

The Compass Center's Survivor Empowerment Services

Did you know...

3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in America.

That's why...

The Compass Center provides courtroom outreach to victims. Services include courtroom advocacy, protection order assistance, counseling, and more.

Which means...

The free services for victims of stalking, domestic violence, and sexual assault address the emotional, psychological and physical effects. 70% of 504 individual clients met their therapeutic goals last year.

A dream home in the wide open country became prison-like for Kathy. "About two years after we moved in, it started, but I didn't realize the extent of what it was going to be at that time."

"It" is stalking. For five years, Kathy and her family lived in a state of anxiety and fear brought on by a stalker they didn't know. "He would leave things at our driveway, sexual things. Sometimes months would go by, other times only days."

Kathy was among the 11% of stalking victims that did not know her perpetrator. "The fear of the unknown was the worst. We didn't know who this person was, if it was a man or a woman, how they found us, or even what they were capable of."

That fear of the unknown led to the eventual purchase of a guard dog for their property and handguns for the family. "I went from being an open person, who would gladly strike up a conversation with anyone to someone who questioned everyone I met. I didn't even feel comfortable outside in my yard, because he could have been watching."

The local sheriff's office proved to be very helpful, eventually helping them to identify the perpetrator and suggesting a protection order. That's where The Compass Center came in. "I found out about The Compass Center when I showed up for our court date and they were there, meeting with other individuals who were processing protection orders. They talked me through the steps of what would happen in court, and sat right next to me during the hearing. To have someone there, in my corner while I faced this person for the first time, meant so much to me."

Along with courtroom advocacy, The Compass Center also provides counseling services and more to victims of stalking, domestic violence, and sexual assault – all at no cost to the client.

"The staff at The Compass Center gave me the confidence and power to overcome this. I don't want to live in fear for the rest of my life. Facing this person was healing, and I couldn't have done it without The Compass Center."

