

Director's Message



FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER

Violence Free Messenger

Dear Friends of FVPC,

We are privileged to have you as a supporter of the work done by the Center to support survivors of family and relationship violence. Thanks for your investment of time and resources to improve the lives of the families we serve. In 2011, in our four service prongs, many individuals were served and supported. The **Prevention** prong consists of two services: healthy relationship education in junior high and high schools in Greene County, and relationship assessment in relationship education provided by *Marriage Works! Ohio*. Over 3,600 students were educated about healthy relationships building and evaluation. Over 250 couples were educated and assessed for relationship stressors. The **Intervention** prong consists of counseling services for adults and youth, who are either survivors or offenders, collaboration with law enforcement regarding domestic violence or domestic disputes, hotline calls, and education classes. Over 1,500 individuals were served through the Intervention prong. The **Outreach** prong consists of community education and volunteers. Over 200 community members were educated though this was an area we had to reduce in 2011. The **Residential** prong consists of emergency shelter (30 days) and short and long term transitional housing (6 months and 18 months). There were 11,068 shelter nights provided to 64 families through all three services.



Debbie Matheson
Executive Director

In 2011, FVPC had a challenging financial year with funding cuts and a high level of requests for services. Support poured in from the (continued on page 3)

The Board Room: FVPC and Planned Gifts

Among its many responsibilities, a non-profit Board must assure there are adequate resources to accomplish the mission of the organization. This translates into fundraising. Fundraising can be considered in a number of dimensions – the annual campaign, grant funding, special events - but I'd like to focus here on planned giving.

Planned giving is not an answer to today's funding challenges; however, it is imperative to the long-term viability



Jerry Sutton
Board President

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of FVPC. Working with the Greene County Community Foundation (also known as *Greene Giving*), a prior FVPC Board established four separate accounts. The title of each of these four accounts implies their purpose:

Reserve Account – intended to address unforeseen operational expenses,

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Capital Account – the reserve for major repairs or construction of a capital nature,

Unrestricted Account – funds applied to general Center expenses,

Trolander Memorial Account – named for one of the founding Board members, Jean Trolander. “Living Gifts” (donations made to the Center in honor or in memory of a loved one, are deposited into this account).

Generally, funds within these accounts are restricted in use, with their annual income accumulated and expended at the direction of the Board for a stated purpose. However, over the years, the press of day-to-day business has greatly depleted these accounts.

When hearing the phrase “planned giving,” one often envisions an elaborate estate plan; this is not necessarily so. There are many tools in the planned giving toolbox, the simplest being a bequest in a will or designation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan. Appreciated securities or real estate are often used to fund major endowment gifts. In cooperation with *Greene Giving*, your FVPC can accommodate such gifts.

Over the next several months Greene Giving will be providing us with a series of informative articles on planned giving. I hope that they will be of benefit to you as you consider the ways in which you can leave a legacy.

Jerry Sutton, FVPC Board President

Special Events: April

FVPC’s annual **5K Walk/Run to STOP Child Abuse**, sponsored by the Xenia Chrome Divas and co-hosted by Greene County Children Services, will take place on **April 28, 2012** at **9am** with the race beginning and finishing at Beaver Creek High School.

Pre-registration is currently open online through April 20th at www.speedy-feet.com, or by completing and returning to FVPC the registration form found on the events tab of our website, www.violencefreefutures.org. Register on the day of the event at Beaver Creek High School beginning at 8am.

All entries include a t-shirt and goodie bag. Children in a stroller or wagon will be permitted to participate free of charge, and pets on a leash are welcome. Donations will be accepted for those who are not physically able to participate but wish to support Child Abuse Prevention.

The Xenia Chrome Divas will provide children’s activities and information for individuals interested in their organization from 8-9am. A door prize give-away will also take place every five minutes from 8-9am. Community Foot Specialists will also make an appearance to help participants stay flexible and vibrant throughout the event.



Special Events: May (continued from page 2)

Spring is in the Air - and so is *An Uncommon Affair!*

This signature fundraising event, back by popular demand, is definitely a not-to-be-missed occasion! Join us and emcee, **94.5 LITE FM's Kim Faris**, and enjoy a wine reception beginning at 6:15pm followed by a gourmet meal, four specialty wines crafted exclusively for the evening, a silent and live auction through the efforts of Doug Sorrell, and music. Dress is "spring casual."

