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## News and Information



**KidSafe — Hearts Full of Gratitude**

November, 2020

### From the CEO

*Laura Askowitz*

Dear Friends,

Like so many of you, Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. I love the gift giving of December, but the celebration around family, food, and appreciation for all you have is impossible to beat for its sheer joy.

Without the accoutrements, I am choosing to give thanks for small and big things for all of November. As part of the KidSafe team, my first out-loud thank you is to our partners, funders, and friends, who have spent the last six months making sure we are okay financially. You have been calling to check on our ability to continue to help the community, and—even though it is so not about us—making our team feel that you all care about us as people in addition to a child-serving organization. Thank you sincerely for that.

Thank you to families who have dealt with unprecedented pressures and kept their children safe. Thank you to children that take away even just one thing from their KidSafe education and find their personal safety voice. And you all know, dear to my heart, is the 42 million survivors, some of whom (thank you so much) are doing all they can to stop the cycle and make things different for their own, and others', children.

Stay safe this November. Thank you for reading our newsletter, for helping us when you can, and for keeping up the good safety fight. It is truly time for us to make sure the world is a better, safer place.

With great affection,



### Program Update

*Cherie Benjoseph & Elyse Dion*

#### A Message of Gratitude

As we look back on this year, there is much for which we are thankful. It has been amazing to watch how KidSafe has grown under the support and guidance of Laura Askowitz, our extraordinary CEO. Much has changed. Our irreplaceable staff, our incomparable volunteers, and our legion of invaluable funders have all pulled together as we have pivoted to new and exciting program models. Although KidSafe's movement toward online programming was born pre-pandemic, that expanded vision is now more important than ever. A HUGE shout out of gratitude to all of our KidSafe family and supporters.

#### Approaching the Holidays with a KidSafe Mindset

As the holidays approach many will be gathering with family and friends to celebrate. We ask two things – please follow CDC guidelines for the sake of everyone's health and well-being. We isolate now so that when we come back together no one will be missing. And two, as you do get together with your family and friends, you have your children's personal safety top of mind. In this blog we talk about preventing abuse at holiday gatherings. But it is family and dear friends you say! Yes, and 90% of the time a child is harmed by someone they know and trust. Strengthen yourself and your kids with skills to communicate. Teach them from a place of empowerment not fear. [Click here. https://kidsafefoundation.org/topics/prepare-your-family-for-holiday-gatherings/](https://kidsafefoundation.org/topics/prepare-your-family-for-holiday-gatherings/)



### New eLearn Training Modules Launching in November/December!



#### **Healthcare Professionals eLearn Training for Sexual Abuse Prevention**

This eLearn training provides healthcare professionals foundational knowledge about child sexual abuse (CSA), Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), prevention, recognition, response to disclosure and reporting.

With over 42 million adult survivors of CSA in the US and 1 of 10 children being sexually abused before their 18th birthday it is imperative that healthcare professionals have the skills and knowledge to address present and past abuse of their clients. Register for the course here.  
<https://kidsafefoundation.org/training/>

#### **Broward County School Resource Officer eLearn Training for Sexual Abuse Prevention**

As part of a generous grant from the Broward Sheriff's Office LETF, KidSafe will be providing eLearn training to School Resources Officers on, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and ACEs impact on the students they work with; sexual abuse prevention, recognizing a student in need, response to disclosure and reporting. To be released in November.

*Cheri Elyse*



## Featured Supporter - YOU!

*Eliza Vasquez*

Dear KidSafe Donors and Grantors,

November is the month of giving thanks, and I would like to express our thanks to you.

**Thank you all** for supporting us through thick and thin. This year has been especially challenging with the pandemic and the unknown that we live in now. Having so many people and organizations that believe in what we do and how imperative safety education is, makes our hearts full of gratitude.

**All of you are the Change and Hope we have for the world**, where children will be free from sexual abuse and childhood trauma. We couldn't do this without you. We really couldn't! Thank you for recognizing how important it is to teach children and their grown-ups about personal safety.



I wish you wonderful Holiday Season, and again thank you for making ours so very special.

*Eliza*



## KidSafe Español!

*Melissa Maya*

Queridos Amigos de KidSafe,

El mes de Noviembre llega como un mes de agradecimiento; un mes en el que tendremos una fecha especial para dar gracias por todo lo que nos pasa a diario. Este año sin duda tendrá mucho por lo que estar agradecido, porque sabemos que no fue un año normal y eso lo hace aún más especial. Celebramos que nos adaptamos a la nueva normalidad sin perder nuestras costumbres. También celebramos que estamos vivos y que estamos con nuestros seres queridos sanos y seguros, eso es lo más importante.

KidSafe está extremadamente agradecido por todos aquellos que forman parte de la Fundación, que trabajan duro para nuestra misión, y aquellos que creen firmemente en lo que hacemos y apoyan nuestro trabajo.

*KidSafe en Español* agradece a todos los miembros de nuestra Junta Directiva y especialmente a la **Fundación Saúl y Theresa Esman** por permitir que el programa llegue a la comunidad hispana. Me siento lleno de gratitud por estar conectados a esta fundación que nos ha apoyado en tiempos de incertidumbre. Es gratificante trabajar en la misión de un mundo más seguro para los niños, y continuaremos en el camino para lograrlo juntos.



SAUL & THERESA ESMAN  
FOUNDATION  
FRIEND TO THE LATIN &  
MINORITY COMMUNITY

Danos el momento de agradecerte que hemos sobrevivido a 2020 y seguir trabajando en estar a salvo ... para ser KidSafe.

Recuerda seguirnos en nuestro Instagram como @KidSafeEspanol. Allí compartiremos más información y consejos que le ayudarán a ser KidSafe.

Melissa

Dear Friends of KidSafe,

The month of November arrives as a month of thanks; a month in which we will have a special date to give thanks for everything that happens to us daily. This year will certainly have a lot to be thankful for, because we know it was not a normal year and that makes it even more special. We celebrate that we adapted to the new normal without losing our customs. We also celebrate that we are alive and that we are with our healthy and safe loved ones – that is the most important thing.

KidSafe is extremely grateful for all those who are part of the Foundation, who work hard for our mission, and those who firmly believe in what we do and support our work.

*KidSafe en Español* thanks all the members on our Board and especially the Saul and Theresa Esman Foundation for enabling the program to reach the Hispanic community. I feel full of gratitude for being connected to this foundation that has supported us in times of uncertainty. It is gratifying to work on the mission of a safer world for children, and we will continue on the way to achieve it together.

Give us the moment to thank you that we have survived 2020 and continue to work on being safe ... to be KidSafe.

Remember to follow us on our Instagram as @KidSafeEspanol. There we will be sharing more information and tips that will help you to be KidSafe.

Melissa



## Volunteer Spotlight

**Jennifer Rodriguez**

As November begins, we have so much to be grateful for. Our office staff, Board Members and volunteers continue to work hard keeping the KidSafe Mission alive. We could not do this without each and every one of you.

A huge shout out to our volunteer Paul for delivering over 1,000 KidSafe safety series books: "My Body is Special and Belongs to Me" and "Jack Teaches his Friends to Be KidSafe", to Broward & Palm Beach County locations.



Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.



## A Special Message



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### The KidSafe Mission

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