



APRIL 1ST, 2021



SAFE-T Newsletter

Tributes to Dr. Claire Haslam:

To the Haslam Family,

I am heartbroken of the passing of your wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister, and our friend, Claire. Claire and I met in 1995 on a phone call where she was helping me with the abuse, that I had in my life at that time. For ten years you see, I had been calling the domestic violence and sexual assault hotline, and I would not give them my name. The abuse in my life had gotten worse, and that day I gave the agency my name and they said a counselor would be calling me. I remember where I was at, when I got that call from Claire. I was at work and I went into a work library to talk to her. When the call was over, she said I am putting my arms through the phone and giving you a hug. I felt that hug and later, I met her at the office, and I started counseling and women support group. After that period, Claire and I became fast friends and she became a mentor to me. I attended her women support group for over ten years learning all I could about domestic violence and sexual assault. Claire encouraged me to go back to college, which I did, and I did receive my degree. (Cont. Pg2)

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(Cont. Pg. 1) Claire played a vital role in getting a SAFE-T Crisis Center Outreach Office in Paris. This agency provides many services to domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Claire had so many qualities that it is hard to give just one. She was smart, precious, beautiful, caring, honest, hardworking, and a true friend. She did have the biggest hugs, brightest eyes, and so much integrity. She always had time for you and was your biggest advocate once she met you. I can honestly say that I would not be where I am today, as Program Director, of SAFE-T Crisis Center, if it was not for Claire Haslam. I work in domestic violence and sexual assault now, and I hear Claire's voice everyday telling me how to handle situations, when trying to assist the clients hurting in my agency. I send my love to Claire's family and I want to thank them for sharing her with me.

Mary Ferguson, Program Director
SAFE-T Crisis Center

My professional and personal world changed completely in 2008 when Dr. Claire Haslam committed to taking on yet another intern from her beloved alumni, Texas A&M University-Commerce. Dr. Claire was loved and respected by the TAMU-Commerce counseling department, and continued this professional alliance with Dr. Lavelle Hendrix, Dr. Linda Ball, and Dr. Chester Robinson, just to name a few for many years. Dr. Claire truly had a servant's heart and would allow those she mentored and supervised through the master's level college internship program to transition to the rigorous state level internship serving as a Texas LPC-Supervisor for those seeking to become License Professional Counselors in Texas. With this stated, I was blessed to work and learn under Dr. Claire's watchful eye for many years.

Being allowed to observe Dr. Claire in both group and individual counseling sessions, was equivalent to watching theory transition from professional literature to real life settings. Dr. Claire's dedication and preservice to the counseling profession are traits I continue to greatly admire and appreciate each and every day. Dr. Claire taught me how to give "unconditional positive regard" to my clients with the honor, respect, and great diligence to her beloved profession. Dr. Claire was authentic and genuine to everyone that was blessed to be in her presence both personally and professionally. The techniques she utilized to orchestrate counseling support groups, still to this day, stay on the forefront of my mind every time I am privileged to facilitate a group. In silence, I always dedicate the group to Claire.

Dr. Claire had many unique gifts in both the areas of the art and science of counseling. She could talk theory for hours, while stressing the importance of altruism and giving back to marginalized communities and clients with the dignity and reverence they deserve. (Cont. Pg.3)

(Cont. Pg. 2) Dr. Claire was a pioneer in trauma informed care for she was providing trauma informed services before the phrase was even created and this type of service became popular. Dr. Claire was an advocate for providing culturally sensitive and equitable services in a nonprofit setting and dedicated her professional career into doing so.

I continue to be humbled by her generosity and willingness to give to others both professionally and personally, and will always strive to keep the counseling torch she so humbly ignited with care, compassion, and kindness in memory of Dr. Claire Haslam.

Charla Bowen, MS, MEd, LPC-S, CSC
SAFE-T Crisis Center Counseling / BIPP Coordinator
Lead Counselor / BIPP Facilitator

Click [here](#) if you would like to leave a message to the family.



Shelter Donations Needed!

Please drop off
all donations at our
Main Office at 204
Patrick St. Mount
Pleasant, TX or the
Thrift Store at 1014
West 1st St in Mt.
Pleasant, TX

- pillows, comforters & throws
- cleaning supplies
- underwear (men & women, all sizes)
- clothes detergent powder
- towels
- twin size sheets
- soap
- hand sanitizer
- socks (men, women, & children)
- baby wipes



Call 903-572-0973 for
more information.



