



SURVIVORS AND ADVOCATES FOR EMPOWERMENT

Supporting and empowering domestic violence survivors since 1997

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**2008-2009 *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington*
selects SAFE, Inc. as one of DC's best small charities**

Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment (SAFE), Inc. is proud to have been selected for inclusion in the 2008-09 edition of the *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington*. The *Catalogue* profiles environmental, cultural, educational, human services, and international organizations with budgets below \$3 million, to help individual donors and philanthropists learn more about the wonderful work being done by exceptional small nonprofits and to make informed choices about their charitable giving. 30,000 individuals and hundreds of foundations will receive copies of the *Catalogue* in mid-November, and through it, have the opportunity to learn about some of the best small nonprofits in their community and make informed choices about their charitable giving for the year.

This is the *Catalogue's* sixth year in the Washington, DC region. To date, the *Catalogue* has helped to raise over \$5.4 Million in donations for local nonprofits. Individual donors are one of SAFE's strongest sources of support, and we hope that our inclusion in this year's edition of the *Catalogue* will help continue to strengthen that.

According to Barbara Harman, Executive Director of the Harman Family Foundation and President of the *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington*, "The *Catalogue* is designed to be a showcase for DC-region philanthropy and an inviting way for individuals and families to participate in charitable giving." The *Catalogue* is an annual invitation to read and learn about smaller organizations making a big difference in the lives of people throughout our community.

Sixty-eight nonprofits were chosen this year from a field of approximately 235 candidates. A committee of sixty experienced grantmakers from area foundations, corporate giving programs, family foundations, nonprofit organizations, and the DC government participated in the review process. Competition for inclusion in the *Catalogue* is strong, and SAFE is delighted and honored to have made it through the selection process.

"Charities were selected for excellence, innovation, cost-effectiveness, and financial transparency--and for what they can teach us about the extraordinary ways that philanthropy works," Harman said. "These are certainly among the best small charities in the Washington, DC region."

For more information on *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington*, or to order an advanced copy of the 2008-09 edition, visit www.catalogueforphilanthropy-dc.org.

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About Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment (SAFE), Inc.

Founded in 1997 as a program of the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, SAFE separated from the Coalition and incorporated as an independent organization in October 2006. In 2007, SAFE provided crisis support, safety planning, legal advocacy, information, financial assistance,

and referrals through 5,737 client contacts in the Court Advocacy Program (CAP) located at DC Superior Court and Greater Southeast Community Hospital. In the same year, the On-Call Advocacy Program (OCAP) assisted 647 survivors, or an average of 53 clients per month, through a unique collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Department to provide crisis support, safety planning, advocacy, shelter, and other assistance to victims of domestic violence on evenings, weekends, and holidays when court offices are closed. OCAP currently operates in Police Districts 5, 6, and 7, and is scheduled for city-wide expansion by December 2008. More information about SAFE is available at www.dcsafe.org.

About Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington

The *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington* introduces you to the wide world of smaller, local charities with budgets below \$2 million. Though they comprise about 85% of all nonprofits, the public rarely hears about them because most cannot afford to make themselves heard. Yet dollar-for-dollar, they offer some of the most cost-effective opportunities for philanthropy. If making a difference is one of your goals, then excellent smaller charities may be for you. The *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington* is published annually in early November in both print format and on the Catalogue's website. Hard copies of the Catalogue are distributed by mail, free of charge, to over 30,000 individuals and families in Greater Washington; by request at our website; to all prior donors; and to interested groups. For more information about the *Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington*, please visit www.catalogueforphilanthropy-dc.org.