

This Month at

PROJECT SAGE

March 2023

Did you know that domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness for women and children? Help Project SAGE provide a safe and comforting shelter experience for our clients through the donation of gift cards from **LaBonne's Epicure Market**. Once their basic needs are met, clients can focus on getting the support they need to build a safer future for themselves and their families. **Don't forget!!** Drop off your LaBonne's receipts or send them to our office at 13A Porter Street in Lakeville so Project SAGE can benefit from the wonderful donation program at LaBonne's.

Spotlight on Project SAGE **Volunteerism**



Photo credit: Visko Hatfield

Volunteers play a crucial role in the work of Project SAGE. As need in our

community has grown, their generous donations of time and energy have become even more vital to our mission.

Certified Project SAGE volunteers help ease the experience of our clients by accompanying them to appointments and on errands, helping them get settled into safer housing, and inviting them on outings and to community events. Sometimes just being there with a friendly face and the time to listen is the biggest gift a volunteer can give a client in need.

Certified Project SAGE volunteers also form the backbone of our Early Years Program, reading to children and engaging them in age-appropriate activities. By reinforcing healthy social skills from an early age, our volunteers help set the stage for the Project SAGE Youth Education programming that takes place in the Region 1 middle schools and high school.

Project SAGE owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the many volunteers who support our annual fundraiser, Trade Secrets. Last year, nearly 250 community members worked in a variety of roles, from event planning and setup to ticket sales, hospitality, and vendor support on the day of the event.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Trade Secrets volunteers can sign up at tradesecretsct.com/volunteer. All other Project SAGE volunteers become Certified Domestic Violence Crisis Counselors upon completion of our Volunteer Certification Training Course and are qualified to work directly with our clients. Our next round of training begins on April 13 -- details and registration are available at project-sage.org/events.

Thank you to all our outstanding volunteers!

Trade Secrets Tickets on Sale April 1st!

The **Trade Secrets Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale** is the major fundraising event for Project SAGE, providing critical support for our programs and client services.

Please join us for garden tours on Saturday, May 20th and the Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale on Sunday, May 21st.

Upcoming Events

PROJECT SAGE PRESENTS

VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

THURSDAYS, 3PM-5PM,
APRIL 13-MAY 18

IN-PERSON AT SCOVILLE LIBRARY
OR REMOTE VIA ZOOM

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL LINDAC@PROJECT-SAGE.ORG

REGISTER AT
WWW.PROJECT-SAGE.ORG/EVENTS

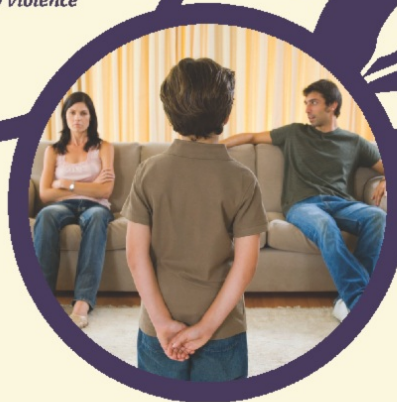


PROACTIVE PARENTING

with

PROJECT SAGE

Support • Advocate • Guide • Educate
to end relationship violence



Join us for tips on how to use Children's Literature to creatively solve parenting challenges, help children be themselves, and nurture healthy relationships.

For parents of children ages 2-8

First Monday of Each Month • 7:30-8:30 pm • Register at: <https://project-sage.org/events>



Monday, April 3rd

Emotional Regulation



Monday, May 1st

Conflict Management



Monday, June 5th

Standing up for Others



Mark your Calendars!

Workshops continue in the fall ...

www.project-sage.org

Resource Roundup

SURVIVOR STORY

It started with comments about her clothing. Then, it was her friends. Within the first six months of dating, Lorel

ARTICLE

Every year, thousands of Americans open their families and lives to children in need through international adoption. With more

Stevens' boyfriend hit her in the face, her punishment for getting a ride to work with a male coworker. She was 17 years old. Read the rest of Lorel's story here: [Survivor Story-Lorel Stevens](#)

AUDIO

In this 15-minute radio segment, Melissa in the Morning focuses on parents speaking up about a reality in Connecticut...human trafficking. The executive director of Partnerships to End Human Trafficking joins the program to share tips on how to handle this topic with teens. [Melissa in the Morning: Say Something about Trafficking](#)

RESOURCE GUIDE

While many colleges try to make their campuses welcoming to LGBTQ+ students, their success rate varies. If you or someone you know is a prospective college student who identifies as LGBTQ+, it's important to research schools to make sure they've created a supportive environment. In this guide, you'll learn how to research colleges and review additional topics such as the unique challenges LGBTQ+ students face and the resources and legal rights available to them. [LGBTQ+ College Student Resource Guide](#)

than one million U.S. families trying to adopt each year, human traffickers have taken notice...and are taking advantage. Read more here: [New Human Trafficking Operation](#)

ARTICLE WITH AUDIO

March 14th is Equal Pay Day, which represents how far into the year women have to work to catch up to what their male colleagues earned the previous year. In other words, women have to work nearly 15 months to earn what men make in 12 months. This is the gender pay gap, and it has stubbornly held steady for 20 years. Why? Find out here: [It's Equal Pay Day](#)

RECORDED WEBINAR

Abuse has gone digital, so it has become increasingly important to develop skills that prioritize the digital safety of victims and survivors. This free, 90-minute [endtab.org](#) webinar details practical ways anyone can address and prevent tech-facilitated domestic violence, including nonconsensual tracking, online harassment, image-based abuse, and more. [When Domestic Violence Goes Digital](#)

VOLUNTEER



ARE YOU A CURRENT PROJECT SAGE VOLUNTEER? Remember to record your volunteer hours [here](#).

NOT A VOLUNTEER BUT INTERESTED IN BECOMING ONE? Email Linda

at lindac@project-sage.org for more information.

24-hour Hotline 860-364-1900

