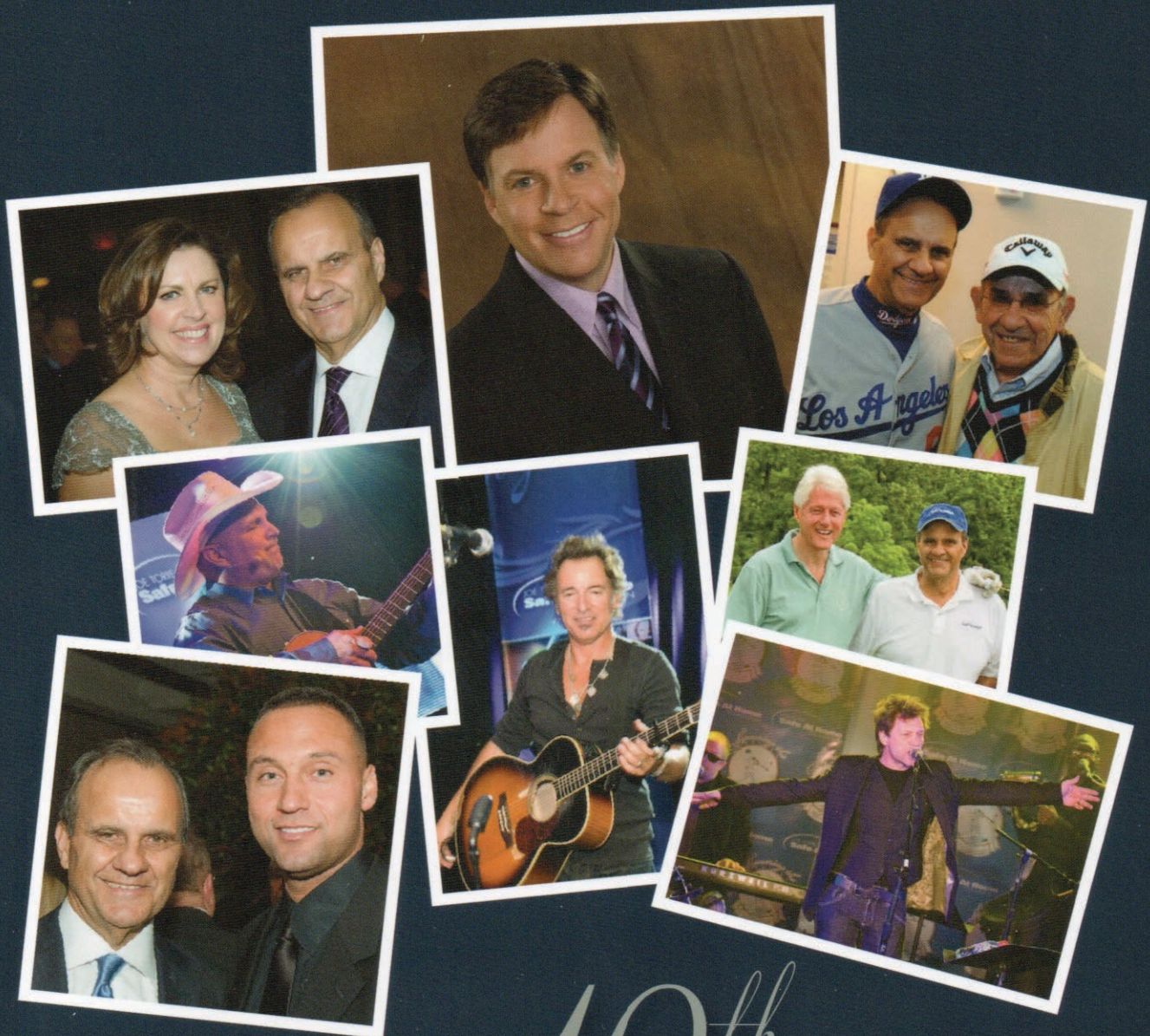


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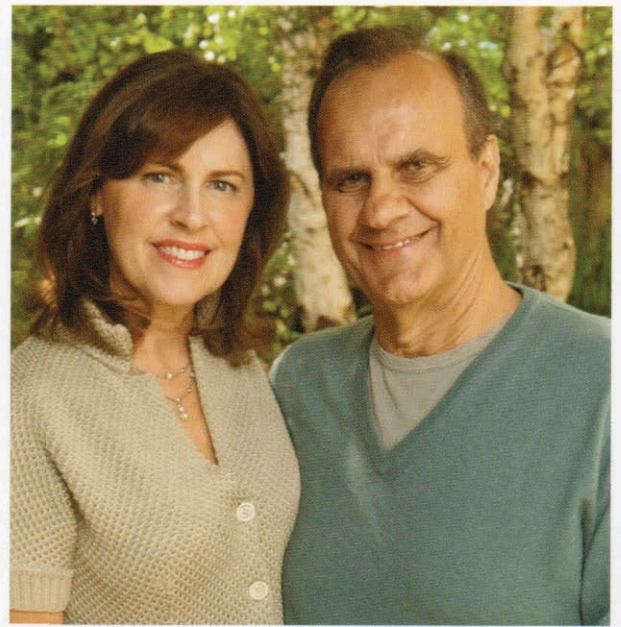


10th
Anniversary
COMMEMORATIVE
YEARBOOK

Letter from Ali & Joe Torre

Welcome to the Tenth Anniversary Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation Gala. Though Hurricane Sandy postponed our celebration, we are so thankful that you are able to join us tonight. Our thoughts and prayers are with those in the Tri-State area who are recovering from the storm's devastation.