March 24, 2021 SAFE-T Sulphur Springs Outreach Office celebrated 14 years in Sulphur Springs and 1 year at our new location. Thank you to everyone for coming out to show your support and celebrate with us! #communitystrong #enddomesticviolence #SulphurSprings #endsexualviolence #hopkinscountytexas #safetcrisiscenter #safetcrisiscenter



Debbie Efurd
SAFE-T Board
Member





SAVE THE DATE!

SAFE-T Webinar Live on Zoom

April 6, 2021
Tues | 1pm - 2pm

Free to attend.
No registration required

To Join:

Meeting ID: 846 7889 4886

Passcode: 145731

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84678894886?
pwd=SkcxVHVjYThwZnhWZ2ZMcGEaDJsZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84678894886?pwd=SkcxVHVjYThwZnhWZ2ZMcGEaDJsZz09)



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and this year the united theme is building safe spaces online. Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces. We will be discussing topics like how to practice digital consent, ways to intervene when we see harmful content or behaviors, and how can we ensure that online spaces, not only social media platforms but others including our workspaces and classrooms, are respectful and safe.
#SAAM2021 #EndSexualViolence #BelieveSurvivors

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

#SAAM2021

Join SAFE-T advocates, activists, survivors, and supporters who are getting involved in 2021 Sexual Assault Awareness Month this April on Instagram. Look for daily prompts from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) encouraging creative ways for you to raise awareness, educate, and connect with others – plus you can win prizes along the way. To get involved, sign up [here!](#)



April 1st: Decorate Your Virtual Space. Decorate your online space for SAAM, such as a social media profile, an online game, a zoom background, your physical workspace, or more.

April 2nd: SAAM Online Event. ShoutOut SAAM events are happening online this year. Post details about one you're hosting or share a flashback photo from a previous SAAM event.

April 3rd: Three Things I Use to Stay Grounded. Share three items/ supportive words/songs/ activities that help you stay grounded. Present your three things as a collage, list, etc.

April 4th: What to Say to Support Survivors. Share a message of what to say when a survivor shares their story with you. For instance, I Believe You.

April 5th: Statistics to Know. Find a statistic on sexual violence and create your own graphic or find another way to highlight the statistic. Visit [nsvrc.org/ statistics](https://nsvrc.org/statistics) for ideas.

April 6th: SAAM Day of Action. Wear teal and share a selfie. Be sure to cross-promote on other social media platforms using #SAAM2021.

April 7th: Teal Ribbon in the Wild Place. Teal ribbon somewhere in nature or an unexpected place.

EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY



SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 27th 6am - 11:59pm

Please visit

<https://www.easttexasgivingday.org/SAFE-T>

on April 27th between 6:00am and 11:59pm to make your donation and help SAFE-T receive a matching donation of \$7500. All donations support survivor services!

GIVE LOCAL!

MAKE HISTORY!

GATSBY GALA NIGHT

a one night only charity event for the benefit
of SAFE-T Crisis Center

APRIL

23

6:30PM

Lucy's Hacienda Event Hall
742 SE I-30 Access Road, Mt. Vernon Texas. 75457

ROARING 20'S OR FORMAL COCKTAIL ATTIRE
FOUR COURSE GOURMET DINNER
LIVE MUSIC, CASINO GAMES, OPEN BAR WITH SIGNATURE
COCKTAILS.
TICKETS ARE \$250.00

SAFE-T Crisis Center 2nd Annual Gala

April 23, 2021

Corporate Sponsors

<i>American National Bank</i>	<i>Brookshire's</i>
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<i>Vera Bank</i>	<i>Hamilton's Jewelry</i>
<i>Merrill Lynch</i>	<i>Wal Mart</i>
<i>Diamond C Trailers</i>	<i>Big Tex Trailers</i>

R.S.V.P.

