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Safe Haven announces summer day camp for children exposed to domestic violence

Shine Brite Day Camp is to be funded by HopeLine® from Verizon

DULUTH, MN – Safe Haven announced today a new summer day camp for children exposed to domestic violence in the Duluth community, thanks to funding and support from HopeLine® from Verizon. Shine Brite Day Camp will help children find their sense of self, build confidence, and overcome trauma. With the support of adult volunteers in a fun and safe environment, Shine Brite will provide guidance and activities to help kids heal.

“We are pleased to provide these camps to provide healing activities for children to use during and after the camps, thanks to the grant from Verizon,” said Susan Utech, Safe Haven Executive Director. Children will have the opportunity to participate in art therapy, crafts, self-esteem building activities, and outdoor confidence building activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and hiking. Campers will also have the opportunity to rebuild trust with authority figures such as police and “just be kids” with other children who have had similar experiences.

Shine Brite Day Camp will be based at the Safe Haven Resource Center, located at 414 West 1st Street in Duluth, with trips provided to various community sites. Children in 2nd through 11th grade who have been exposed to domestic violence are encouraged to participate at no cost. Camp Weeks are June 8-12 (Grades 2-6), June 22-26 (Grades 7-11), July 6-10 (Grades 2-6), July 20-24 (Grades 7-11), August 3-7 (Grades 2-6), and August 17-21 (Grades 7-11). Camp is one week Monday through Friday and can accommodate up to 10 kids per week. Parents should contact the Safe Haven Resource Center at 218-623-1000 to find out more and to register your child(ren) for Shine Brite Day Camp.

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About Safe Haven Shelter and Resource Center

Safe Haven Shelter and Resource Center in Duluth, Minnesota offers services to victims of domestic violence with the mission of providing safety for women and children and working to end violence against women. Safe Haven has two locations which provide a wide array of services. Safe Haven Shelter offers temporary shelter and a 24-hour crisis hotline to battered women and their children along with food, clothing, transportation, child care and all the necessities of life in a communal setting. Safe Haven Resource Center provides comprehensive services to battered women including legal advocacy, self-sufficiency, support groups and opportunities to meet with police, attorneys, therapists and other support providers in the community. **24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 218-728-6481.** For more information, visit www.safehavenshelter.org.

About HopeLine from Verizon

Verizon is a recognized corporate leader for its commitment to preventing domestic violence and raising awareness of the issue. HopeLine from Verizon puts the nation’s most reliable wireless network to work in the community by collecting no-longer-used wireless phones, batteries and accessories in any condition from any wireless service provider and turning them into support for domestic violence victims. For more information, visit www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline.

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