This special evening marks a tremendous milestone in the Foundation's history—our tenth year of working to end the cycle of domestic violence. And while this issue remains a pressing national concern, we are committed to continuing our work to improve the lives of children and their families in our communities. Over the past decade, the Foundation has helped thousands of children and their families through "Margaret's Place," our comprehensive program that takes place at ten public schools and two Family Justice Centers in the Tri-State area and Los Angeles. Named in honor of Joe's mother, Margaret Torre—a victim of domestic abuse—each Margaret's Place provides a "safe room" within the school staffed by a master's level counselor trained in domestic violence prevention and intervention.



Tonight, we reflect on benchmarks in our first decade of work, highlighted in the following pages. Since our founding in 2002, we have learned that eradicating domestic violence and healing the scars it leaves behind can only occur through awareness, education, and support—this is our mission and commitment to those in need.

None of our work would be possible without you. We gratefully acknowledge your support over the past ten years, represented in the leadership and goodwill gathered here to champion this important cause. We especially honor Bob Costas and his wife, Jill. Both have been steadfast friends of the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation, and Bob has been this gala's generous master of ceremonies year after year. Bob's long celebrated career in broadcasting is matched only by his character and heart.

Through the years, we have used this occasion to highlight these and other values—courage, resilience, team work, leadership—that help combat the devastation of domestic violence and forge exemplary role models for our youth to emulate. Tonight we also ask the question, What is "safe"? What does it mean to be and feel safe? And how do we create safe environments for children, families, and communities? Seeking answers to these questions will shape our work in the decade to come.

We celebrate the amazing talents who have generously graced this annual gala over the past decade. As always, the proceeds raised tonight help us provide hope to the many children and family members who are living with violence and abuse in their daily lives.

Thank you for joining us this evening, and for your generous support.

Ali & Joe Torre

Letter from the Executive Director

On behalf of Ali and Joe Torre, our Board of Directors, our tremendous Margaret's Place team, and all of the dedicated supporters of the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation, we are very pleased to share with you our "yearbook"—a compilation of a decade's work to end the cycle of domestic violence and save lives.

Over the years, what we have learned most about domestic violence and its effects is that there is still a tremendous need to educate, to recognize the impact of trauma, and to teach empathy. Through our education campaigns and building the Margaret's Place network, we've witnessed the importance of creating a whole community around the child—from identifying the problem, to referring individuals for counseling, to educating teachers, parents, and other leadership figures in children's lives. Now, with a decade of service under our belts, we understand that it takes time—sometimes years—to build bridges of trust so children feel safe at school, and safer at home. When a child understands that domestic violence is not their fault, that they are not alone, and that they can speak out with a strong voice, their healing can begin.

Today, school counselors are busier than ever, and much of their focus is mandated toward academics and testing. Most have had no prior training in even recognizing trauma. In this arena, we have had some of our most valuable impact, providing teachers, counselors, parents, and others with awareness training. At many of our school sites, teachers and other staff participate with Margaret's Place counselors in presenting our curriculum, which can easily relate to English, Health, Art, and even Science classes. When this integration occurs, it makes a huge difference. Awareness and empathy go hand in hand.

As Joe Torre has learned through his work on the U.S. Attorney General's Defending Childhood Task Force and in his own life, children may experience the same level of trauma from simply witnessing violence as experiencing it directly. This has startling implications given the pervasive violence in the media, entertainment, and social settings that children are exposed to every day. Even the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes that emotional scars from exposure to violence have long-term health effects that worsen if left untreated.

Joe had a gut instinct about this when he confronted the truth of his own childhood trauma. He witnessed violence at home. His father was emotionally abusive to him, and he saw the effects of his mother being abused. Yet, it was decades later until he could literally connect the dots between what he had witnessed and how he felt—the insecurities, fear, never raising his hand in school.

Thanks to Ali and Joe Torre's extraordinary vision and leadership, Margaret's Place can intervene much earlier, bringing comfort, care, and hope to children in need. Our passionately dedicated team wears many hats, and everyone pitches in to stretch our resources as far as they will go. Each expressive, happy, and hopeful child makes it all worthwhile. Here's to another successful decade, and many more children *safe at home*.



Judith Ann Lynn



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

January 24, 2013

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone as the Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation celebrates its 10th Anniversary Gala.

