



# Stewardship REPORT

FALL 2025 DONOR UPDATE

## WEAVE Will Be Here Every Hour of Every Day

**D**omestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking are not confined to a particular day or time. We cannot predict when a victim may need our help — making 24/7 services a necessity.

WEAVE operates multiple programs that are not limited by office hours or the time of day. Each is designed to meet the unique needs of each victim. Providing this level of immediate, around-the-clock support requires significant resources — and the reality is that these services are expensive.

Our costs include staff time for every hour of every day of the year, as well as the operating costs of facilities.

As we continue to navigate significant uncertainty regarding the stability of government funding we have received in the past, the continuity of our community support is even more important. We are grateful to live in a generous community that shares our belief that everyone deserves to be safe in their home, at school or work, and in their community.



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## Safe Shelter Every Day of the Year

**W**hen a victim of domestic violence or sex trafficking must leave their home for their safety, finding shelter where they can be safe can be a challenge.

We know that domestic violence is a significant contributor to the homelessness crisis. Half of homeless women report experiencing domestic violence immediately before becoming homeless. Many stayed in abusive relationships due to a lack of housing options, and

they only considered leaving and facing the dangers of homelessness because remaining in the relationship posed significant risks of severe injury or death. Locally, victims have shared how the lack of affordable housing and rising rent hinder their ability to start afresh.

These victims also need specialized housing services, including shelter in a confidential location that is secure and prevents the abusers from being able to  
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# Safe Shelter Every Day of the Year

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reach them and causing further harm. WEAVE operates two confidential locations to provide a safe — and secure — haven for victims.

A key part of safety is 24/7 staffing at our Emergency Safehouse Program. Staff are onsite every hour of the day, and we have taken additional steps to ensure the safety of

our facilities. A comprehensive security system allows our staff to monitor the exterior of the property via cameras within the Safehouse, and if an abuser is attempting to locate a victim, they can immediately call law enforcement to respond.

We regularly work with security experts and local law enforcement to assess and improve Safehouse safety. Recent upgrades include enhanced fencing and keyless entry — improvements made possible by donor support.

By using technology, we can provide a more secure space for victims and allow our staff to focus their energy on supporting victims. Community support is needed to make these improvements, since government funding seldom allows funds to be used for capital improvements — even to meet the safety requirements they require. We are grateful for the support of our donors to ensure that survivors are safe and that staff can focus on providing the support each survivor needs to be able to heal and move forward with their lives.

“ I have to assure families that they are safe in the Safehouse. Ongoing assessments and improvements give me the confidence to say that — and when I believe it, they believe it too. ”

— Safehouse manager

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## Supporting Victims of Sexual Assault

**A**s Sacramento County's sole Rape Crisis Center for 37 years, the WEAVE 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) fills the vital role of providing support to survivors during their medical examination. When a forensic examination is requested, time is of the essence to ensure medical professionals can collect evidence from a victim's body. Because of this, our SART Advocates are always on-call and ready to respond immediately.

A typical exam can take hours. Our SART Advocates respond knowing they will be supporting a survivor for four or more hours.

During an exam, information about the assault is documented, photographs of physical injuries and/or evidence are taken, a physical exam checking for injuries takes place, signs of assault are logged, and DNA is collected for evidence. Often, the victim's clothing must be collected as well. WEAVE's SART Advocates remain present for the entire examination, explaining the process and what to expect from each step.

When clothing must be collected as evidence, it can be unsettling for the victim. Clothing can carry traumatic meaning, especially after *(see page 4)*

# Support and Information Line

WEAVE's 24/7 Support and Information Line is one of our oldest and most longstanding resources. When we talk about our 24/7 Support and Information Line, people often think of the number we have published for decades and the victims who call the number in a moment of crisis. What often surprises people is the expansiveness of the work of our Advocates who respond to these inquiries.

Availability to victims — many who are reaching out for the first time — remains the priority for the service. Advocates always assess the immediate safety of a caller. Once we know a victim is safe and can talk freely, our Advocates listen to the caller to understand their immediate and longer-term needs.

This often involves creating a safety plan with a victim, which might include identifying a plan to be able to leave quickly if the victim's life is in danger. Safety planning also includes helping a victim identify critical documents they may need to gather and the steps to take if they are considering leaving.

