old and ready for the next steps in their therapy qualify for graduation from the program and, most of the time, move into transition age youth (TAY) housing. There are limited TAY housing options in the California central coast and none of them specifically cater to the continued therapeutic needs of survivors of sexual exploitation. As a result, our S.A.F.E. House™ graduates who have made it so far in their treatment and path forward have to go into TAY Housing outside of the area which results in a change in therapeutic services and a disrupted healing process. JLSB and strategic partner 4 Kids 2 Kids, Inc. saw this issue early on and embarked on a year-long research and proposal development process to potentially partner again, this time on TAY housing that specifically caters to survivors of sexual exploitation.

After months of hard work, the JLSB membership approved support for a new Signature Project: Living Arrows, which opened to its first survivor in August 2020 and is a first of its kind in the tri-county area. Living Arrows is a fully-licensed TAY housing program by 4 Kids 2 Kids that specifically caters to female survivors of sexual exploitation who are aged 18 - 21. The program at Living Arrows was thoughtfully designed to be the next step in the journey for survivors after graduating from a more intensive short-term, residential, therapeutic program (STRTP), such as S.A.F.E. House™. A TAY Housing program focused on survivors of sexual exploitation is a monumental win for our state and community, but most of all, for the young survivors who are on the path to realize their full potential!



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As of 2/23/21: LIVING ARROWS NUMBERS

- 3 Current residents (Max of 6)
- 18-21 Ages of clients
- 2-5 Average months of stay
- 4 Total clients served since opening Aug 2020

**Residents so far have come from Ventura and SB Counties*