Our Administration is doing all we can to keep New York the safest big city in the nation, and that includes making families safer from domestic violence. Commissioner Yolanda Jimenez and the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence have had tremendous success over the past decade and this year especially, thanks in great part to our Family Justice Centers and outstanding supporters including the Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation.

Joe and Ali and their team continue to make a tremendous positive difference both here in the five boroughs and in Los Angeles. New Yorkers are proud to applaud them as they commemorate this milestone, and together, we look forward to helping even more families reclaim their lives and prevent violence before it happens.

On behalf of a grateful city, congratulations to the Foundation and tonight's honoree, sports broadcasting legend Bob Costas. Please accept my best wishes for a terrific evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

Healing the Past Is a Promise to the Future

The Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation (2002–2012)

The Inspiration

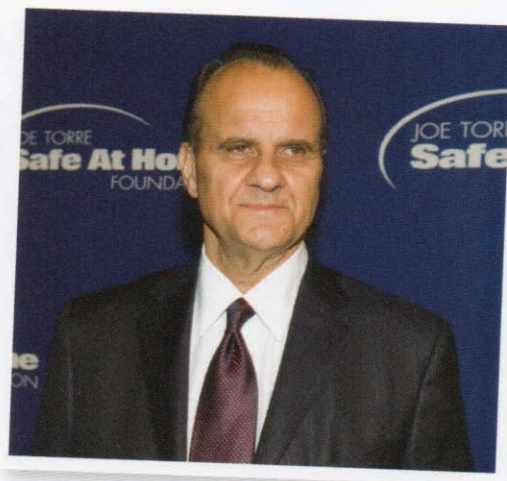
It began with one man confronting a painful past. Joe Torre is known the world over as a nine-time baseball All Star and the fearless manager who led his beloved New York Yankees to four World Series titles. Yet, despite his unparalleled success, Joe carried a heavy and secret burden—the childhood wounds of domestic violence. This trauma was buried deep but wielded powerful control over Joe’s life until 1995, when he and Ali attended a personal growth seminar that helped set him free.

With courage, patience, and deep compassion, Joe confronted devastating childhood memories—witnessing the physical abuse of his mother by his father, and experiencing verbal and emotional abuse himself. He bravely discussed this unacknowledged period in his soul-searching autobiography, *Chasing the Dream: My Lifelong Journey to the World Series*, published in 1998. But he wasn’t finished. Firm in the belief that every child deserves to feel safe at home, he turned his painful past into a great and lasting benefit. Ali and Joe founded the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation in 2002 with this hopeful mission:

Educating to end the cycle of domestic violence and save lives.

The life of this organization is not unlike a season of baseball, as we know from the triumphant career of our hero, Joe Torre. From “Spring Training” to the “Playoffs,” the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation is continually learning, growing, and expanding its impact. Our first ten years of operation have scored one home run after another, and we are pleased to report that many children and adults are now safer at home thanks to our efforts and your support.

Here are “season highlights” and milestones from our first decade of service.

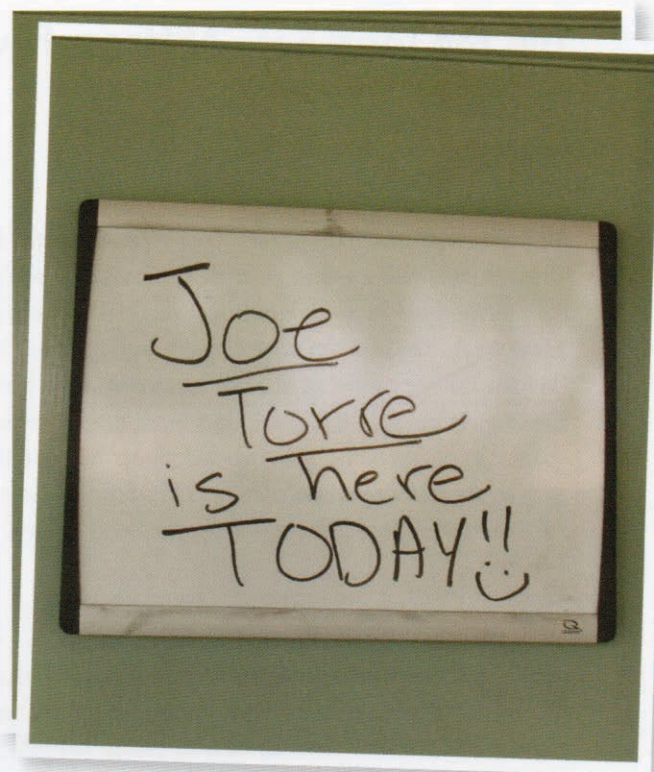


Spring Training

2002

Ali and Joe founded the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation on May 15, 2002, with the help of many friends and family members and generous support from Samsung Electronics' Four Seasons of Hope campaign. The Torres knew they wanted to help end the cycle of domestic violence, a serious national issue that affects millions. But given this understudied and often misunderstood problem, what was the best way for our fledgling organization to intervene?

