

Director's Message



Dear Friends of FVPC,
Every year more than 3 million children witness domestic violence in their home in 2013 Greene County law enforcement reports reflect over 650 children were in the vicinity of a domestic incident. The effects of domestic violence are widespread in our society and the understanding and advocacy for prevention deserve some concerted attention. Childhood problems associated with exposure to Domestic Violence are indicated in the following three broad categories:



Debbie Matheson
Executive Director

Behavioral, social and emotional problems - high levels of aggression, anger, hostility, oppositional behavior; poor peer, sibling and social relationships and low self-worth; fear, anxiety, withdrawal, and depression,
Cognitive and attitudinal problems - lower cognitive functions, poor school performance, lack of conflict resolution skills, limited problem solving skills, pro-violence attitudes; and belief in ridged gender roles,
Long term problems - high levels of adult depression and trauma symptoms and increased tolerance for and use of violence in adult relationships.

FVPC is pleased to be working with Children Services on the state required training and implementation of the "Safe and Together" service model as created by David Mandel and Associates. This model is to guide child protective services to keep children safe and together with the victim and address the violent and abusive behavior of the batterer, as this is the reason for the concern for the children's safety. The more effective interventions to assist all members of the family with support and accountability will provide the best option for reducing the long term effects of domestic violence.

Legislative Update

HB 129 Signed by Governor- June 17, 2014. This bill, sponsored by State Rep. Peter Stautberg, allows a workplace, association or organization to obtain an anti-stalking order when menacing or menacing by stalking is directed at a workplace or association.

HB 309 Signed by Governor- June 17, 2014. This bill, co-sponsored by State Reps. Nickie Antonio and Dorothy Pelanda, meets the federal requirement of states receiving Violence Against Women Act funding to certify that costs and fees are not assessed against petitioners in connection with the modification, enforcement, dismissal or withdrawal of a protection order, consent agreement or witness subpoena.

Help FVPC While You Shop for Groceries at KROGER!

1. Register your KROGER card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com (click on sign in/register, or create an online account if you don't have one).
2. Follow the directions online to select FVPC; our number is 81623. When you've enrolled, you'll see FVPC's information on the right side of your information page.
3. Swipe your registered Kroger Plus card when you shop at Kroger. THAT'S IT! From then on, each purchase you make with your Kroger card generates support for the work of Family Violence Prevention Center. *

FVPC has earned \$295.27 this year - THANKS!

*All participants must re-enroll each year to continue earning awards.
Please check and see if FVPC is your designated charity.



FVPC News

We are thrilled to report that the new area in our shelter building is now open to residents. The construction was complete late March which added three new bedrooms each with a full bath, a cozy lounge and a new storage room. We filled the new rooms with ten beds by the first week of April with the families on our waiting list. Our shelter building now has a total of nine bedroom units holding 32 individuals.

The first phase of the project began in 2011 and the funding received covered the cost to install the framing of the bedrooms along with the rough electric and plumbing. As more funding was sought out and awarded, the second phase began which consisted of extending the sprinkler system, installing the heating/air unit, the rest of the plumbing and electrical as well as being able to purchase materials needed to finish the project. Volunteers were recruited to assist with installing flooring, doors, window trim, bathroom fixtures and painting. We can't thank them enough for the time, care, effort and skill that was brought to the table on this enormous project!

Community Investors

We are grateful to everyone who gives to FVPC and are pleased to acknowledge their contributions here. Please accept our apology if your name is missing, misspelled, or listed in the incorrect location. Please call 937-376-8526 ext. 17 to correct this error. *This list reflects donations received from January 1– May 30, 2014.*

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Save the Date!



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. FVPC will be active throughout Greene County, promoting awareness of the reality of abuse in our communities along with information about the various support we offer. The **Purple Ribbon Campaign** will take place during the entire month. Purple ribbons will be hung along the primary thoroughfares of Greene County communities as a reminder that we are here to help. A detachable card with the FVPC crisis hotline number will be attached to each ribbon. For more information about the **Purple Ribbon Campaign** visit: www.nrcdv.org/dvam



Pause for Peace, our annual candlelight vigil, will take place at the Shawnee Park Pavilion in Xenia on October 6th at 6pm. Please consider joining us as we address the impact of domestic violence, honor survivors and respectfully remember victims. The evening will include reflective music as well as a moment of silence. We will be including **The Clothesline Project**, an array of decorated t-shirts visually addressing the issue of relationship violence.

First Responders & Bikers Advocating Against Abuse will have a Fire House Poker Run on July 19 at 12 pm. Ride begins at Buckminn's D&D. Proceeds will benefit FVPC and Greene Co. Children Services Board to buy new shoes for children.

