

# NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2025



## A Note from Our CEO

Dear Friends,

October is here, and with it comes a season that often stirs something deeper in all of us. It is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and as I reflect on the road we have walked together, I am filled with gratitude for each of you who has chosen to stand with us in this work.

In just a few weeks, we will come together for Dancing with the Shasta Stars on October 18<sup>th</sup>. If you've been before, you know this event is more than a fundraiser. It's a celebration of courage, of healing, and of what happens when a community shows up for its most vulnerable. I am so thankful for the incredible Stars who are already pouring their hearts into this effort. It means more than they know.

At the same time, I am working closely with Signature Healthcare and the Shasta Health Assessment Redesign Collaborative on a regional proposal for the state's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program. This application is due on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and it carries with it the hope of real, lasting change for those navigating mental health and substance abuse challenges in our rural communities. It is a heavy lift, but an important one, and one I am

honored to help lead.

We are in a season of both growth and transition. Our team is expanding, and if you know someone seeking meaningful work in a place where they can truly make a difference, we'd love for you to point them our way. Alongside this growth, we are navigating challenges following a recent flood at the Sierra Center. This has limited access to parts of our building, including our intake area. While we are working diligently to minimize disruption, the full impact is still being assessed.

As we move toward the holidays, I am reminded that this is also a season of giving. Whether you donate, attend an event, share our mission, or simply show kindness to someone in need, please know it matters. Every act of support, large or small, helps build a future rooted in safety, dignity, and hope. Thank you for being part of this work. Thank you for trusting us with it.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Kimberly L. Johnson,  
CEO of One SAFE Place &  
Arch Collaborative

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## Leadership Summit: Aligning for Greater Impact

In early August, the leadership teams of One SAFE Place and Arch Collaborative came together for our first annual Leadership Summit: an opportunity to nurture the culture that helps our teams thrive and provide the best care to those we serve.

We focused on listening well, supporting one another, and ensuring our practices reflect the compassion and resilience we bring to children, families, and survivors every day. By investing in our people, we strengthen our programs and in turn, expand our impact across the community. We are grateful to be shaping this future together, with our community at the center of it all.

A special thank you to The McConnell Foundation for welcoming us into their beautiful space and making this important time together possible.



## Donor Spotlight

Earlier this month, local Sotheby's agent Cassandra Sandmeyer hosted her 2nd Annual Play Like a Mother Pickleball Brunch, bringing women together for connection, fun, and a shared purpose. Together, they raised over \$1,100 and collected essential supplies, including diapers, toiletries, and cleaning products, to support the 40 individuals who may be staying in our emergency shelter at any given time.

One of the most touching moments came when Cassandra's children contributed their own savings, eager to help people who had been hurt. Their joy in giving captured the true spirit of the event and reminded us how powerful even the smallest acts of kindness can be. We are deeply grateful to Cassandra, her family, and the community of women who rallied with such generous hearts to care for others.



## Give Redding 2025

We are honored once again to be a beneficiary of the **Give Redding** Holiday Drive, taking place on Friday, November 14th, from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m., hosted by O2 Employment Services. This incredible community event brings together local businesses, families, and neighbors to support those who need it most.

For One SAFE Place, this drive means more than filling shelves. It means making sure families and survivors residing in our programs can gather around a warm meal during the holidays. It means stocking our Holiday Store, where clients can come shop for groceries and gifts in a way that feels empowering, dignified, and personal.

Every donation helps us serve those who are rebuilding their lives after violence and trauma. From pantry staples to holiday treats, your support brings comfort, normalcy, and joy to those who might otherwise go without.

We would love for you to be part of this effort. Drop off a donation, encourage your workplace to get involved, or help spread the word. Together, we can make this season a little brighter for so many.

To learn more, go to:  
[o2employmentservices.com/give-redding](https://o2employmentservices.com/give-redding)





**Every October, we recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** This is not just a date on the calendar. It is a movement to bring voice to survivors, to break the silence that allows abuse to continue, and to call our community into action. Domestic violence does not stay behind closed doors. It ripples through families, children, workplaces, and entire communities. **Its effects are lasting, but so is the hope that comes when people choose to respond together.**

The theme for 2025 is **Safety. Support. Solidarity. Here for survivors, always.** These words reflect the heart of our work across both One SAFE Place and Arch Collaborative. Safety is offered in our emergency shelter, where up to 40 individuals at a time may find refuge. Support is found through counseling, legal advocacy, medical care, housing navigation, and case management that help survivors and their families rebuild their lives. **Solidarity is the community standing shoulder to shoulder, showing survivors that they are not alone.** This is why we are here. This is why we will always be here.

**Each day, we witness resilience.** A mother and her children arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs, and they find warmth, security, and compassion. A survivor silenced by years of abuse finally sits across from someone who listens and believes. A child who has endured trauma begins to laugh again through the support of counseling. **These are not just stories. They are lives being restored, step by step, because a community chose to care.**

Domestic Violence Awareness Month matters because silence allows abuse to continue. **When we speak out, we shine light into the darkness.** When we act, by learning the signs, sharing resources, volunteering, or giving, we extend a hand to someone who may feel alone. Every act of compassion, no matter how small, becomes part of a much larger story of healing and change.

