



# Heart of the Community Award

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## The Safe Center L.I.

### ABOUT THE SAFE CENTER L.I.

Built on almost four decades of leading the community in responding to victims' needs, the mission of The Safe Center is to protect, assist and empower victims of family violence and sexual assault while challenging and changing social systems that tolerate and perpetuate abuse, and provides a fast and easy path to resources that assist in saving and changing the lives of the victims of domestic or dating abuse, child abuse, rape, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Programs and services include a 24 Hour Hotline; Children's Mental Health Services; Domestic Violence Services including emergency room advocacy, safety planning assistance, emergency safe housing, and individual or group counseling; Rape & Sexual Assault counseling services; Human Trafficking Services which include trauma informed counseling and case management services and Legal Services. The Center's legal staff provides a variety of services in Nassau County Courts to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, rape/sexual assault, and elder abuse.

### WORKING WITH JASPAN SCHLESINGER

Simone Freeman has worked with The Safe Center LI (formerly known as the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence) since 2008 when she organized the first Nassau County Women's Bar Association's (NCWBA) Annual Mittens Fundraiser Benefiting The Safe Center LI. The event continues to be held annually in collaboration with the NCWBA Annual Holiday Cocktail Party, and raises much needed monies for the legal services division of the Safe Center, LI. Being able to initiate a fundraising program, such as this, which has been instrumental in assisting women and children, has been a truly rewarding experience for all involved. Additionally, Simone serves on The Safe Center LI Annual Gala Committee.



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