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Every year since 2009, the Piper's Landing Women's Golf Association (PLWGA), has chosen a local nonprofit to be the recipient of its "Giving Tree" outreach initiative.

A tree with donation tags is put up during the Thanksgiving-Christmas holiday season and Piper's Landing residents write an amount they'd like to contribute to the 501(c)(3). Previous recipients include House of Hope and Council on Aging of Martin County's Meals on Wheels program.

On January 19, PLWGA president Pamela Van presented a check for \$4,010 to Dr. Teresa Albizu, CEO of SafeSpace.

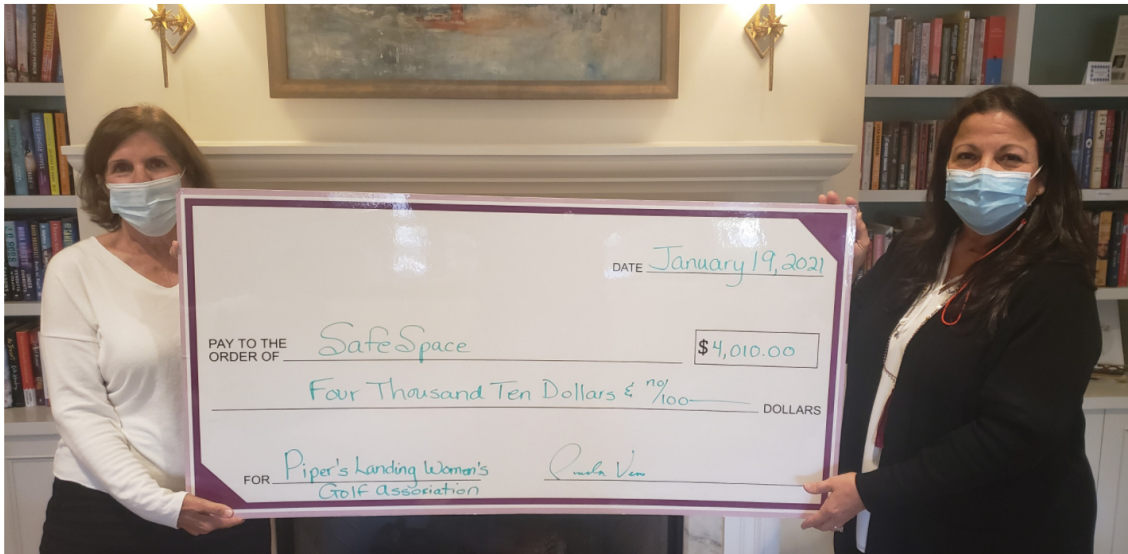
The PLWGA chose SafeSpace to receive the giving tree donations in 2020 because it provides more than just a safe haven for victims of domestic violence on the Treasure Coast. Legal assistance, financial literacy training, emotional and mental health counseling, community outreach and prevention services are also provided.

Van stated, "2020 has taken a toll on all of us, but victims of domestic violence have been impacted more than anyone. So many jobs have become Work from Home - the victim and the abuser are together 24/7 with no easy escape. It is gratifying to be able to support a worthy organization like SafeSpace."

For more information about SafeSpace, visit www.safespacefl.org or call 772-223-2399. It is the only Certified Domestic Violence Center saving lives and preventing domestic violence throughout Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties. Help is available 24/7 by calling its Hotline, 772-288-7023.

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Pamela Van, president of Piper's Landing Women's Golf Association, presents a check for \$4,010 to Dr. Teresa Albizu, CEO of SafeSpace



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