

# Visionary Award



## Oak Park Police Department

Throughout Sarah's Inn history, the Oak Park Police Department has maintained the highest commitment to ensuring that officers are best prepared to respond effectively and sensitively to domestic violence calls, to ensuring that the Sarah's Inn headquarters are well patrolled and safe, and toward effective partnering to raise community awareness about domestic violence.

The Department has been a dedicated partner since the beginning, participating in the 1981 survey that found deep service gaps for survivors. This survey led to the formation of Sarah's Inn. And for thirty years, the Department has continued its commitment in countless big and small ways — through regular referrals of survivors to the crisis line, transporting women to our office, hosting the Survival as Art Project, and sponsoring annual trainings led by Sarah's Inn Legal Advocates to continue to improve their skills as first responders. Today, under the leadership of Chief Rick Tanksley, the Oak Park Police Department continues to lead the way in the region. And we continue to be grateful for this vital and positive partnership.