



# Securing the Future

**“The future depends on what you do today.”** — *Mahatma Gandhi*

If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that we never know what's waiting for us around the corner. We can make plans and we can have expectations. But it's always those unexpected, unanticipated things that have a way of defining our lives.

With all of the time, talent and treasure that has gone into building and creating the dedicated, compassionate space of the J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver (Sexual Assault Forensic Exams) S.A.F.E. center, it's critical to prepare for the future, whatever it may hold.

In addition to their initial investment in the SAFE Center, Wayne and Delores Weaver have offered to increase their commitment by giving WCJ a \$500,000 matching gift for an endowment that will protect sexual assault survivors for years to come. The Center is responsible for matching that \$500,000, dollar for dollar, resulting in a \$1 million endowment.

It's an unfortunate reality, but sexual violence is a crime that exists because offenders can count on victims not reporting their crimes. They commit these crimes in isolation, where witnesses are not present and where victims are isolated. Although we diligently work toward the prevention of sexual assault, we know that there will always be survivors in need of services well beyond the foreseeable future.



- **One in six women experience rape at some point in their lives.**
- **Almost 42% of women will have been victimized by some form of sexual violence in their lifetime.**
- **Only 18% of rapes are ever reported.**

*\*<https://www.fcasv.org/information/sexual-assault-statistics>*

The SAFE Center is here for survivors of sexual violence today and, with your help, will be here for all those who need us tomorrow. The Center opened in May of 2018 in response to the need for a safe place for survivors of sexual violence to begin their healing process. It is imperative that the SAFE Center remain a secure and consoling haven they can turn to in their most traumatic hours.

Your contribution will assure that survivors will always find the help and protection they need. A place to go. A place to heal. A place to begin the long road back.

There are multiple ways you can make your gift so that it is most beneficial. To discuss what makes the most sense for you, please contact Executive Director, Teresa Miles, at [tmiles@womenscenterofjax.org](mailto:tmiles@womenscenterofjax.org) or 904.722.3000 x206.



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