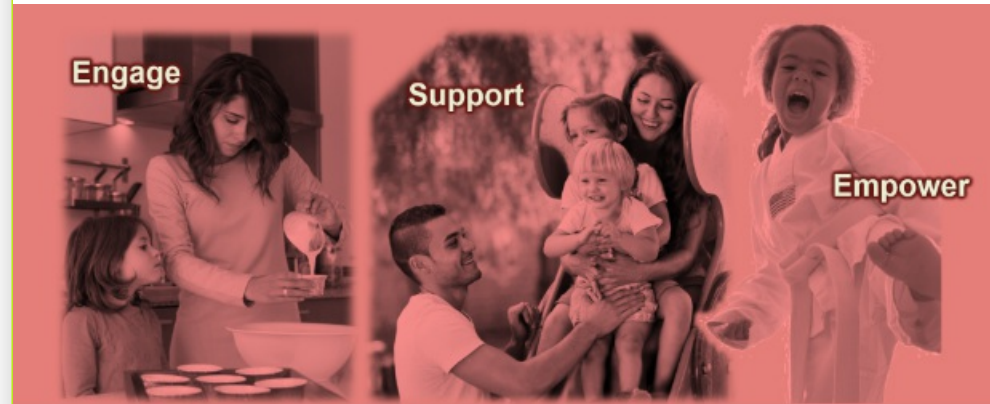


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## News and Information



**Back to School ... Virtually**

August, 2020

### From the CEO

**Laura Askowitz**

Dear Friends and Partners,

Happy September! So many months have gone by now with our world looking so different than we are used to seeing. And we are all suffering from lack of meaningful social contact, confusion as to what the future holds for us, and worry about how our children will fare from this collective childhood trauma.

Every team member at KidSafe came to me separately and urged me to let you know that we are all passionate about how our education can help you through this time.

*Ask KidSafe anything for help on your child's personal safety and empowerment.*

Reach us from our website at <https://kidsafefoundation.org/contact-us/>, email us at [info@kidsafefoundation.org](mailto:info@kidsafefoundation.org), or call us at 855-844-SAFE.

Thank you for being amazing mentors, guardians, protectors, and parents to children now. Please download our [Circle of Safe Adults worksheet](#) from the [Parent Resources](#) page on our website and have that important conversation with your kids! Use that "poker face" – whether the "news" they tell you is shocking, or even fantastic. (If I have learned anything from Cherie over the years, it's this: children share more with you if you don't have over-the-top reactions!)

Please reach out to us if you need us. And stay safe and emotionally healthy!



### Program Update

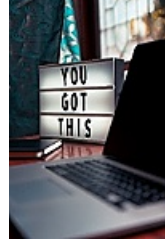
**Cherie Benjoseph and Elysse Dion**

*A Video Message from Cherie Benjoseph About KidSafe*



**New Learning Program**

LearnSafe – a webinar for parents, caregivers, and the many people being hired to care for children in all sorts of settings, is coming soon. This training will cover the importance of communication between parents and the people that are watching their children regarding COVID safety, House Rules, Technology Safety and Sexual Abuse Prevention. Let's provide all adults with the information they need to keep children safe this new school year.



#### You've Got This!

As you ease into the new school year, with your child at home, at a neighbor's, with cousins, in a pod of 3, in a pod of 23, at the local karate school – they need support and structure from you. Check out our 10 tips!

<https://kidsafefoundation.org/topics/getting-into-back-to-school-homesafe-mode-youve-got-this/>

#### Cancellation Work-Around.

Every summer, KidSafe Foundation participates in the Back to School Bash in Broward County. This year, the event had to be canceled. However, we still managed to distribute our safety series books "My Body is Special and Belongs to Me" and "Jack Teaches his Friends to be KidSafe" to **over 1,500 families.**

Thank you, **Children's Services Council of Broward County, Mobile School Pantry, Broward County Libraries, and Meals on Wheels,** for helping us give out those books during your food distribution events. It takes a village to raise children, and you genuinely are the village.



*Cheri Elyse*



## Featured Supporter -

*Eliza Vasquez*

In times like this – where the pandemic creates so many unknowns – one appreciates the power of community. Right now, we can't just call our group of friends and invite them to a simple barbecue get together. That's why I feel it is so important to surround yourself with people and organizations, who help you feel like you are part of the community, no matter the distance.

Today, I would like to introduce you to one of those partners, the **Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.** They definitely live up to their name!

I love the fact that whenever we have a question about something, I can just pick up the phone, and they will help. With this wonderful partner, I can collaborate on our needs and our vision for the community.

