

## Director's Message



Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying a safe and happy summer season! It is a special time of year that most of us excitedly anticipate when we are extra thankful for our beautiful surroundings and the longer daylight hours to spend outdoors with family and friends.

FVPC has been having a very productive season! First, I would like to express a giant "Thank You" to many of you for supporting the "Denim & Diamonds" themed Uncommon Affair. It was a spectacular evening and I was so enthused by the positive energy present in the Fairground's Assembly Hall. I had a lot of fun and enjoyed chatting with dear friends and supporters of the Center. The evening generated necessary operating funds, which our budget depends on, but it also gave us an opportunity to highlight our programs and services and the deep impact they have on our community. After an evening such as this, I leave with a full heart because I am reminded of how many people care about us and the victims we serve.

We also completed our flooring project, which is highlighted here in the newsletter. I am proud of the outcome and the efforts that it took to undergo such a big transformation.

During the past two years, I have been promoting the spirit of "partnering". Staff members have been encouraged to consider our work as a "partnering/together is better" effort with survivors and their family members, fellow community agencies, churches and corporations.

Just this week, we received notices of two examples of how partnering works. Following the Uncommon Affair and through a board member connection at Universal Technology Corporation (UTC) in Beavercreek, they chose us to benefit from their "Casual for a Cause" efforts. Additionally, a past board member and the director of Xenia Adult Recreation and Services Center contacted me this week and shared they had gathered flip-flops during the month of June and will be bringing them over for the survivors in the safe house. Flip-flops will be perfect to slip on and size will not be as crucial in giving them away.

I am grateful for corporations and workplaces that recognize the needs in their own communities. If other places would like to make an effort on our behalf, please consider the following methods that would be relatively simple to accomplish, but make a real impact and stretch our budget.

- Casual dress day/week for a cause
- Promoting the Kroger Community Rewards program and Amazon Smiles among your employees
- Matching dollar for dollar donations of your employees, effectively doubling the contributions
- Having a drive for items we need such as pantry items, cleaning supplies, office supplies, diapers, bedding, medications. You can contact us to find out what would be the best at any given time.



Debbie Matheson

### Remember: You Can Help FVPC While You Shop for Groceries at KROGER!

- 1) Register your KROGER card online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
- 2) Follow the directions online to select FVPC; our number is 81623.
- 3) Swipe your registered Kroger Plus card when you shop.

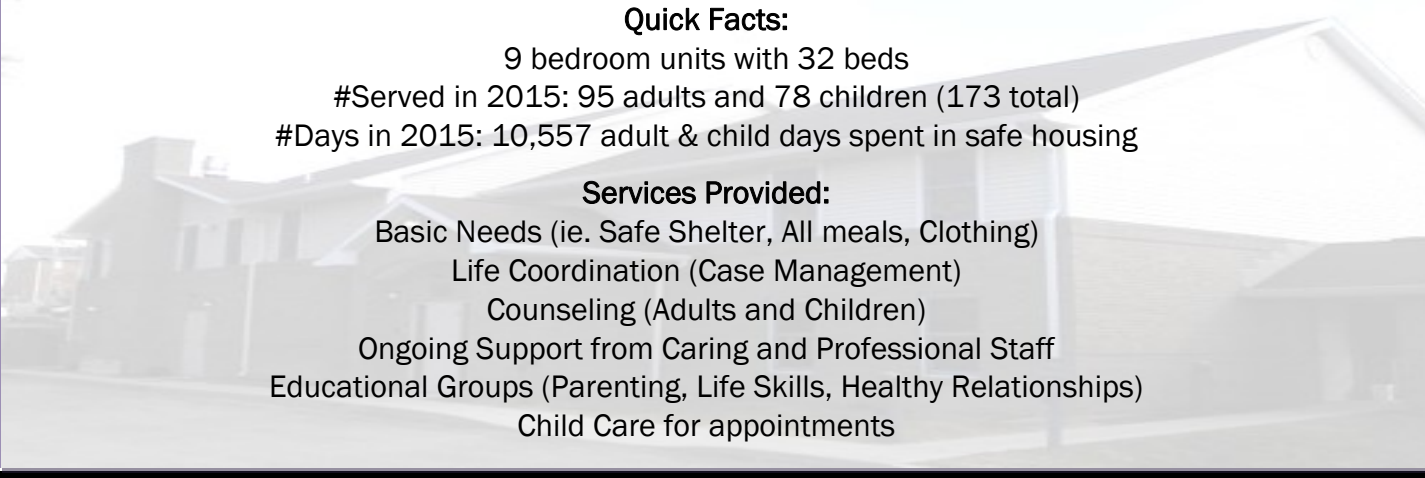
THAT'S IT! Now, each purchase you make with your card, generates support for the work of FVPC!

**Last quarter, FVPC earned \$405.97 - THANK YOU- we have an increase in our enrolled household number this quarter!**

**\*All participants must re-enroll each April to continue**



## Spotlight: Safe Housing



**Quick Facts:**  
9 bedroom units with 32 beds  
#Served in 2015: 95 adults and 78 children (173 total)  
#Days in 2015: 10,557 adult & child days spent in safe housing

**Services Provided:**  
Basic Needs (ie. Safe Shelter, All meals, Clothing)  
Life Coordination (Case Management)  
Counseling (Adults and Children)  
Ongoing Support from Caring and Professional Staff  
Educational Groups (Parenting, Life Skills, Healthy Relationships)  
Child Care for appointments

**PREVENTION      SAFE HOUSING      INTERVENTION      OUTREACH**

## Partnering: FVPC & Our Community

**Volunteering** is another great way to help those served by FVPC. We have many opportunities for you depending on your available time, skills and interests. Currently, we have the following needs:

**1) Moving Team** – Got Muscles? Have a Truck? Have a group of strong and energetic friends? Frequently we have a furniture donation to pick, up and deliver. We have been sending out staff to do this and we would love to give this task to available volunteers. This would be on-call and so helpful!!!