First, we educated ourselves. From our research, we learned that in 43% of households with domestic violence, there is at least one child under the age of twelve. For every woman that goes into a shelter, many times there are two or three children who go with her. As many as 40% of violent juvenile offenders come from homes where there is domestic violence. Children of abused mothers are six times more likely to abuse drugs. And boys who witness the abuse of their mothers are ten times more likely to abuse their female partners as adults. Domestic abuse is not just a women's issue; men are affected too. Recognizing how critical education was to Joe's healing process, the Torres seized on education as the key to ending the cycle of domestic violence—and they made it the Foundation's mission.



The most critical message for children who suffer from domestic abuse — “It’s not your fault.”

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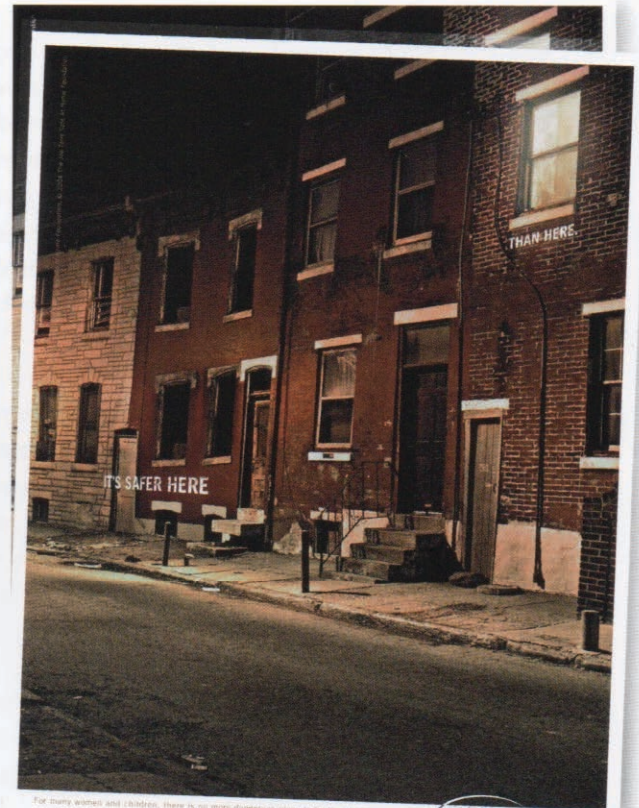
*Boys who witness the abuse of their mothers are **10** times more likely to abuse their female partners as adults.*

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2003

As Joe had learned firsthand, the signs and effects of domestic abuse often go unnoticed or ignored. Education begins with awareness. Working with the award-winning firm TBWA\Chiat\Day, we crafted a public information campaign to raise awareness about domestic abuse. In local and national print and television ads, these simple messages with bold graphics clearly identified what physical and verbal abuse is, who suffers from it, and the first steps to getting help. One ad ran the heading "Domestic Violence. It's Easy!" Imitating a cheery, 1950s-style instruction manual, it drove home the message that doing nothing allows domestic violence to flourish. Another ad, "Safer Here than Here," used photography to effectively contrast a dark street as a safer place for women and children than a well-lit home in which there is domestic violence. A third piece underscored the most critical message for children who suffer from domestic abuse—"It's not your fault." And our first television ad, "Disclaimer," communicated the devastation experienced by children who witness violence at home, a powerful statement that prompted several other organizations to follow our lead.

In November 2003, we hosted our inaugural fundraising gala. Emmy-winning actor and comedian Billy Crystal generously lent his Oscar-worthy skills as Master of Ceremonies. Steve Uline, with the support of Anheuser-Busch, provided a documentary video of the life of a victim of domestic violence and her family's struggle and survival, presenting a clear picture of the trauma and complexity of the issue. The Center Against Domestic Violence presented its RAPP program for teens. And Grammy-winning singer/songwriter Norah Jones offered marvelous musical entertainment for this special event held at The Ritz Carlton New York, Battery Park.



For more women and children, there is no more dangerous place to be than home. Call 1-877-868-4302 or go to www.joetorre.org to help make home safe again.

Safe At Home



2004

Next, the Foundation targeted its awareness and education efforts to specific audiences by launching the "Community Players" initiative. Pamphlets were designed for and distributed to the corporate, medical, legal, and education communities. These tools provided information and tips for professionals so they could identify and help end the cycle of domestic violence among their own constituencies. We supplemented this outreach with awareness training throughout the community.

