

Director's Message



Dear Friends,

The fall months were very busy with exciting changes. FVPC has been focusing on reviewing and selecting research-based interventions to make the best use of time as we help families who are recovering from the impact of domestic abuse. We have focused and shared this with our funders and have been granted additional funds to enhance our Safe House Programing and our School Based Domestic Violence Prevention Programing.

Racheal Hudson, our grant manager for FVPC at the Ohio Attorney General's Office attended our Candle Light Vigil, where she shared that FVPC was granted additional Victim of Crime Act Funding. All we had requested! We quickly gathered all the staff in attendance to one corner of Shawnee Park Pavilion and shared the excellent news of additional funding. A loud shout of joy erupted.

Thus, FVPC has hired four additional fulltime staff members to support the 24 hour Hotline and the Shelter, providing care for the families in the shelter & overseeing security of the facility. We were able to hire a Safe House Coordinator who is responsible for managing the smooth operation of the Shelter program which ranges from supporting the research-based assistance offered to effective recycling. Our families have expressed great appreciation for more staff to help them and are most excited about the Kitchen Coordinator, whom they affectionately refer to as "Our Chef."

The Greene County Education Service Center and the Office of Criminal Justice Services awarded supportive funding for the Prevention program's expansion. The High School prevention work has transitioned to using the evidenced-based, approved—*Safe Dates*. Additional funding allowed for hiring a full time employee to support this expansion. Each high school hosting FVPC during 2016, will receive four days of class presentations, a poster contest driven by student votes and a play exploring the complications of teen dating violence. A Youth Advisory Board has also been created for high school students to lead the way and create a climate committed to healthy dating!

We welcome the following new staff : **Crisis Intervention Specialists:** Cassidy Konitzer, Linda Turner, LSW; **Safe House Coordinator:** Sean Barrett, MFT; **Kitchen Coordinator:** Leeayn Morrow."Our Chef"; and **Prevention Specialist:** Tylar O'Neal.

In collaboration with the Greene County Domestic and Sexual Violence Consortium, we honored first responders for their "Excellence in Service". Please assist us in congratulating Fairborn P.D.'s **Mary Sue Livingston (Dispatch)**, **Detective Steve Jahns**, and **Officer Joe Pence**, Xenia P.D.'s **Officer Robert H. Swihart** and **Detective Holly Clay**, Beaver creek P.D.'s **Officer Kristopher Brownlee**, Sugar creek P.D.'s **Officer Joseph A. Dooley**, Greene County Sheriff's Office **Deputy Robert Rickels**, and Xenia Greene Central Communication Center's **Bambi Branchfield**.

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

- 1) Register your KROGER card online at 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!

In 2015, FVPC earned \$739.19 - THANK YOU!

[*All participants must re-enroll each April to continue earning rewards.](#)

[Please check and see if FVPC is your designated charity.](#)



Spotlight: Intervention Groups



PREVENTION	SAFE HOUSING	INTERVENTION	OUTREACH
<p>Healthy Homes - 8 week educational and supportive group for adult survivors of domestic abuse. No cost. Contact Pam Gibson for an assessment.</p> <p>Phase 2 - Counseling group that follows completion of Healthy Homes. Reinforces the violence free home for survivors. Meets weekly. No Cost.</p> <p>Smiles - 8 week educational and supportive group for the children of domestic violence survivors. No cost. Parent participates in Healthy Homes at the same time.</p> <p>Sexual Assault Survivor Support Group (SASS) - Supportive environment to share stories and be with others who have had this experience. No cost. Child care provided. Contact FVPC and ask for extension 116 to begin your healing journey.</p> <p>Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) - Educational and therapeutic group for the identified abusive person in the relationship. Length is 15 weeks and does have a cost associated. Meets off of FVPC campus. Contact FVPC to begin.</p>			

Giving to FVPC

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. Follow these easy steps:

- 1) Ask for a receipt.
- 2) List your donations on receipt.
- 3) Send this in to FVPC by mail, in person or email.



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

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) kitchen support,
- 2) administrative support (ie. data entry, answering phones and greeting visitors),
- 3) moving &
- 4) childcare in the evenings.

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

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How FVPC Enjoyed the 2016 Holiday Season



Our Annual “**Adopt-A-Family**” program successfully provided gifts for 83 survivors and their children. It was a joy to work with each and every special donor. We were blessed by the generosity of 21 groups of donors. We are thankful for all of you. Residents are wearing their stylish clothes, playing with their toys & crafts and enjoying the warmth of a brand new coat, hat and gloves picked out just for them. You truly gave hope to those needing it the most this season.

We receive tremendous year-round support from our local community and we rely on it to provide our programs and services. Through these ongoing contacts, our donors gain a deeper understanding about our mission and vision at FVPC. This most recent holiday season, the blessings and gifts we received were plentiful. Thank you to our consistent supporters for your help throughout the year and for going above and beyond to fill our families’ hearts with joy and hope!

FVPC Events

“WALK-A-MILE In Their Shoes”

Saturday, February 20, 2016
 Five Seasons Family Sports Club
 4242 Clio Road | Dayton, OH 45440
 Registration: 1PM | Walk: 2PM
 \$15 (includes t-shirt) or \$5 (no shirt)



Teens are encouraged to come out and walk a mile in the other gender’s shoes in order to break the silence and start talking about the serious consequences of unhealthy and abusive dating Relationships.

Registration forms and more information available at www.violencefreefutures.org

Superhero C.A.P.E. Walk Child Abuse Prevention and Elimination

5K WALK / RUN April 9, 2016 / 8 am



In collaboration with Children Services, Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities and The Xenia Chrome Divas, we will host this family-friendly activity to spread the message that child abuse is not ok and it is reportable.

The event begins at Beavercreek High School. Register at www.speedy-feet.com. Wear a cape to show you are a child’s superhero because every child needs a hero in life.



An Uncommon Affair: “Denim and Diamonds”

On May 13, 2016, at 6pm, join the Board of Trustees at Greene County Fairgrounds for our annual fundraiser. It promises to be a memorable evening of dinner and entertainment to benefit the services of FVPC.

For all event information, please contact Harmony Byrd at 376-8526, ext. 112 or go to www.violencefreefutures.org for registration forms or more information regarding these events.



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Our Wish List

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

Currently, items most needed this winter are:

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| Lysol Spray | Gas/Dining gift cards |
| Non-Latex medical gloves | Shower Curtain Liners (XL) |
| PJs and Sweatpants- all sizes | Office Supply Gift Cards |
| Lowe's Gift Cards | Electric heating pads |
| Paper Towels | Bed Pillows (new) |
| Facial Tissues | White Twin Sheets (new) |
| Cold Medication (adult and children) | Batteries- 9V |
| | Used Cell Phones |

We no longer accept ink cartridges.

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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