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INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES: Interviews with representatives of Safelight Inc. can be scheduled by contacting Lauren Wilkie, Safelight Executive Director, at Lauren@safelightfamily.org or 843.992.1772.

Hendersonville, N.C.- Safelight was the recipient of multiple grants and supporter funding for the renovation of their resale store and shelter spaces.

According to Safelight's Executive Director Lauren Wilkie, "we have wrapped up renovation of the Safelight Resale Store and shelter spaces. These renovations look incredible, we are excited for our clients and community. Our Resale store renovation allowed us to create a brighter more open floor space. We have upgraded our window lighting displays along with new floors, lights, and paint throughout. Funding and support for the renovation of Safelight's Shelter allowed us to redesign and update our shelter kitchen, dining, dorms, offices, lobby, and add onsite kennels for residents' dogs and cats fleeing violence." Wilkie shared, "The renovations for our Shelter helped us expand services, increase safety, and to better support survivors of violence, abuse, and exploitation."

Thank you to everyone who helped us with renovations to our Resale Store and Shelter over the past 15 months: American Kennel Club

Cannon Foundation

Community Foundation of Henderson County along with the Field of Interest, Perry N. Rudnick and Heart of Charitable Giving Partners

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