A key aspect of the Support and Information Line is its essential role in WEAVE's infrastructure. The Support and Information Line is also used by the Sutter Health BEAR Clinic to request an Advocate for a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam and by law enforcement to request an Advocate during a Domestic Abuse

Forensic Exam. Dedicated lines ring into the Support and Information Line call center, so Advocates can respond to requests immediately and dispatch support.

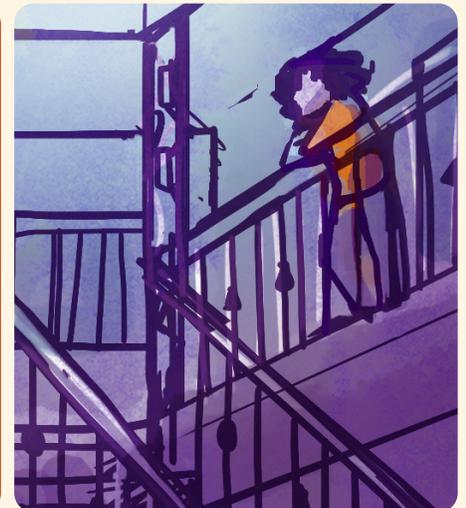
For victims requiring safe and confidential shelter, our Support and Information Line Advocates conduct an initial screening for entering the Safehouse. If necessary, they can arrange for temporary shelter elsewhere until space is available in WEAVE housing programs. Support Line Advocates assist in enrolling survivors in other WEAVE services, such as connecting a victim to our Legal or Counseling programs.

As you can see, the Support and Information Line is much more than a phone number. It is a lifeline for victims.

It is a call center that offers an array of resources. It is a dispatch center allowing Advocates to be sent to support victims with only minutes' notice. It is the heart of WEAVE.

The longevity and stability of the 24/7 Support and Information Line is a testament to our community. Hundreds of thousands of calls have been answered over WEAVE's 47 year history because of generous donations. Even in the most challenging of years, our community has ensured that the calls are answered and help is available.

“ The Support Line was my lifeline. It's how I first connected to WEAVE and started the journey to enter the Safehouse. After I found my own place, I called to talk through my safety plan when my ex-husband started stalking me. Even a year later, I would call to check in or when I was feeling uncertain. No matter who answered, I always felt cared for. ”



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an assault. All WEAVE SART Advocates maintain an array of new clothing — including underwear, socks, sweats and leggings, and t-shirts or sweatshirts — which are provided to the survivor to wear home from the examination.

While we cannot erase the trauma, we can offer a sense of comfort, dignity, and care. When the victim is ready to leave, our Advocate will arrange for transportation to a safe place and temporary shelter, if needed.

In the days following the examinations, the SART Advocate also coordinates follow-up care for each survivor. This may include arranging for support during law enforcement interviews, future medical appointments, and legal hearings with survivors, as well as connecting survivors to free individual and group counseling provided by WEAVE.

The SART Advocate also assists survivors in applying for Victim's Compensation to pay for additional counseling and to make safety improvements — such as changing locks, securing doors and windows, or installing a security system — if the perpetrator knows where the victim lives and the victim fears they will return.

While WEAVE fulfills Sacramento County's state-mandated responsibility for maintaining a 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Team, WEAVE receives no County or City funding to support the program, and limited State funding is insufficient to fund the full cost of the program. Thanks to the support of our generous donors, WEAVE can ensure an Advocate is always available and ready to respond when a victim of sexual assault needs us.

“ WEAVE saved my life. I thought I would be back to my normal self after a year or so, but I wasn't.

I turned to WEAVE's support once again, and they were there to help me understand that it was okay to not be okay. We worked through it. ”

— Survivor,  
two years after  
assault

Your support is creating **lasting and meaningful change** in the lives of survivors.

**We will be here for every survivor who needs us**, with welcoming and inclusive services, because this is who we are. And it's with your partnership that we're able to maintain our critically important role in the community.

As we continue this work, we are focused on supporting every survivor and ensuring our programs are responsive to their individual needs. Thank you for standing with us in the fight against sexual violence.



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OUR MISSION is to promote safe and healthy relationships and support survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and sex trafficking.