ON OR BEFORE 4/1/21

To pay online go to:

<https://www.betterunite.com/SAFE-T>

Sponsorships Available

\$5,000 - PATRON

- Eight tickets to the event
- Presenter Recognition in event advertising, print material (logo), Facebook, website, and during the event
- Two Free Bottles of Champagne
- Private Butler Service for Table
- Free Valet Parking

\$2,500 - CONTRIBUTOR

- Six tickets to event
- Contributor Recognition in event advertising and print material (logo), and on website
- Free bottle of champagne
- Free Valet Parking

\$1,000 - PARTNER

- 2 tickets to event
- Partner Recognition in event advertising and print material (non-logo), website
- Free bottle of wine
- Free Valet Parking

Contact Christie Burnett

cburnett@safe-tagency.com

or call 903-572-0973



SAFE-T CRISIS CENTER RAFFLE

2 Great Gatsby Gala tickets includes a 3 Course Gourmet Meal
One Night in Luxury Suite with turndown service and private butler
2 bottles of Wine with wine glasses
Starbucks Coffee with his and her coffee mugs
\$25.00 HeBrews Coffee Gift Card,
\$50.00 Jo's Downtown Coffee Card
Gourmet Chocolates

TICKETS \$25.00 EACH



TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

<https://betterunite.com/SAFE-T-safe-traffle>

Basket picture on page 10.

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Get your
raffle ticket
now!

SHOP FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

SAFE-T's Spring Yard Sale

A yard sale for the benefit of survivors
of Domestic Violence and Sexual
Assault.

APR. 15, 2021 | 8 AM TO 5 PM
1249 LAMAR AVE., PARIS, TX

*We're inviting everyone to come and shop at our
yard sale! Bring items to donate to the sale and
shop great finds, all for a good cause!*

If questions: Call 903-572-0973
and speak with Gabby or Pepper



Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Volunteers needed at all SAFE-T locations:
Mount Pleasant, Paris, & Sulphur Springs.

If you are interested in becoming an Advocate for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors, a Face-to-Face Technology Training will be held April 14th, 2021 from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM.

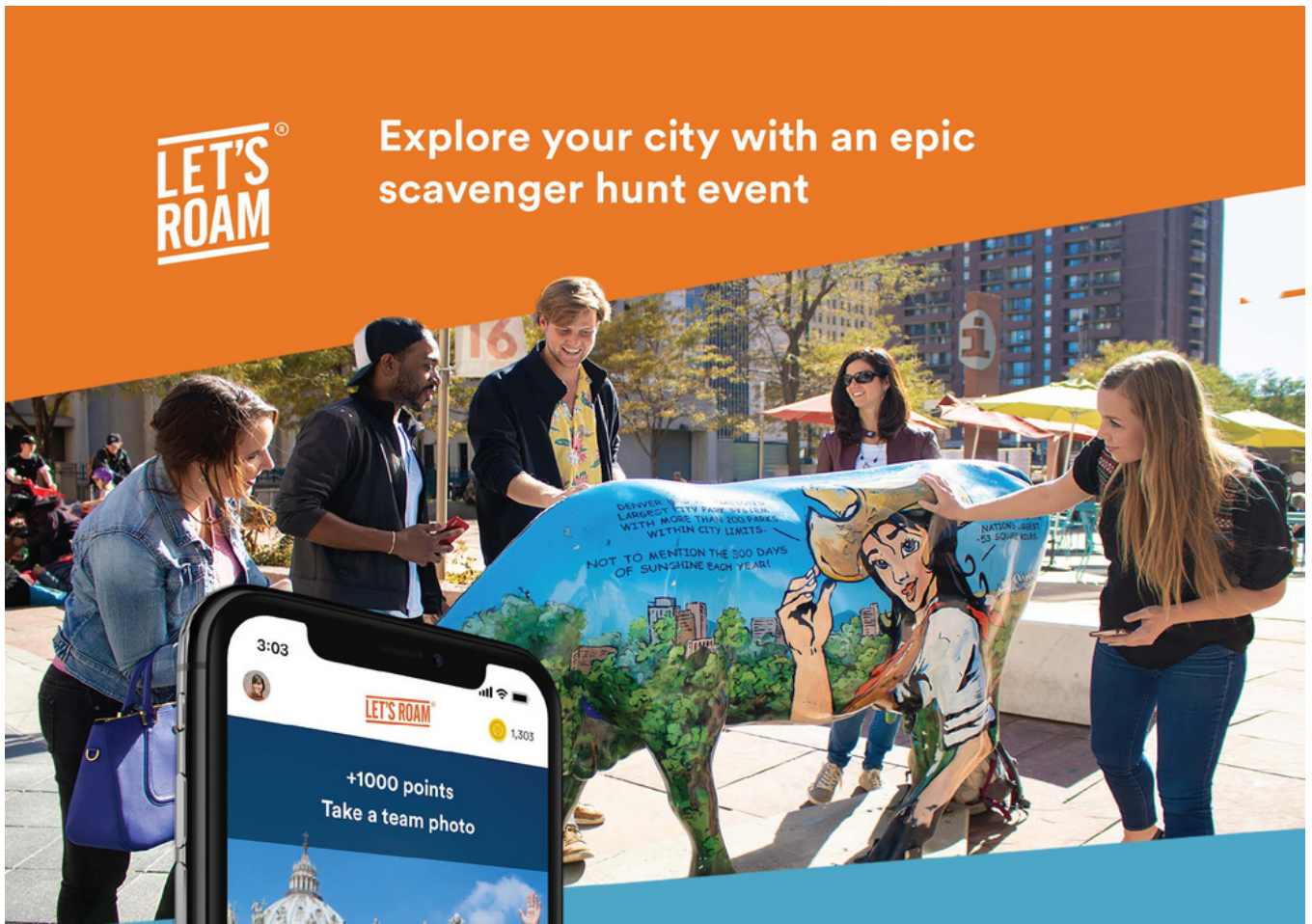
If you are interested or have questions, please contact Program Director Mary Ferguson at 903-572-0973
or Email: mferguson@safe-tagency.com to register.



