



MAG Gala New York City May 2023

Safe Passage graduate Jacquene, Safe Passage counselor Kathleen, graduate Cindy and Sue.

Jacquene, Cindy, Board Member Luisa Diaz, and Sue

Kathleen O'Donnell Dew & Trish Steele
Founder of Safe Passage

Inspiration from Survivors

Safe Passage is grateful for the incredible women that allow us to walk with them through difficult times. We do not take this responsibility lightly, and our mission is to offer support to engage the healing process. Plus offer experiences beyond the program to encourage community, so they can thrive and glorify God. Your support leads to success stories which are inspirational, so we want to share them with you.

Last month Safe Passage sponsored three graduates of our program to New York City. They participated in the MAG



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Gala at The Plaza Hotel and The Run Way of Hope. Luisa Diaz Brown Foundation highlighted the courageous survivors in an elegant fashion show, provided beautiful gowns and a day to prepare and nurture their spirits. Sue, Jacquene, and Cindy worked hard to embrace this opportunity and they were rewarded with empowered inspiration.

Safe Passage Counselor Kathleen O'Donnell Dew and Janet Cano coached them through obstacles and challenges that arose. The ladies bonded as they explored New York City and entertained new possibilities for their lives. Even the most confident would be nervous speaking and sharing such intimate details at a public event, it was essential to have coaches to help them face fears and overcome doubt, but it paid off.

Since completing the Safe Passage program Jacquene has been on fire, leading a ministry focused on sisterhood and mentorship. She gives back by offering faith-based counseling through the **Time2Heal** program and has written a book, **Identity and Purpose** to empower others. The MAG Gala fueled new passion as she has imagined ways to increase value of the resources that Safe Passage offers to current clients.

The inspiration was contagious, Sue dreams of using her experience to be a voice for other survivors. This event provided experience as a spokes person and clarified her vision. She plans to share the impact of this event with her team at the Hyatt Hotel, where she works. Her hope is to create a partnership between the Hyatt and Safe Passage and build awareness for the pathway to healing.

Cindy never imagined she would be worthy of an experience like the MAG Gala, but she thrived in the environment. She felt loved and touched by the community of successful philanthropic entrepreneurs. She is grateful that she worked through the challenges that almost prevented her from attending. Her dream is to open a home for women that are committed to overcoming addiction. Safe Passage will continue to offer support and community so she can bring this dream to fruition.

Sue, Jaquene, and Cindy were mentioned in Forbes Magazine highlighting one of the most iconic events in New York. They are passionate about working with the Safe Passage Team to realize their dreams and walk with others to overcome abuse.

It is a such an inspiration to watch them pay it forward and build a community to help others overcome abuse. Thank

you for being part of our community where many grow personally and professionally. Together we strive to heal and align in collaboration with God so at Safe Passage we get to witness miracles.

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