

OPERATION SAFE HOTEL IMPACT REPORT

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**Your
Safe Place**

The San Diego Family Justice Center

LETTER FROM *YOUR SAFE PLACE* EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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On behalf of *Your Safe Place*, I extend my deepest gratitude to **Your Safe Place Foundation** and the **Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo** for their generous funding of **Operation Safe Hotel**. Thanks to your support, we have been able to provide survivors of domestic violence with immediate, safe, and secure emergency shelter during some of the most critical moments in their journey to safety.

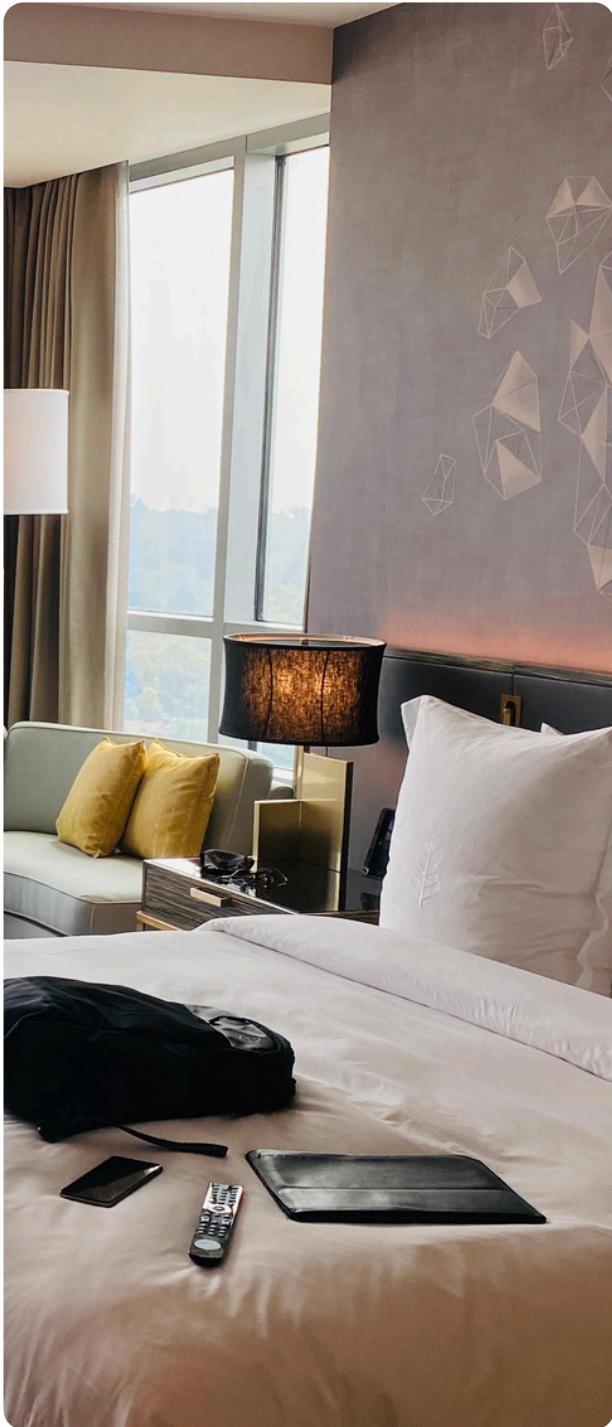
The impact of this program has been profound. Through **Operation Safe Hotel**, we have helped survivors escape dangerous situations, offering them not only a safe place to stay but also a bridge to long-term stability through supportive services, legal advocacy, and trauma-informed care. Your investment has directly saved lives, providing security and hope to those in need. This program's success is a testament to what is possible when community partners come together to make a difference. We are incredibly grateful for your commitment to creating a safer, more supportive environment for survivors.

