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About Safe Harbor:

Safe Harbor’s mission is to provide the support that survivors of sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking need to overcome their crisis and to transform their lives. We envision that every person in our community can take pride in having safe homes and healthy relationships.

Safe Harbor is a leading provider of comprehensive services for survivors of sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking within Central Virginia.

Comprehensive Services Offered:

- Emergency and Transitional Shelters
- Therapeutic and Substance Use Disorder Counseling for Adult Survivors
- Child and Youth Services
- Individual Counseling and Support Groups
- Case Management
- Court Advocacy
- Education and Outreach
- Regional Hospital Accompaniment Response Team (RHART)

History:

Safe Harbor opened its doors in April 2000 as an emergency shelter to provide safe housing for survivors of domestic violence in imminent danger. Throughout Safe Harbor’s twenty-two-year history, it has expanded its services as a direct response to unmet needs within the community. Today Safe Harbor is proud to offer counseling, case management, court advocacy, a 24-hour hotline, and a range of support groups that reach into underserved communities. All services are free to survivors and offered in both English and Spanish.

Safe Harbor Key Facts:

- * Annually, Safe Harbor serves over 1,500 survivors with comprehensive services designed to help those who have been impacted by violence and abuse to heal, rebuild, and move forward with their lives.
- * Safe Harbor uses a client-centered, trauma-informed approach in delivering its services, in which the survivor is believed without judgment and deemed the expert of what they have experienced and knows what the safest choices are for them and their family.
- * Safe Harbor opened the first and only comprehensive Human Trafficking Recovery Program in Central Virginia for adult survivors of human trafficking in 2017. This program has become a model in the state of Virginia and nationally.
- * Safe Harbor uses evidence-based evaluation tools to demonstrate the impact of the services they provide to survivors.
- * Services are available in English and Spanish and at no charge to survivors. Safe Harbor welcomes and serves all regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, income, immigration status, gender identity or expression, faith, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, and geographic location.
- * Through education and outreach, Safe Harbor touches up to 9,000 people a year, 1,500 of this group are under 18.

Web /Social Media:

- ✓ Website: safeharborshelter.com
- ✓ Facebook: [Safe Harbor Richmond, VA](#)
- ✓ Instagram: [safeharborva](#)

Links to Safe Harbor Logos



Safe Harbor Color Palette

Logo PMS Colors

Purple 2612 C

Teal 320 C

Logo HEX Colors

Purple 772583

Teal 009ca3

Safe Harbor in the News

June 2021

[The Penny Story is one of the top 8 video moments of 2021. Amazing how an act of spite turned into something beautiful.](#)

Inside Edition

[Child Support Paid in Pennies by Estranged Virginia Father Prompts Huge Donations to Domestic Abuse Shelter](#)

Channel 10 Lansing, MI

[Child Support Dad's Act Inspires Kindness](#)

Tuko-Digital Platform in Kenya

[Coins at Baby Mama's Door](#)

Channel 6-Richmond, VA

[World Responds with Kindness](#)

ABC, Channel 11-Raleigh Durham, NC

[8000 Pennies in Yard](#)

The Washington Post

[Pennies Child Support](#)

Fox Station in Seattle

[80000 Pennies in Yard](#)

CBS 6 story

[Mother and Daughter Donate Thousands](#)

CBS 6 follow up story with donation link –

<https://www.wtvr.com/news/local-news/world-responds-with-kindness-final-child-support-payment>

National Fox News –

[Father Pays Last Child Support with 8000 Pennies](#)

August 2020

[Richmond Father Raises Awareness for Human Trafficking](#)

February 2020

[Safe Harbor-Working to Save, Transform and Rebuild Lives](#)

January 2018

[Central Virginia's First Transition Shelter for Human Trafficking Victims to Open in 2018](#)

May 2017

[Richmond Area Groups that Help Survivors of Assault Fear They May Lose Federal Funds](#)

December 2016

[Central Virginia's First Dedicated Shelter for Human Trafficking Victims to Open Early 2017](#)

December 2014

[Breaking the Cycle of Violence - Richmond Magazine](#)

Client Testimonials

"I am so thankful to have found Safe Harbor. My counselor has been pivotal in my growth as a woman and in my healing." -C., counseling client

"Safe Harbor was there for me when I reached a low point in my life mentally and emotionally". -E., counseling client

"Thank you for helping me." -S., shelter client

"If these services didn't exist, I would have struggled with trying to help my children adjust after domestic violence."-C, parent of a child who witnessed domestic violence in the home

"Having experienced six months of abuse at the hands of my trafficker, I felt violated, used, manipulated, isolated, worthless, disgusted, ashamed and embarrassed. Safe Harbor's program provided me with a safe place to rest, heal and rebuild my life. A place that was welcoming, warm and pretty. Staff helped me to address and heal from the violence I had endured and the feelings that remained. The HT Comprehensive Recovery Program gave me my life back. I am now working on getting my GED, something that has been an important goal of mine since I was forced to drop out of high school." — Safe Harbor Client

"I am looking forward to being independent and starting a new chapter in my life. I have learned so many tools that will allow me to be successful in work and future schooling. But, I will truly miss all the girls at the other house and all the support the staff has provided me." -L, human trafficking survivor who resided in the human trafficking transitional shelter