



NEWSLETTER

Coming together to end abuse.

A Message from our CEO



Dear Friends,

This has been a challenging year for all of us. SARC is and has always been an essential service. During the height of the pandemic, our doors remained opened and all services continued to be available to victims of intimate partner violence. More than ever, victims needed a safe place to go and access to lifesaving services and resources.

Counseling for adults and children, legal representation and advocacy, emergency shelter, 24 Hour Helpline, case management, safety planning and Hospital Companion

program are just a few of SARC's free services provided to nearly 2,000 victims each year. We were proud to establish our online chat feature which was a vital resource to victims practicing self isolation. Our community outreach and education took on a virtual platform which allowed us to continue educating the community on intimate partner violence, sex trafficking, sexual violence and safety planning.

All of this would not have been possible without our community and dedicated partners and supporters. Even though this year was like no other, SARC was still able to host our events in a virtual format and each event was a success due to our wonderful supporters, volunteers, committee members and board members. We look forward to once again being able to come together to advocate for SARC's mission and celebrate our work.

Sincerely,

Luisa Caiazzo

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for event
updates!

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FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN HARFORD COUNTY

In November of 2020 The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services announced \$1 million in grant awards to support the expansion of the Child Sex Trafficking Screening Services Act Regional Navigator Program to 11 Counties in Maryland including Harford County. SARC was awarded this grant to hire a Child Sex Trafficking Navigator.

According to data published by the Polaris Project in 2019, there were 533 Maryland calls made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline and 187 reported Maryland cases. Of the 187 reported cases, 46 were minors (Polaris Project. Retrieved August 11, 2020 from <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/Maryland>). These numbers make Maryland the 17th in call volume in the nation, a hotspot for trafficking as the State has a large number of truck stops, a major international airport and attracts interstate commerce and travel. Victims and traffickers have reported to law enforcement that Maryland is a "goldmine" for human trafficking.



SARC's expertise in sexual assault, trauma-informed care, empowering victims, and navigating multiple government agencies including the criminal justice system allow SARC to provide comprehensive victim centered and trauma informed services to serve the whole person. Our multitude of services ensures every victim's individual needs are met. SARC is recognized by the National Human Trafficking Resource Center as being a provider of services for victims of Human Trafficking. Employees and volunteers at SARC are provided with specialized training about sex trafficking dynamics and identification.

Additionally, SARC has a Community Educator who provides free trainings and education on various subject's including sex trafficking to professionals and the community at large. Trainings are highly interactive and tailored to fit the needs of the participants. To schedule your free training, email the Community Educator at Outreach@sarc-maryland.org or call 410-836-8431.





SARC SERVICES

SARC OFFERS A VARIETY OF VICTIM SERVICES AT NO COST TO THE VICTIM

to carry out our mission of providing safe haven, advocacy, resources and hope to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking in Harford County.



24-Hour Helpline

Available 365 days a year to assist those looking for help and/or resources.
410-836-8430



Safe Housing

A confidential, trauma-informed care communal living house for those seeking escape from abuse.



Counseling Services

For adults and children who are victims of intimate partner violence as well as case management and services for victims of sex trafficking.



Legal Services

Legal advocacy and representation, immigration support, and court accompaniment for victims of sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking.



Helpline Chat

When it is unsafe to reach out by phone, chat is available on the SARC website during designated days and times.



Community Outreach

SARC's Community Educator offers free trainings on the following topics: Sexual Violence Education, Domestic Violence Education, Healthy Relationships, Teen Dating Violence, Bystander Intervention, SARC Services, Darkness to Light, Stewards of Children, and more. To schedule a free presentation, email outreach@sarc-maryland.org

Every person deserves a life free from abuse and fear.

"Not a day goes by that I am not thankful for the life I have moved onto with your help. To be able to have my independence back is a true gift and I couldn't have done it without SARC."

-Former SARC Client

Interested in Volunteering for SARC?

SARC is always actively recruiting volunteers who are committed to ending violence and empowering victims on their journey to safety and independence.

Email info@sarc-maryland.org to learn more about SARC volunteer opportunities and information or visit www.sarc-maryland.org/volunteer/ today!



