



SAFE PLACE PROJECT

Seton Youth Shelters is a licensed National Safe Place Agency, securing affiliation with the National Safe Place Organization, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. Safe Place is a national youth outreach program that educates thousands of young people every year about the dangers of running away or trying to resolve difficult, threatening situations on their own. This community initiative involves the whole community to provide safe place sites and resources for youth in crisis.

Seton Youth Shelters operates a 24-Hour Hotline [498-HELP], where youth in crisis can talk directly with our Residential Counselors. The same 24-Hour Hotline serves as the point of contact to access Safe Place Services 24 hours a day. Our Street Outreach staff serves as Safe Place's Emergency Response Teams during street outreach hours of operation. Trained Staff and Volunteers serve on Emergency Response Teams for after-hours crises. All staff and volunteers undergo required background checks to work with children in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Safe Place creates a network of "Safe Place" locations - youth friendly businesses, schools, fire stations, libraries, YMCAs and other appropriate public buildings that display the distinctive yellow and black Safe Place sign. These Safe Place sites extend the doors of the youth emergency shelter or youth service agency throughout the community. Youth are easily able to access immediate help wherever they are.

HOW SAFE PLACE WORKS

1. A Youth in crisis goes to a Safe Place Site and asks an employee for Safe Place help.
2. The employee settles the Youth in a quiet, comfortable area. The employee then calls Seton Youth Shelters Hotline [498-HELP] and requests an Emergency Response Team.
3. The Shelter Staff will talk with the Youth, assemble an Emergency Response Team and call the Safe Place Site back to identify the members and estimated time of arrival.
4. The Emergency Response Team normally arrives at the Safe Place Site within 60 minutes of the crisis call, and will transport the Youth to Seton Youth Shelters.
5. Once at the Shelter, the Youth will meet with a counselor. The counselor will help the Youth in resolving the crisis and facilitate a safe return home.



SPONSOR A SAFE PLACE SITE FOR 41 CENTS A DAY!

HOW YOUR SITE SPONSORSHIP WILL HELP

Each Safe Place Site Sponsorship is an annual donation of \$150.00 and includes:

- » Year-round assistance to each Safe Place Site
- » Site evaluations for program compliance
- » All supplies necessary for maintaining each Safe Place Site
- » Safe Place Sign Maintenance and Site materials for Youth in Crisis
- » Training of Safe Place Site Staff
- » Volunteer Recruitment and Training for Emergency Response Teams
- » 24-Hour Crisis Counseling through the Seton Youth Shelters Hotline
- » Community and School Presentations to educate youth to safe alternatives other than running away

SAFE PLACE SPONSOR BENEFITS

- » Knowing that you are creating a “safety net” for all youth in Hampton Roads.
- » Community Partnership to Help Youth in Crisis.
- » Recognition and Visibility as a Committed Partner for Building a Safe Community.
- » All Safe Place Site Sponsors are acknowledged on the Seton Youth Shelters website, under the Safe Place Site link.
- » All Safe Place Site Sponsors are acknowledged in Seton Youth Shelters Annual Report.
- » All sponsorships are tax deductible.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

One Year Safe Place Site Sponsorship: **\$150.00**

Check: _____

Credit Card: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Name On Card: _____