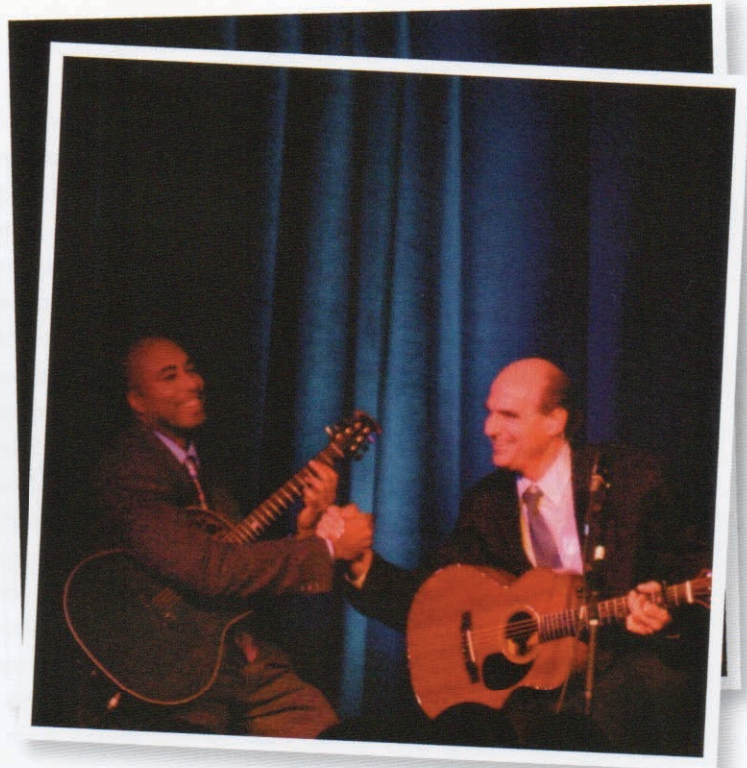
Our second annual gala featured opening remarks from veteran sportscaster Bob Costas, a live auction led by Billy Crystal, and a beloved musical guest, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame singer/songwriter James Taylor. In July, we held our inaugural Joe Torre Golf Classic, a fundraising event hosted by the Trump National Golf Club.

Meanwhile, within the organization we began to ask the question, *how do we educate children and keep them safe at the same time?* With the invaluable assistance of educator Cristina Torre, Joe's daughter, we researched school-based programs to identify what other resources were already available, and we began to conceptualize our own program to help children living with domestic abuse.

The idea for Margaret's Place was born.



MARGARET'S
PLACE



Opening Day

2005

The Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation opened the first **Margaret's Place** in May 2005 at Hostos-Lincoln Academy, a Bronx middle school. Named for Joe's mother, Margaret Torre, a survivor of domestic abuse, this resource represented a pioneering first in the field: a school-based space for counseling children who witness or experience domestic violence. After much thought and planning, the Foundation implemented its signature program, which brings education, prevention, and intervention directly to children in need.

In June, we opened our second Margaret's Place at the Brooklyn Academy for Science and the Environment High School (BASE). Early in implementing the program, we partnered with Safe Horizon, the largest victims' services agency in the nation.

Margaret's Place is an innovative model in which schools supply a dedicated safe room and the Foundation, working as an independent entity in partnership with the principal or head of school, implements the program. Margaret's Place is a safe environment where children may come on their own or be referred by teachers, counselors, or fellow classmates. Each Margaret's Place is staffed with a full-time, master's level counselor, and the program includes individual and group counseling, school-wide anti-

violence campaigns, a healthy relationship curriculum, and peer leadership groups. It also provides staff and faculty training, parent events, and intervention in high-risk situations.

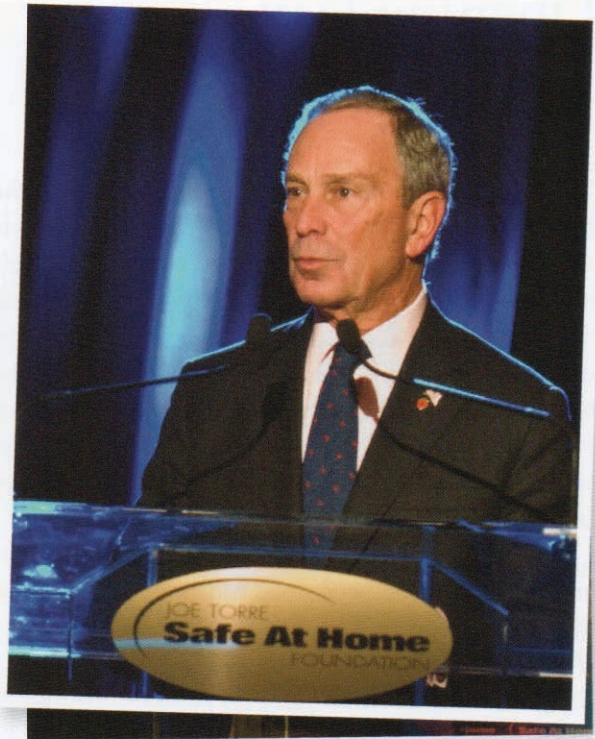
Designed to be colorful and comfortable, Margaret's Place is a nonjudgmental environment and "safety net" for students. Here, they can express and explore their feelings, and learn how to cope with the experience of domestic abuse. "It's not your fault" and "You're not alone" are the key messages that students internalize. About Margaret's Place, one student has said, "I went there for group counseling but it was an environment I felt comfortable in. It wasn't like walking into another classroom, but just a safe environment. It's one of the few places at school where I feel okay." A school staff member has noted, "Rather than having to guess at how to address evidence of abuse, it is great to have a knowledgeable professional to consult with, someone who deals with this type of thing on a daily basis."