Over 200 "uncommon" items available for auction include a Lifetime Membership at the Royal Aloha Vacation Club, Kentucky family vacation package, a Gatlinburg chalet weekend, Park Hopper tickets for four to Disney World, a flight in a Wright "B" Flyer, original artwork, beautiful jewelry, gift certificates for local restaurants and services, sports memorabilia, and much more.

Individual reservations are \$65 per person and tables for 8 can be reserved for \$520. For reservations or information about sponsorships, please contact Cheryl at 937-376-8526 ext. 17. Reservations may also be securely placed online by visiting the events tab on our website at www.violencefreefutures.org. Sponsors of *An Uncommon Affair* include Media Sponsor 94.5 LITE FM, Main Course Sponsor Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP and Auction Sponsor StahlVision.

All proceeds help FVPC provide care and support to survivors of relationship violence, as well as healthy relationship education to Greene County residents.



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community. Currently, 2012 has brought another round of funding cuts in government grants and foundation funding cycle adjustments. Community support is needed through financial assistance, in-kind items (listed on our wish list found on our website), volunteer support for administrative and service support roles, and sharing with friends and family that we are here helping and need support.

In January, at the quarterly meeting of the Domestic Violence Consortium, the updated Greene County Domestic Violence Protocol was signed by Greene County leaders from multiple disciplines, acknowledging their role in supporting and protecting those who are experiencing domestic violence. Sheriff Fisher, Prosecutor Haller and I were able to share our support for the efforts of the consortium to protect survivors and hold offenders accountable.

Let's all continue to raise our voices against family and relationship violence. Please visit us at www.violencefreefutures.org and "like" us on Facebook.

Seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly,
Debbie Matheson

Open Eyes, Changed Heart: Domestic Violence Intervention Program a Success for One Grateful Graduate

I am a 52-year-old male and I was arrested for domestic violence in April 2011. The arrest was the result of me not hitting my wife, but grabbing her robe. To avoid going to jail, I accepted a plea agreement to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct; the punishment was a fine and 30 days in jail. The 30 days in jail were suspended and I was placed on a two-year probation period and ordered to complete a Batterer's Intervention Program. What made this incident so ironic to me was this was my first time ever being in trouble with the law, so I thought the judge was being harsh by forcing me to complete this program.

With much apprehension and no other alternative, I enrolled in the program in November 2011. I did not think I needed to attend this program, nor did I think I would get much out of it. That was far from the truth. The class had a total of ten participants of various ages and nationalities. I thought this was a crime normally committed by young men in their twenties; however, there were at least four attendees that were 40 or older. It appeared to me that domestic violence is on the rise because the instructor stated that was the largest class they ever had. To my surprise, I personally found the class to be very interesting and I learned a lot.

First, I learned what the ten types of domestic violence were. This opened my eyes and I realized that I was guilty of committing over half of them long before I was arrested! I was under the impression that as long as you didn't hit or push a woman then it wasn't domestic violence. Through attendance in this program I learned that threatening, throwing things and monitoring are all forms of domestic violence. This was really a wake-up call for me.

Second, I learned to recognize my personal triggers; the things that cause me to get angry and upset. Once I learned my triggers, I learned how to control my anger and emotions and how I should deal with those things in a calm and healthy way.

Finally, the most important lesson learned was accepting responsibility for my actions and correcting my behavior. During the 12-week program, we were given homework assignments. The assignment that had the most profound effect on me was when each attendee was required to write and read an apology letter to the class. Just hearing all these letters brought tears to my eyes. Knowing these actions were against people we are supposed to love helped me to realize the pain that I have caused, and will reinforce my desire to never allow myself to display this type of behavior again.

