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SAFE Expands Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Clinic

Eloise House expands facility to serve more survivors of sexual assault

Austin, TX— SAFE's [Eloise House](#), which administers a majority of sexual assault forensic exams in Austin, recently expanded its facilities to better serve survivors of sexual assault in Central Texas.

Since Eloise House opened in 2015, SAFE's Sexual Assault Services Department has responded to more than 2,000 visits from sexual assault survivors in Central Texas. The clinic provides evidence collection, medical care, advocacy, and connection to other resources at SAFE and in the community.

Eloise House has seen a 10 percent increase in forensic exams each year since the clinic opened. This September alone, the clinic saw 76 patients. With the overwhelming number of visits, the community need to expand was clear.

"We'll have more space to care for people with the beautiful new clinic building. I want to encourage those who have experienced a recent sexual assault to come in for free medical care, evidence collection, or a conversation about options," Jenny Black, SAFE's Forensic Nursing Director said.

Thanks to the generosity of the community and the support of local philanthropic organizations, the expansion of SAFE's Eloise House forensic clinic adds a second waiting room, a shower, and two comfortable exam rooms, allowing advocates and nurses to see more survivors of sexual assault.

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[About SAFE](#)

SAFE is a merger of Austin Children's Shelter and SafePlace, both long-standing and respected human service agencies in Austin serving survivors of child abuse, sexual assault and exploitation, and domestic violence. SAFE's goal is ambitious and simple: stop abuse for everyone. Learn more about our services and programs at safeaustin.org.