Later in the year, we partnered with the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence and Sanctuary for Families, the leading New York State service provider, to open our third Margaret's Place at the Brooklyn



Family Justice Center, New York City's first facility providing a range of services for victims of domestic violence and their children under one roof. This project was enthusiastically supported by our friends at Build-A-Bear Workshop.

As he has done throughout our history, our generous friend Bob Costas opened our third annual gala. In a moving testimonial about the devastation of domestic violence, Darlene Alberts told the tragic story of her sister, who was murdered by her Harvard-graduate husband, and how Darlene was left with the challenge of raising their three children. The evening also featured a performance by the renowned baseball player, sportscaster, and entertainer Bob Uecker, and our spectacular musical guest, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame singer/songwriter John Mellencamp.



Expansion Teams

2006

The Margaret's Place program was a success and expanded quickly in 2006, adding a total of six new sites. These included four schools in Westchester County, New York: Emerson Middle School in Yonkers, Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison, Pelham Middle School, and White Plains High School. The Foundation selected the Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS), a social-service leader in the local community, to administer these programs on a daily basis. Additionally, the Foundation opened two Margaret's Place sites in New York City: MS 45 in East Harlem and MS 217 in Jamaica.

Our fourth annual gala honored the New York Yankees, World Series Champions of 1996 (Joe's first year as manager). This special event featured a superstar musical performance by the multi-platinum artist Mariah Carey.



2007

Our Margaret's Place program received generous new funding from Verizon in 2007. At this time, our program used the curriculum "PEARLS (People Empowered to Address Real Life Situations): Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance for Adolescents," copyright of Safe Horizon.

The Foundation also significantly expanded its online initiative, adding new pages and many additional resources for youth, counselors, educators, and parents, all available 24/7 at joetorre.org. We hired external evaluators to conduct the Foundation's first formal evaluation. This began the annual process of tracking the success of our programs through site visits, staff and participant interviews, and data collection and analysis.



The Honorable Mayor Michael Bloomberg offered opening remarks at our fifth annual gala, which honored New York Yankees legend and celebrated musician, Bernie Williams. The Boss himself, Bruce Springsteen, entertained our guests.

2007 was a very important year in Joe's life. After twelve seasons, six American League pennants, and four World Series titles, Joe bid farewell to his beloved Yankees. Soon, he and Ali would move their home to California, where he would manage the Los Angeles Dodgers.

2008

The Foundation opened a Margaret's Place at José Martí Middle School in Union City, New Jersey. We created another site at the Queens Family Justice Center in Kew Gardens, New York City's second facility providing services to victims of domestic violence and their children. Our Margaret's Place counselors began logging their activities into a customized database in order to better track the program's effectiveness. This data could then be aggregated and analyzed as part of the Foundation's annual evaluation process.

With Sanctuary for Families, we co-hosted "Children and Domestic Violence: A Blueprint for Helping New York's Smallest Victims." This panel discussion featured leaders in the field including attorney Sarah M. Buel; child psychiatrist Steven R. Marans; founder of one of the nation's first women's shelters, Evan Stark; and president of the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence, Karen Days. This powerful and informative discussion was moderated by the NBC award-winning journalist Stone Phillips.

With the theme of "Team Work," our sixth annual gala honored the 1998 World Champion New York Yankees. The evening featured a moving testimonial from former Miami Dolphin and domestic violence activist Victor Rivers and a stunning musical performance by Jon Bon Jovi.

2009

We added a new Margaret's Place to our Westchester roster—Peekskill Middle School—and closed our site at Louis M. Klein Middle School in Harrison.

During the year, we hosted a poetry contest for participants in our Margaret's Place program across all of our school- and agency-based sites. Titled "Who Will?" the contest asked participants to respond to the question, "Who will be a role model?" Additionally, participants were asked to consider, how has your role model showed you that violence is not the answer? And who will you be a role model for? The responses were overwhelming, with hundreds of entrants submitting poems of startling insight, poignancy, and eloquence.

Children and Domestic Violence:
A BLUEPRINT
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smallest victims



Here's one of the winning entries by Sophia Merelas, a student from Pelham Middle School:

Untitled

I hear a voice inside my head
A single note in a musical thread
Words that remind me to walk away
To turn my check to the words they say

I start to walk the wrong way
Then the notes begin to play
I turn around towards the sun
I take a step towards where I'd begun

When a hurtful word hits my heart
When I have just about fallen apart
I hear the lyrics to that song
I know my violent thoughts are wrong

I could take a punch and prove my way
Or I could simply walk away
The violent thoughts that they pursue
Have to be changed by what I do



Winners in the "Who Will?" contest received prizes of digital cameras and MP3 players. Even more exciting, they were asked to share their poems with Joe Torre and guests at the Foundation's seventh annual gala. With "Role Models" as the theme, the evening honored New York Yankees MVP Mariano Rivera and featured an inspiring musical program by Grammy-winning singer/songwriter Paul Simon.