Thank you all at the Foundation for always being available to us and, most importantly, for all your support.



## KidSafe Español!

Queridos amigos de KidSafe,

El programa de KidSafe en Español está trabajando para traer a la comunidad hispana todos los beneficios, actividades y programas que ofrece KidSafe. Por esto muy pronto tendremos con nosotros los libros en español para que las familias continúen con el trabajo de la prevención del abuso sexual infantil desde casa. También queríamos contarles que nuestro sitio web está siendo actualizado, encontraremos blogs en español, los libros y mucho más.

KidSafe esta trabajando para adaptarse al nuevo hoy por el COVID-19. Por ello continuamos preparando todos nuestros programas para que la comunidad y las familias puedan acceder a ellos desde sus casas. También queremos que los padres se adapten a la manera en como esta continuando el mundo. Sabemos que ahora los niños regresaran a las escuelas, algunos de manera presencial y otros seguiran de manera virtual.



Algunos tips a tener en cuenta:

- Conocer los profesores, cuidadores o personas que estaran a cargo o al cuidado de nuestros hijos.
- Retomar los horarios no sera tarea facil – planear las actividades del dia para todos los miembros de la familia, establecer horarios de estudio ayudara a recuperar poco a poco este hábito.
- Capacitarse – los padres necesitan aprender como pueden ayudar a sus hijos con sus clases en linea.

Recuerda seguirnos en nuestro Instagram como [@KidSafeEspanol](#). Allí estaremos compartiendo mas tips e información que ayudará a guiarlo en el camino de la prevención del abuso sexual infantil desde casa. Es una tarea de todos los adultos mantener los niños seguros, incluso en tiempos del COVID-19.

*Melissa*

Dear Friends of KidSafe,

The KidSafe Español program is working to bring to the Hispanic community all the benefits, activities and programs that KidSafe offers. For this reason, we will soon have our books in Spanish so that families can continue the work of preventing child sexual abuse from home. We also wanted to tell you that our website is being updated, and we will provide blogs in Spanish, books and much more.

KidSafe is working to adapt to the new normal of COVID-19. We continue to prepare all our programs so that the community and families can access them from their homes. We also want parents to adapt to the way the world is moving. We know that now children will return to schools, some in person and others will follow in a virtual way. Some tips to keep in mind:

- Meet the teachers, caregivers or people who will be in charge or in the care of our children.
- Resuming schedules will not be easy task – planning the day's activities for all family members, establishing study schedules will help to recover little by little this habit.
- Train yourself – parents need to learn how they can help their children with their online classes.

Remember to follow us on our Instagram as [@KidSafeEspanol](#). There we will be sharing more tips and information that will help guide you on the path of preventing child sexual abuse from home. It is a task for all adults to keep children safe, even in the times of COVID-19.



Melissa



## Volunteer Spotlight

*Jennifer Rodriguez*

At KidSafe, our Mission is to teach personal safety to children and their grown-ups to build strong, resilient families and safer communities.

### GET INVOLVED & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are looking for volunteers to help in our West Boca Raton office, deliver books to our school sites, and assist us virtually with social media projects, research and more. High School students welcome!

- *Do you have a driver's license, insurance, reliable transportation and can you lift boxes of books?* We could use your help with deliveries to area schools.
- *Do you have a home computer and reliable internet access?* We could use your help as an off-site office helper.
- *Do you know how to use Social Media Sites (and maybe even know how to use Hootsuite)?* We need you for Social Media help.

We offer an easy-going environment, with fun people, doing meaningful work. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to [jennifer@kidsafefoundation.org](mailto:jennifer@kidsafefoundation.org).



*June through August, 2020*

#### \$10,000 or more

Alan Mandell

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Leslie L. Alexander Foundation, Inc.  
Saul & Theresa Esman Foundation

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Jewish Women's Foundation of	Charitable Foundation
the Greater Palm Beaches	

#### \$500 up to \$1,000

Peter Oldbury  
Soroptimist International Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach

#### Up to \$500

Asha Padmanabhan	Fusion Communications	Len Keilin
Carole K. Wilson	and Consulting, LLC	Lisa Ashley
Cathy Winton	GreatNonprofits	Patty Orr
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## Don't Forget to Smile

### ENGAGE



### SUPPORT

When you're sick as a dog but still  
have to feed your kids breakfast in the  
morning



### EMPOWER



## The KidSafe Mission

Teach personal safety to children and their grown-ups  
to build strong, resilient families and safer communities.

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