**This month, we are asking you to take the next step with us.** Share what you know with a friend or coworker. Attend an event. Volunteer your time. Make a gift that ensures a survivor has a safe place to sleep tonight. Become an advocate in your own circle by refusing to let silence win. Look for us throughout the community as we share education and resources, highlight the voices of staff doing the work, and honor the extraordinary courage of survivors.

**Together, we can create a future marked by safety, sustained by support, and strengthened through solidarity. Here for survivors, always.**

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# A MAJOR STEP FORWARD: NORTH STATE COALITION SEEKS STATE FUNDS FOR REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER



We are excited to share that Arch Collaborative, One SAFE Place, Signature Healthcare, and SHARC, along with county leaders across the region, are collaborating to bring a regional behavioral health center to the North State. Our CEO, Kimberly Johnson, is leading the proposal submission to California's Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program. If awarded, this proposal would bring a significant financial investment into our community.

The proposed campus will provide urgently needed services, including crisis stabilization, inpatient psychiatric care, detox services, and urgent care beds. Too often, individuals in crisis are left with only two options: the emergency room or the county jail. This project aims to change that by providing access to immediate, compassionate, and effective care close to home.

Signature Healthcare will play a pivotal role in operating the facility, bringing clinical expertise and experience to ensure that services are delivered with excellence and compassion. With Signature's leadership, the center will provide the highest standard of care while addressing a critical shortage of behavioral health resources in our region. If approved, this center will expand treatment capacity, ease the strain on hospitals and law enforcement, and bring hope to families who are desperate for solutions. It represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform the future of behavioral health care in the North State.

Together, Arch Collaborative, One SAFE Place, Signature Healthcare, and SHARC are working to make this vision a reality for the individuals and families who need it most. To learn more, visit <https://www.childrenslegacycenter.org/news>.

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When passionate people come together with a shared purpose, real change takes root.

We are looking for people who care deeply about this work and the communities we serve.

From direct service roles to administrative and behind-the-scenes support, each position strengthens the foundation of our organizations. Every role contributes to the care of real people and real families facing some of life's hardest moments.

If you know someone who would be a great fit, or if you're simply curious about what working alongside us looks like, we invite you to learn more.

Visit [www.childrenslegacycenter.org/careers](https://www.childrenslegacycenter.org/careers).

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## Spotlight: Dancing with the Shasta Stars 2025



The countdown is on! Dancing with the Shasta Stars, presented by Obsidian IT, returns on Friday, October 18 at the Cascade Theater, and this year's theme, Dancing Through the Decades, will take us on a musical journey from the roaring 1920s all the way to the hits of the 2000s.

Local leaders and community members are pairing up with professional dancers to deliver unforgettable performances that celebrate style, rhythm, and fun across the ages.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, making this event especially meaningful. As our Stars take the stage, they dance not only for applause, but also to raise awareness and critical funds for survivors served by One SAFE Place and the Arch Collaborative.

We are excited to introduce this year's incredible Stars! Their courage, creativity, and energy embody the spirit of community and hope that make this night so special.

A heartfelt thank you to our presenting sponsor, Obsidian IT, and to all of our generous sponsors who help bring this inspiring event to life.

Get your tickets before they sell out at the Cascade Theater Box Office and join us for a dazzling evening of music, movement, and meaning, where every step helps create a safer, stronger future for survivors in our community.



*Jason & Mindy Odell*

**Jason Odell of  
Odell Craft BBQ  
Spotlighting  
Community Education  
and Prevention**



*Jennifer Coy & Luke Swanson*

**Jennifer Coy of Beauty  
Care Choices  
Spotlighting  
Legal Advocacy  
Programs**



*Dr. Steve Loncosky & Rachelle Brazil*

**Dr. Steve Loncosky of  
Cottonwood Veterinary  
Clinic and Small Animal  
Hospital  
Spotlighting Emergency  
Shelter**



*Christina Prosperi & Nick Meyer*

**Christina Prosperi of  
True Ride Studios  
Spotlighting  
Client Intake Services  
and Advocacy**



*Eva Jimenez & Hagen Lebak*

**Eva Jimenez of Shasta  
College and  
McConnell Foundation  
Spotlighting  
Transitional Housing**



*Dr. Jesse Curran & Kristen Lawrence*

**Dr. Jesse Curran of  
Prestige Urgent Care  
and Juniper Health Care  
Spotlighting  
Crisis Hotline and  
Hospital Response**

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# Support our Work

**At Arch Collaborative and One SAFE Place, community is everything.** It is the foundation we stand on, the people we serve, and why we keep showing up. Your care and support impact every adult, youth, and child we walk alongside.

**Your donation makes healing possible.** You help provide safety, shelter, counseling, and hope to survivors of trauma. Because of you, they do not have to face the hardest moments of their lives alone.

We are so grateful for your generosity.



Elizabeth Schroeder  
Chief Development Officer

## Learn more...

Scan the QR code or call the number below to learn more about our programs and the work we do.



**One SAFE Place** EIN: 94-2663045

**Arch Collaborative** EIN: 82-1752216

## Let's Connect

Whether one-on-one, speaking to your group, or sharing at your next event, we would love the opportunity to connect and collaborate with you.

### Reach out to:

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## Our Locations

### One SAFE Place

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### Center for Resilience

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### Children's Advocacy Center

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