WHO WILL be a Role Model?
A Role Model shows respect.
Leads by example.
And helps us make good choices.

We are faced with violence every day in and out of school.

How has your Role Model showed you that violence is not the answer?

Who WILL YOU be a Role Model for?

Write a Poem to tell us about it!
Stop by Margaret's Place to pick up your Entry Form.

AMAZING PRIZES!
1st Place Winner- Digital Camera
2nd Place Winner- Digital Media Player
3rd Place Winner- MP3 Music Player

Two Grand Prize Winners, selected from the ten participating schools, will read their pieces at Joe Torre's Annual Dinner Event- Nov. 13, 2009.

WHO WILL?
Poetry Contest
October 1st-19th

Margaret's Place

Interleague Play

2010

This was our biggest year yet as we expanded the reach of the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation to the West Coast. We opened a second office in Santa Monica, and Dodger legend Sandy Koufax helped kick off our California presence with "Koufax and Torre: Safe At Home," a fascinating, 90-minute Q&A in front of 7,000 people at the Nokia Theater at LA Live. Major sponsorship for this spectacular event was generously provided by Michael Roth of AEG and T.J. Simers, sportswriter for the *Los Angeles Times*. Proceeds raised would go toward opening our first Margaret's Place in California.

Back in New York, we moved our main office to the city's West Side. We also brought our Margaret's Place operations in-house to directly manage and coordinate our NYC and LA programs and counselors.

Joe hit a major home run for the Foundation and the cause with an invitation to the White House. In October, the Torres joined President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden at a ceremony in the East Room as they announced unprecedented Federal initiatives aimed at breaking the cycle of domestic violence, and publicly recognized the Foundation's efforts in this vital mission.

Our eighth annual gala focused on "Leadership and Healthy Relationships," themes exemplified by our honoree, the New York Yankees' extraordinary captain, Derek Jeter, and our celebration of the 2000 Subway Series. Executive Director Judith Lynn introduced dinner guests to our Margaret's Place peer leaders, and an incomparable musical talent, Garth Brooks, capped off the evening with a memorable performance.

2011

The Foundation opened its first Margaret's Place in California at the Mark Twain Middle School in Los Angeles, funded with generous support from Verizon.

In 2011, Joe truly "stepped up to the plate" on a national level, participating on the National Advisory Committee for the Office of Violence Against Women (Violence Against Women Act, signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1994).

In October, we partnered with the Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) and County Board of Legislators to "Shine the Light on Domestic Violence." This month-long campaign aimed to unmask the face of domestic violence, a goal symbolized creatively with masks made by Margaret's Place participants at the Brooklyn Academy for Science and the Environment (BASE).

We also piloted a new curriculum for Margaret's Place titled YES—"Youth Empowered to Speak." Emphasizing the importance of personal expression in overcoming the trauma of domestic violence, YES is a violence prevention program with wonderfully original activities for facilitators and students. It's also up-to-date in understanding cyber-bullying and other aspects of today's mediated social environment.



The YES curriculum gives youth the tools to...

- Identify different types of violence and abuse
- Cope with the impact of trauma in healthy ways
- Utilize safety strategies
- Understand the needs of those who have been exposed to violence
- Engage in help-seeking behaviors
- Feel empowered to play a role in ending the cycle of violence.

In 2011, the Foundation's programs reported the highest effectiveness statistics to date. During that year...

2,367 students received violence prevention and intervention curriculum

854 students received counseling with a total of 2,863 counseling sessions

1,428 students participated in group counseling with a total of 727 sessions

582 teachers received training about domestic violence

7,766 students were reached by Margaret's Place activities

The Foundation's ninth annual gala celebrated "Resilience"; we fittingly honored the New York Yankees 2001 World Series Championship in the wake of 9/11 and five-time All Star Yankees "Warrior" Paul O'Neill. Joe Torre opened the evening speaking about the Penn State tragedy of child sexual abuse. He stated, "If the child was the recognizable figure in sports rather than the perpetrator, they would have come forward right away. When we keep silent, we protect the perpetrator." The iconic Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons were our special musical guests. We held not one but two Joe Torre Golf Classics in 2011, the first in January at LA's Wilshire Country Club and a second in June at Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor, New York.

2012... and looking forward

The Foundation opened its second California-based Margaret's Place at John Adams Middle School in Los Angeles, generously supported with a \$180,000 challenge grant from Windsong Trust. We implemented our YES curriculum in all of our New York-area schools. Today, every seventh grader receives the curriculum in participating middle schools, and every ninth grader in participating high schools.