SARC HELPLINE CHAT



An additional way to reach out for help.

When it is unsafe for victims to talk on the phone and they need a way to reach out to SARC for help or resources, our Helpline Chat is available on the SARC website during designated days/times.

Please visit SARC's website, Facebook, or Instagram for the most up to date Helpline Chat schedule.



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SAVE THE DATE | EVENTS

Black & White

SARC Balloon Glow Gala

SARC's Annual Balloon Glow Gala

October 2, 2021
Maryland Golf & Country Clubs

Tickets are available for purchase!

Visit www.sarc-maryland.org to purchase.

Wear Purple

October 21, 2021
Domestic Violence Awareness

Bull & Oyster Roast

March 5, 2022
Richlin Catering & Event Center

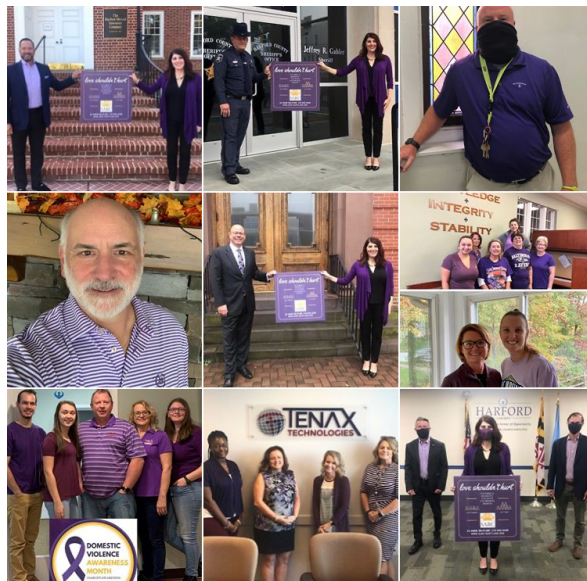
Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®

April 23, 2022

Denim Day

April 29, 2022
Sexual Assault Awareness

SARC IN THE COMMUNITY





PARTNER IN PREVENTION

Bring SARC to your organization for prevention and awareness education

DID YOU KNOW? SARC OFFERS EDUCATION TO THE COMMUNITY.

Education is vital in ending the cycle of violence, and is a key part of the SARC prevention model. It is a priority to spread awareness and education about the topics surrounding Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse. SARC's Community Educator offers free* presentations and workshops to a variety of ages, groups, and organizations.

Available Topics Include:

- Sexual Violence Education
- Domestic Violence Education
- Healthy Relationships
- Teen Dating Violence
- Bystander Intervention
- SARC Services
- Darkness to Light - *Stewards of Children*



Stewards of Children is a 2-hour, evidence informed training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for parents, youth servicing organizations, and other concerned individuals. The SARC Community Educator is a trained facilitator and is now offering a facilitated training* with CEU's available upon completion.

**This training has a small materials fee.*

Email outreach@sarc-maryland.org to schedule your free presentation!

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THANK YOU!

During this time of great uncertainty SARC has been comforted, encouraged, and humbled by the outpouring of generosity and support from our community.

Remarkable people, organizations, community groups, small businesses and corporations have all stepped up to support our mission and victims of intimate partner violence. Thank you for all that you do and for standing with SARC!

A very special thank you to our annual sponsors who lend their support year after year. The continued support of our annual sponsors ensure that victims and survivors are able to receive free resources from SARC including counseling, shelter, and legal representation. We appreciate your unwavering commitment to our mission!



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Register for Amazon Smile, select SARC as your non-profit of choice, and Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible purchases to us at no extra cost to you.



KID TO KID - BEL AIR DONATION

Bring your gently used baby, toddler, and maternity items to K2K Bel Air for consignment, and consider donating your store credit dollar amount to SARC's K2K account. Our Safehouse staff uses the account to shop for clients and their children.



WORKPLACE GIVING

Consider setting up Workplace Giving through your employer.

Combined Federal Campaign: 22909

United Way: 500

Maryland Charity Campaign: 521224705



MONETARY DONATION

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