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HB 130 Signed by Governor- June 17, 2014. This bill, sponsored by State Rep. Teresa Fedor, also known as the "End Demand Act" was signed by the Governor on June 20, 2014 and is effective immediately. This bill increases the penalty for purchasing sex from a minor to a felony. Other key provisions include requiring offenders of a child 15 years and under or an individual with developmental disabilities to register as sex offenders; broadens Ohio's definition of trafficking to include fraud; prohibiting the advertisement of sexual activity for hire if the materials depict a minor; terminating parental rights for those found trafficking their children or other minors; and restricting the use of "massage" and related terms in advertising With the suggestion or promise of sexual activity.

What's Happening at FVPC

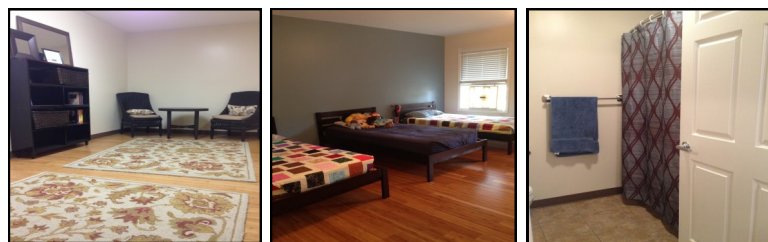


Walking to STOP Child Abuse, On April 26, FVPC partnered with Greene County Children Services, to host a 5K walk/run. We hosted 129 registered participants, including State Representative Rick Perales, pictured second from right. It was a successful day as we spoke out against child abuse. The event was also sponsored by Xenia Chrome Divas and Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Visit www.speedy-feet.com for additional event photos.



An Uncommon Affair, On May 16, the Board of Trustees hosted the annual gala fundraising event. The attendees agreed that the event was an enjoyable way to raise money and spend an evening with friends and other FVPC supporters. The fundraising was just as successful raising \$35, 640 to ensure **Violence Free Futures** for the individuals and families we serve.

On May 22, we celebrated all of the hard work and the completion of 3 new bedrooms and living space upstairs at the **Ribbon-Cutting and Open House**. About 45 people came out for the afternoon to help us thank our dedicated volun-



Views of the new addition (l-r) lounge area, client room, client private bathroom

teers and staff who made the additional space a reality. Debbie Matheson opened the floor for stories from the audience about their involvement in the project. This provided well-earned laughter and moments of pride for all involved. In case you were unable to attend, we say **"Thank you" to the many skilled, kind and committed volunteers who made this growth possible!**

Congratulations to Cherie Dixon for receiving the 2014 Carol Wichman Award for her therapeutic work with the Domestic Violence Intervention Program. She is the original facilitator of one of our Intervention Services, which serves perpetrators of domestic violence and it is growing and developing continuously. Cherie is well-deserving of this honor.



2013 Dove Club and Annual Campaign



I wish to express my commitment to the goals and mission of the Family Violence Prevention Center (FVPC) by contributing to the 2013 annual campaign. I will make a sustaining gift during 2013 of:

- \$500 - \$999 White Dove Club
- \$1,000 - \$2,499 Silver Dove Club
- \$2,500+ Gold Dove Club
- \$100-\$499 Member
- \$1-\$99 Donor

- My company will match my gift! (please include a matching gift form)
- I wish for this gift to remain anonymous.
- Check Enclosed (made payable to FVPC)
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Wish List

Items received from our "wish list" help stretch our shelter dollars.

Currently, items most needed this summer are:

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| Bottles of Water | Hair Conditioner |
| "401" All-Purpose Cleaner | Latex gloves |
| Disinfectant Spray | Sports Balls |
| Bleach (1 gal. size) | School-Age Boy Toys |
| White Distilled Vinegar (1 gal. size) | Cool-Whip |
| Clear food-serving gloves | Cake mixes/Icings |
| Paper Towels/Toilet Paper | Facial Tissues |
| Batteries— 9V | Gas Cards |
| 2 Tall Cooling Fans | Flip-flops of all sizes |
| Electric heating pads | Summer PJ's all sizes |

Donations are accepted M-F from 10am-4pm by appointment by calling 937-376-8526. Larger donations such as furniture and appliances are needed on occasion (call to inquire).



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Through the generous Support of Dean's Landscaping, the mowing of FVPC has been conducted at very low cost. A big thanks to Dean's for their support!

"Thank you for all you do to help us achieve our Vision of *Violence Free Futures.*"

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