Joe served during the year as Co-Chairman of the Defending Childhood Task Force, a key component of the U.S. Attorney General's Defending Childhood Initiative. This comprehensive effort is focused on addressing children's exposure to violence in the United States. (In October 2011, he was keynote speaker at the Juvenile Justice Conference in Washington, DC, where the Foundation showcased our signature Margaret's Place program.) Joe also continued his work on the OVAW National Advisory Committee.

In 2012, our independent evaluation team reported very inspiring results from our work. In a survey of five schools with Margaret's Place sites, over 83% of teachers said that, thanks to the program, students were increasingly willing to speak up if they see or suspect that others are being hurt/abused, and over 89% said that students were increasingly willing to seek help if they are being hurt/abused. And the teachers were right—in a Margaret's Place school, 40% more students report



having defended a friend who was being bullied than in a demographically matched school without the program. Our counseling component was even more successful. After receiving counseling at Margaret's Place, 70% of students said that they would tell someone if they were being physically abused at home—that's double the response reported at a control school with no program. And 80% of counseling students reported that, as a result of the program, they had been talking more frequently to trusted people instead of keeping things to themselves. Finally, over 70% of surveyed students said that, as a result of the Margaret's Place program, "I am a lot more hopeful about my future."

But this is no time for any of us to bunt the issue...the national statistics are still alarmingly high: in 2012, nearly two-thirds of American children were exposed to violence, crime, or abuse in their home, schools, and communities. In the ten years since its creation, the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation has educated thousands of children with messages of anti-violence and respect. As one student commented, "Margaret's Place has given me strength to be myself every day. It has taught me that I do matter to others." Another said that the program "SAVED MY LIFE!"

Now, with twelve Margaret's Place locations between New York, New Jersey, and Los Angeles, the Foundation is poised to reach even greater numbers of children in still more communities in our next decade of service. But we cannot do it alone. Only through the generous support of our friends, old and new, can we reach out to the current victims of domestic violence and prevent its devastation in future lives.

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Joe Torre

Joe Torre is Major League Baseball's Executive Vice President for Baseball Operations, a position he has held since February 2011. In this capacity, he oversees areas that include Major League Operations, On-Field Operations, On-Field Discipline, and Umpiring. He serves as the Office of the Commissioner's primary liaison to the general managers and field managers of the 30 Major League Clubs regarding all baseball and on-field matters. Since December 2009, he has served on the Commissioner's Special Committee for On-Field Matters.

Torre is also Chairman of the Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation, which he and his wife, Ali, launched in 2002. In 2010, Torre was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women. Since October 2011, he has served as Co-Chair of the U.S. Justice Department's National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence.

In Fall 2010, Torre concluded his third and final season as Manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, who he led to the National League Championship Series in 2008 and 2009. Previously, he spent 12 seasons as Manager of the New York Yankees (1996-2007), guiding them to the Playoffs every year, including six World Series appearances and four World Championships (1996, 1998, 1999, and 2000).

Torre made his managerial debut with the New York Mets on May 31, 1977, becoming the first player-manager in the majors since 1959. He managed the Mets until 1981 and the Atlanta Braves from 1982-84. After spending nearly six seasons as a television broadcaster for the California Angels, he managed the St. Louis Cardinals from 1990-95.

Torre ranks fifth in all-time managerial wins with 2,326. The Associated Press named him Manager of the Year in 1982 and 1998. In 1996 and 1998, the Baseball Writers Association of America named him "American League Manager of the Year" and, in 1996, Sporting News named him "Sportsman of the Year." He won ESPN's ESPY Award for "Best Manager/Coach of the Year" in 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2001.



During his 17-year playing career (first/third baseman, catcher) with the Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves, St. Louis Cardinals, and New York Mets, Torre compiled a lifetime .297 batting average; had 2,342 hits, 252 home runs, and 1,185 RBIs; and hit over .300 five times. He was a nine-time All-Star and the National League's 1971 Most Valuable Player, batting .363 with 230 hits, 24 home runs, and a league-leading 137 RBIs.

The Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation's mission is to develop educational programs that will end the cycle of domestic violence and save lives. Since its inception, the Foundation has educated thousands of students, parents, teachers, and school faculty about the devastating effects of domestic violence.

Currently reaching children in eight schools and two community centers in metropolitan New York City and two schools in Los Angeles, Margaret's Place, a tribute to Joe's mother, provides middle and high school students with a "safe room" in which to talk about violence-related issues to each other and to a professional counselor trained in domestic violence intervention and prevention.

Torre is the co-author of three books: *The Yankee Years* (Doubleday 2009), *Chasing the Dream: My Lifelong Journey to the World Series* (Bantam 1997, 1998), and *Joe Torre's Ground Rules for Winners: 12 Keys to Managing Team Players, Tough Bosses, Setbacks and Success* (Hyperion 1999).

Joe Torre was born on July 18, 1940, in Brooklyn, New York. He, Ali, and their daughter, Andrea, live in Beverly Hills, California. His three adult children are Michael, Cristina, and Lauren.