Anonymous

Xenia Chrome Divas Partner with Quaker Steak & Lube for Scavenger Hunt to Benefit FVPC

The Xenia Chrome Divas, together with Quaker Steak & Lube, will be hosting a Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, June 2nd. Registration will take place from 9-10:30am at Quaker Steak & Lube, 3725 Presidential Drive, Beavercreek, with the Scavenger Hunt beginning at 11am. Each vehicle will have 3 hours to complete the Hunt and return to Quaker Steak & Lube by 2pm. "Scavengers" will earn points by taking their pictures with items included on the Scavenger Hunt list (i.e. pre-1970 automobile, a certain kind of animal, etc.) and **BONUS** points for donating an item off the FVPC wish list (<http://violencefreefutures.org/get-involved/wish-list.html>). The

winner or winning team of the Scavenger Hunt will receive a **grand prize of \$250.00**. Registration is \$20 per person and includes a pancake breakfast. Door prizes will be awarded, as well as an opportunity to participate in a 50/50 Raffle. All proceeds will benefit the services and programs of FVPC. For more information contact Shella Baker at chromedivareaper@gmail.com.



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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 wrong place. Call 937-376-8526 ext. 17 to correct the error. Visit our website at www.violencefreefutures.org to make an online donation. This list reflects donations received from January 1 - March 31, 2012.

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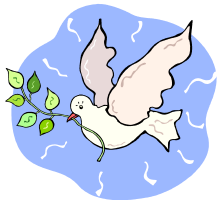
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Women of the Moose



Dove Club

By becoming an FVPC "Dove," you express your commitment to the goals and mission of FVPC to help "reduce family and relationship violence and its impact in Greene County." In 2012 we would like to have 22 Doves join us – 1 Dove for each of the 22 beds in our shelter. Send your pledge form to:

Family Violence Prevention Center
380 Bellbrook Avenue
Xenia, Ohio 45385

Thank you for your support!

Dove Club Pledge Form

Level of Support

- ☐ Gold Dove \$2,500 +
☐ Silver Dove \$1,000-\$2,499
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During the month of April Scentsy Independent Consultant Stacey Peasley will donate 25% of all sales to the **Family Violence Prevention Center**. Buy what you love and support a great cause!

To place an order, visit Stacey's website at: www.staceypeasley.scentsy.us

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month (submitted by Monica Schiffler from Greene County Children Services)

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and soon the annual Pinwheels for Prevention display by Greene County Children Services will be visible throughout Greene County. This year, instead of one large pinwheel display, multiple Greene County businesses, churches and community organizations (including Family Violence Prevention Center) will have smaller displays and accompanying "Pinwheel Partner" signs. The hope is that this will spread the awareness of child abuse more effectively throughout the entire county instead of being concentrated in just one area.

Children Services is also encouraging everyone to participate in the statewide Wear Blue to Work Day on April 11 to raise awareness of child abuse. Photos of participants will be posted on the agency's Facebook page.

Child abuse is an enormous problem throughout the world. There are over 3 million reports of child abuse each year in the U.S. —*that's one every 10 seconds*. Here in Greene County, Children Services assessed 1,150 reports of child abuse in 2011.

There are many different types of child abuse, including physical, sexual, and emotional. According to the Child Welfare Information Gateway, a service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the following may be possible signs of abuse or neglect in a child:

- Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance
- Has untreated physical or medical problems that have already been brought to the parents' attention
- Has learning problems (or difficulty concentrating) that cannot be attributed to specific physical or psychological causes
- Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen
- Lacks adult supervision at home
- Is overly compliant, passive or withdrawn
- Comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home

The presence of a single sign is not necessarily proof of child abuse, but a closer look at the situation may be warranted when these signs appear repeatedly or simultaneously.

If you suspect that a child is being neglected or abused in Greene County, please call Greene County Children Services at (937) 562-6600. Help is available any time, day or night. More information about reporting abuse and neglect can be found online at www.greensc.org.





Mother's Day 2012

Sunday, May 14 is Mother's Day. As this day approaches our thoughts turn to those special women in our lives who have inspired and encouraged us, and made amazing sacrifices on our behalf.

*"For all the ways you've helped me grow
I want to say I love you so."*

~Unknown

Honor a special woman in your life with a gift in her honor or memory to FVPC. Your gift will be recognized in our summer newsletter and a Mother's Day card will be sent to acknowledge your gesture. Simply complete and return the form below by Monday May 7, along with your donation, to:

FVPC, 380 BELLBROOK AVENUE, XENIA, OHIO 45385, ATTN: MOTHER'S DAY

Donor Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

**I would like to recognize a special woman in my life! Enclosed is my donation.
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Please fill out this form and mail with your donation (payable to FVPC) to:

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