



SAFE HOUSE
PROJECT

January 4, 2023

RE: Refuge for Women Texas Gulf Coast, Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of the Safe House Project in support of Refuge for Women Texas Gulf Coast. We strongly support this organization in their efforts to combat human trafficking in the state of Texas.

As a national anti-human trafficking organization working to expand safe house capacity, place survivors in restorative care programs, and increase victim identification beyond 1%, Safe House Project created the Safe House Certification (SHC) model to evaluate the quality of aftercare being offered and hold organizations accountable. SHC raises the standards of certified organizations by evaluating the quality of an aftercare program and recommending improvements based on established industry standards. In addition, it gives survivors a credible, consistent review of programs, enabling and empowering them to seek restorative care, knowing that the program has been properly vetted and is equipped to handle their restoration.

Refuge for Women Texas Gulf Coast, seeking continual improvement to better provide for the survivors they serve, completed our SHC process and was awarded an Emerging Leader Safe House Certification. Emerging Leader Certification is reserved for programs committed to continual growth to ensure survivors are being served at the highest level of care. Programs with a Emerging Leader badge are offering services that meet many industry best-practices and have been operating a residential program for less than one-year

With the awarding of this badge comes the identification of a program that is committed to the work they are doing and an example of an ethical, equitable, and effective program.

If you would like more information regarding Safe House Project or Safe House Certification, please contact me via email at kristi@safehouseproject.org.

Sincerely,

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