26
CLIENTS
ASSISTED WITH SAFE
HOTEL STAYS

16
CHILDREN
AGES 1-16
KEPT SAFE FROM
HARM

54 SAFE
NIGHTS
PROVIDED
THROUGH OSH BY
GENEROSITY OF
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OPERATION SAFE HOTEL OVERVIEW



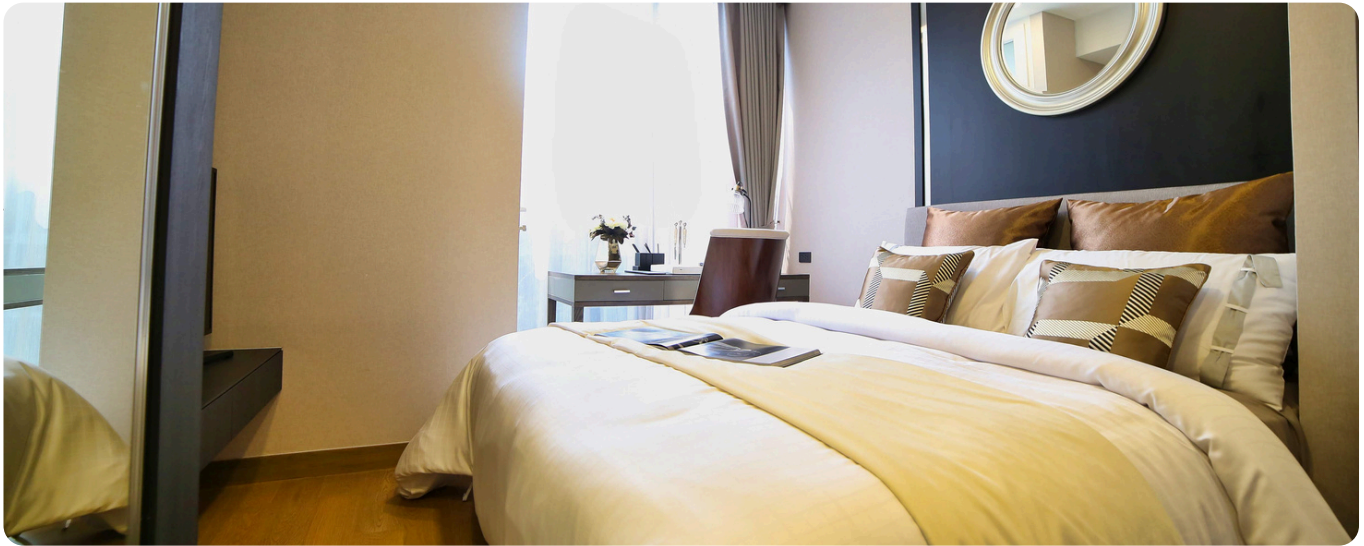
Program

Operation Safe Hotel is intended to support and provide safe, temporary housing to individuals experiencing domestic violence. This program primarily assists after hours, in the evenings and weekends, when access to help is limited. Law enforcement transports these at risk victims, and their children, to hotels and *Your Safe Place* follows up with safety planning and supportive services the next business morning.

Mission

To collaborate in offering secure refuge for individuals experiencing domestic violence, and their children, during emergencies that occur outside regular business hours.

CLIENT STORIES



When Sofia (name changed for privacy) pursued help, she was experiencing **severe domestic violence**, including **physical abuse, financial control, and ongoing threats**. With no secure place to go, she faced the **immediate risk of further harm or homelessness**. Law enforcement intervened, but without stable housing, Sofia remained vulnerable. Through OSH, she was provided with **emergency hotel placement**, giving her a **safe, undisclosed location** to stay while she worked with advocates on a **long-term plan**.

With this immediate support, Sofia was able to:

- **Secure emergency needs**, including hygiene supplies, clothing, and food assistance.
- **Access critical medical care.**
- **Develop a legal and safety plan**, including filing for a protective order and receiving guidance on separation from her abuser.
- **Explore relocation options**, with caseworkers helping her identify safe, supportive communities where she could rebuild her life.

OSH **eliminated the immediate threat of housing insecurity**, allowing Sofia the **time and stability needed to focus on healing, legal protections, and long-term safety**. By offering a pathway out of crisis, OSH continues to be a **lifeline for survivors**, ensuring they have the support and resources to escape danger.