THANK YOU LET'S ROOM! FOR DONATING 2, FAMILY 4-PACKS TO THE GALA BASKET WE ARE RAFFLING!



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SAFE-T Thrift Store

1014 W 1st St Mount Pleasant, TX 75455

Store: (903) 577-9035 9am - 6pm

We gratefully accept the following donated items:

Gently used clothing

Gently used shoes

Gently used furniture

Household items

Appliances

Pet items

Books

Toys

Curtains and Drapes

Electronics

Lighting

Home hardware

On every Wednesday, we have a storewide
20% discount for everyone over 55.

April 1st= 15% Off Storewide

April 2nd- Spin the Wheel

April 3rd- Yellow Clothing Tags 75% Off

April 5th-All Easter is 75% Off

April 4th- !0% Off Storewide

The Easter bunny will be from March 18 to April 4
and the Facebook Easter basket giveaway will be
from March 29 to April 3rd.

The winners for the basket will be picked on April
3rd.



ALL SURVIVORS DESERVE JUSTICE.

THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT IS SCHEDULED FOR A VOTE THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SAFE-T NEEDS YOUR HELP! MEMBERS OF CONGRESS NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU THAT YOU WANT THEM TO SUPPORT VAWA.

THE NEW UPDATED VERSION OF VAWA MAINTAINS MANY OF ITS KEY COMPONENTS BUT ALSO EXPANDS IN IMPORTANT AREAS. H.R. 1620, THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2021, WOULD:

- INCREASE PREVENTION;
- INVEST IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
- END IMPUNITY FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST NATIVE WOMEN BY NON-NATIVE PERPETRATORS ON TRIBAL LANDS;
- IMPROVE ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS;
- PROTECT VICTIMS OF DATING VIOLENCE FROM FIREARM HOMICIDE;
- HELP SURVIVORS GAIN AND MAINTAIN ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE;
- IMPROVE THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM'S RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT, DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR #1THING YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS - CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE [HERE](#) AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT. LET THEM KNOW THAT YOU SUPPORT IT AND BELIEVE ALL SURVIVORS DESERVE JUSTICE.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Where survivors of abuse or persons with an abusive partner can come together for support, understanding and fellowship.

SAFE-T Crisis Center

When: Every Thursday of Every Month

Time: 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Where: Zoom

Meeting ID: 865 4875 3453

Passcode: 653690



903.572.0973

You can also click here to join from a web browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86548753453?pwd=VVExN3BPNjg1VTJBNDdBsSU9zdmFQUT09>