**2) Children's Program Support** - Feeling creative and excited to spend time with children? Our children appreciate spending time with volunteers doing crafts, reading & playing outside. The children look forward to spending summer months with volunteers.

**3) Cleaning Support** - Interested in helping us keep clean and tidy? We welcome you to come out and help us stay organized and clean. It is a fine way to help us in an indirect way and on your own time.

**Please contact Harmony Byrd for more information and to get started. Hope to see you soon!**

**It's as Easy as 1-2-3** 

Donations remain very important to us, but due to minimum storage area, we partner with **Goodwill in Xenia and Beavercreek** who accept your donations of clothing, household items, etc. for our benefit.

1) Ask for a receipt. 2) List your donations on receipt. 3) Send this in to FVPC by mail, drop off or email to [harmony.byrd@violencefreefutures.org](mailto:harmony.byrd@violencefreefutures.org)

Certificates are then issued to FVPC based on these donations. Families use these certificates to purchase items they need. If you have questions about this program, please call in and speak with Harmony Byrd.

**Bravelets™**  
*be brave*

Check out [Bravelets.com](http://Bravelets.com) to shop for jewelry that relates to a specific cause of your choice. For every piece of jewelry purchased, \$10 will be given to the charity you specify. If you would like to choose FVPC, type our agency name in the search field. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

- **July 9, 2016** Xenia Chrome Divas “Ridin’ Away the Pain” Poker Run begins at Taylor’s Tavern in Springfield. Proceeds benefit FVPC.
- **October 3, 2016** Candlelight Vigil honoring Domestic Violence Victims and Survivors at Shawnee Park
- **November 10, 2016** Donor Appreciation & Annual Meeting at The Centre at Stonehill Village
- **May 5, 2017** “Denim & Diamonds” at Greene County Fairgrounds



## FVPC Events - ReCap



### Superhero C.A.P.E. Child Abuse Prevention & Elimination 5K

It was a cold and wet morning, but the runners, walkers and volunteers came out to support vulnerable children and raise awareness of the effects of child abuse. We had many **Superheros** in the crowd! We appreciate people braved the undesirable conditions. Hopefully the hot chocolate bar was a welcomed treat at the end of your route!

Thanks to Wal-Mart Distribution Center #7012, Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Greene County Children Services, Michael’s House, Aqua Falls and The Xenia Chrome Divas for your financial support and collaboration. This event reminds people that child abuse is not ok and it is reportable. If you suspect or have concerns about a child in your life, please contact Greene County Children Services to share this concern at 562-6600.

### An Uncommon Affair: “Denim and Diamonds”

On May 13, we were dazzled by the 220 special guests who attended our annual fundraiser, the “**Uncommon Affair**”. The evening was hosted by our dedicated Board of Trustees. Guests wore fun and pretty theme-inspired outfits ~ who doesn’t prefer jeans on a Friday night? The silent and live auctions provided plenty of diverse opportunity for fundraising. It was a great pleasure to see longtime supporters as well as new friends. We are proud to share that the evening was a success as we raised over \$39,000 which will help us reach our vision of **Violence Free Futures** throughout the coming year.

Hold the Date for our next Uncommon Affair:  
**May 5, 2017**



### The Center Plans a Cheerful and Cozy Facelift

It’s been 15 years since we moved in to our 380 Bellbrook Ave. location and there have been many success stories and families come and go. With all of the positive activity, styles have changed and we have also noticed the expected wear and tear.

Our theme will be “Shabby Chic Industrial”. We now have stained polished concrete floors which will be easier to maintain and keep clean. **Want to be a part of this redecorating energy?**

To achieve our style ideas, we will be shopping at Lowe’s, Michaels, Home Goods and fabric stores for supplies. Gift cards will be greatly appreciated and extremely helpful. We invite you to take a tour soon to see our progress.



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**Our Wish List**

Items received from our "wish list" help stretch our safe house dollars.

Items most needed this summer are:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Lysol Spray                    | Gas/Dining/Lowes gift card   |
| Non-Latex medical gloves       | Shower Curtain Liners (XL)   |
| PJs and Sweatpants - Adult M/L | Office Supply Gift Cards     |
| Women's Underwear - Adult S    | Diapers- Sizes 5&6           |
| Footie Socks - All Sizes       | Bed Pillows (new)            |
| Paper Towels/Toilet Paper      | White Bed Sheets (new)       |
| Facial Tissues                 | (Crib, Toddler & Twin Sizes) |
| Alcohol Swabs                  | Used Smartphones, iPads      |
| Cold Medication (all ages)     | & iPods                      |
| Teenager Gift Items            | Bath & Hand Towels (new)     |
| Infant Care Products & Toys    | Wash Cloths (new)            |

**\*We no longer accept ink cartridges.\***

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

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**Phone Numbers**

24 hour Support Hotline:  
372-4552 or 426-2334

Administrative Concerns:  
376-8526 or 426-6535  
[www.violencefreefutures.org](http://www.violencefreefutures.org)

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