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CLIENT STORIES

Isabel (name changed for privacy) had no family, no money, and no support system. Isolated and vulnerable, she endured ongoing physical abuse at the hands of her husband. The abuse escalated to the point of hospitalization, and tragically, the constant distress led to the loss of her pregnancy. With two children, Isabel wanted to escape but feared leaving. The most recent incident of domestic violence resulted in police intervention, and Isabel was given a temporary emergency stay at a motel. Recognizing the urgent need for a safer, longer-term solution, OSH provided immediate emergency housing, giving her the security and stability she needed to begin rebuilding her life.



With a safe place to stay, Isabel was able to:

- **Seek legal protections**, including beginning the process for a restraining order and divorce.
- **Explore immigration options** without compromising her case.
- **Connect with domestic violence services**, including counseling and legal advocacy.
- **Receive referrals for long-term shelter and transitional housing**, ensuring continued support.
- **Plan for safety**, including guidance on securing a Gun Violence Restraining Order to prevent further threats.

Through OSH, Isabel was not only provided with immediate protection but also empowered to take the next steps toward independence. The security of emergency housing allowed her to focus on healing, legal protections, and long-term stability, rather than worrying about where she would sleep or how she would stay safe. Isabel's story is a powerful reminder of the life-saving impact of OSH, ensuring that survivors of domestic violence have the time, resources, and support needed to escape danger and rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

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CLIENT STORIES

For Alex (name changed for privacy), home was never safe. He had endured years of **abuse, trafficking, and coercion** at the hands of his own mother and other family members. Isolated and **stripped of his identification**, he had nowhere to turn. His only source of comfort was Max, his small dog, who provided a sense of safety and love in an otherwise dangerous world. When Alex arrived at *Your Safe Place*, he was terrified, hiding Max in his jacket. He shared how his perpetrators had threatened to chain him under a bridge and kill Max if he ever spoke up. He was being forced to sell drugs and had been trafficked, leaving him overwhelmed and fearful for his future. Staying in San Diego was not safe, and he needed **immediate emergency housing** to escape. Through OSH, Alex was provided with a **safe, undisclosed hotel stay**, giving him the space and security needed to begin his **path to safety and healing**.

With this immediate support, Alex was able to:

- **Escape immediate danger** and stay in a safe location away from his perpetrators.
- **Access emergency needs**, including food, hygiene supplies, and a personal safety device.
- **Develop a safety plan**, including turning off his phone location, filing a restraining order, and securing legal support.
- **Plan for relocation**, with caseworkers identifying a safer location in another part of the country.

However, as Alex prepared to leave, he learned that airline policies prevented Max from traveling without proper health records and a carrier—a devastating realization that threatened to keep him trapped in San Diego. Through the resources available at *Your Safe Place*, support was provided to ensure Max met travel requirements, allowing Alex and Max to board a plane together to safety.

OSH gave Alex the **critical time and security to create a plan for his future**, while *Your Safe Place*'s additional resources ensured that he didn't have to leave behind the one source of love and comfort in his life. Today, Alex and Max are **free from danger and beginning their journey toward healing**—a testament to the life-changing impact of emergency housing and survivor-centered support.

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THANK YOU



Your generosity has not just funded a program—it has changed lives. Thanks to the support of **Your Safe Place Foundation** and the **Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo**, **Operation Safe Hotel** has been a lifeline for survivors, providing them with immediate safety, stability, and the resources to rebuild their futures.

Because of you, countless individuals and families have **found refuge in their darkest moments, escaping violence and taking the first steps toward healing.** The impact of your investment is immeasurable, and the need remains great. With your continued support, we can ensure that no survivor is turned away, that every person seeking safety has a place to go, and that **hope is always within reach.**

We deeply appreciate your commitment to this life-saving work and in making Operation Safe Hotel a lasting resource for those who need it most.

Together, we can continue to change lives—one safe night at a time.

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