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Town of Fairlee
Town Clerk
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Dear Town of Fairlee,

Safeline very much appreciates the ongoing Town Appropriations support received from the Town of Fairlee. Your financial assistance is a critical component for helping us continue our work to end domestic and sexual violence in Fairlee.

Safeline respectfully requests the same amount as last year's appropriation of \$700 for 2016 Funding Appropriation from the Town of Fairlee which is the same amount requested as last year.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, Safeline's staff and volunteers provided approximately 3,284 services for 434 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking violence in Orange and northern Windsor Counties. 16 victims identified themselves as residents of Fairlee which is more individuals than last year. 162 services were provided for residents in Fairlee which is significantly more than last year. These statistics could be understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their safety.

Victims may confront a number of barriers which often prevent them from leaving an abusive situation. These obstacles include geographic isolation, lack of public transportation, a shortage of affordable housing and limited employment opportunities. Also, if individuals have incomes that place them below the poverty line or having a disability makes their situation even more difficult.

In order to mitigate these challenges, Safeline provides a wide array of free and confidential services, including: crisis support, safety planning, medical advocacy, economic empowerment, financial education and legal advocacy. Day shelter services, a resource library and information and referrals are also available.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the community at large and is committed to changing our culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full-range of prevention education activities for community organizations, civic organizations, faith communities, youth groups and other groups seeking information about domestic and sexual violence.

Dear Friend of Safeline,
It is a pleasure to present our FY 2013-2014 Annual Report. This past year, Safeline provided nearly 3,000 services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. These prevention education and support services included legal advocacy, crisis intervention, developing individualized safety plans, hotline calls, financial education, and housing advocacy. We created an internet safety awareness program for teens, plus three community forums addressing domestic violence and bystander intervention. I hope you will join us as we strive to end domestic and sexual violence in our communities.

-Linda Ingold

Towns Served In Orange County:

Bradford, Braintree, Brookfield, Chelsea, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Orange, Randolph, Strafford, Thetford, Topsham, Tunbridge, Vershire, Washington, Wells River, West Fairlee, Williamstown

Towns Served In Windsor County:

Bethel, Rochester, Royalton, Sharon, Stockbridge

Board of Directors

Sandy Spiegel, Chair, Corinth
Amy Peberdy, Secretary, Corinth
Louise Barreda, Tunbridge
Virginia (Ginny) West, Tunbridge
Felicity Swayze, Tunbridge

2,962 Services Provided:

Legal Advocacy.....	641
Crisis Interventions.....	484
Safety Plans.....	441
Hotline Calls.....	426
Financial Education.....	83
Housing Advocacy.....	73

417 Individuals Served

Domestic and Sexual Violence In Vermont

In Vermont:

- Between 1994-2012, 50% of all Vermont homicides were domestic violence related. (State of Vermont Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission Report 2013)
- On average, 1,199 domestic violence incidents are reported to Vermont police every year. (Vermont Center for Justice Research. An Analysis of Domestic Violence and Arrest Patterns in Vermont Using NIBRS Data. November 2012)
- 158 forcible rapes were reported in 2011. An increase of 10 from the previous year. (Vermont Crime Information Center. 2011 Statewide Crime Statistics.)



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Safeline is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides free and confidential services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County, Vermont.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, Safeline staff and volunteers provided approximately 3,284 services and worked with 434 individuals throughout our service area. Of that number, **approximately 162 services for 16 victims identified themselves as residents of Fairlee.** It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referral through Safeline's 24/7 Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of other free and confidential services including legal advocacy, economic empowerment, financial management, and day shelter services.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the community and is committed to changing our culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education activities, media resources and training curricula.