

Director's Message



FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER

Violence Free Messenger

Dear Friends of FVPC,

This summer has been busy with the safe house staff adjusting to the growth in families we serve daily due to the increased capacity all without the support of student interns. Whereas, during the spring, the daily average of intern support was 30 hours spread throughout our services. The staff has eagerly awaited the return of the school year as colleges and universities bring the return of essential support. We are excited to welcome back our students.

FVPC is interested in offering speaking engagements to raise awareness about the dynamics of domestic and sexual violence throughout the community to civic groups, churches, and other organizations. To schedule a speaker, contact Harmony Byrd 937.376.8526 x22 or harmony.byrd@violencefreefutures.org and she will be glad to coordinate scheduling.

As we approach fall, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. See the "FVPC News" section for events that FVPC is either hosting or sponsoring. Please share with a friend, coworker, neighbor, or family member that you are a friend of FVPC, partnering with us in accomplishing our mission. I have listed a few pointed stats which can help generate a conversation.

- **Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.** (U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, "Intimate Partner Violence in the United States," December 2006.)
- **Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.** (Frieze, I.H., Browne, A. (1989) Violence in Marriage. In L.E. Ohlin & M. H. Tonry (eds.) FV. Chicago, IL: Un of Chicago)
- **Witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.** (Break the Cycle. (2006). Startling Statistics. http://www.breakthecycle.org/html%20files/I_4a_startstatist.htm.)
- **The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.** (Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States. 2003. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Centers for Injury Prevention and Control. Atlanta, GA)
- **On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S. over the course of a year, that is more than 12 million women and men.** (National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2010)

Domestic violence is a crime like no other and is personal in nature. The emotional complexity that a victim feels can be defined with the emotions of hate, hope, fear and love occurring simultaneously. For example, a victim hates the abuse, hopes that the promises to stop abusing are true, fears the future if the abuse continues and remembers the original love in the relationship. Please consider the complexity of the intimate problem as discussions happen and remember FVPC provides the intervention services for individuals and families in need.

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 earned \$98.07 during May 1, 2014-July 31, 2014. THANKS!

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



Debbie Matheson
Executive Director



FVPC News

October is National 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 hot-line 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 join 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. We will also display **The Clothesline Project**, on October 18 at The Greene. Consider coming out to witness our survivors' messages.

Interfaith Conference, "Faith, Awareness and Action...Addressing Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence"

FVPC will co-sponsor this conference intended to equip people of faith with useful information on how to respond in order to save lives. The date is October 29 at Univ. of Dayton– River Campus. Register at www.interfaithhtdv.org

Adopt-A-Family Help make the season bright for all families this coming **Holiday Season**. You can adopt a family affected by domestic violence & give the gift of hope this year. Contact Harmony Byrd at harmony.byrd@violencefreefutures.org or 937.376.8526 x22 to find out more about our giving program. You can either be matched with a family and provide their gifts or make a monetary donation.

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. 22 to correct this error. This list reflects donations received from May 31– August 31, 2014.

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Giving to FVPC

Many people enjoy Friday nights with pizza and movies. Fortunately for FVPC staff and residents, **Domino's Pizza** in Xenia at 17 N. Allison Ave. has been making and delivering pizzas for us every other Friday for over 10 years. It is one of the most helpful in-kind donations we receive and residents look very forward to pizza night. Domino's managers accepted our thanks, while sharing the whole crew is glad to do it and they intend to continue indefinitely. *"Thank you Domino's for your commitment to FVPC!"*

"On Behalf of FVPC", Donations are very important to us, but due to minimum storage space, we partner with Goodwill in Xenia and Beavercreek who accept your donations of clothing, household items, etc. on our behalf. Simply mention this to them and they will issue a receipt with our sticker on it. The last step is to send this receipt to FVPC. Gift certificates are issued to FVPC based on these donations. Clients use the gift certificates to purchase items they need which is especially helpful with the upcoming change in seasons. As always, thank you for your support in all ways. If you have questions about this program, please call in and speak with Harmony Byrd.



What's Happening at FVPC: Volunteer Spotlight



Volunteers Make FVPC a Better Place. This summer has been productive with the generous help of our volunteers. We want to highlight a few examples. **Dick Todd** is preparing church sermons with a focus on domestic violence, painting restroom walls and probably recovering from the hard work he did on our new safe house space. **John Garrett** is here every Tuesday with a smile and tools ready for action as he tends to our ongoing maintenance list. Thank you both!

The artwork pictured here was drawn by **Chasity Spencer**, one of our newest volunteers in the children's program. We appreciated her time and energy this summer. She told me this was the best part of her summer, which seems to be reflected in her drawing of her peaceful place...our children's play area. Speaking of the children's play area, **Detective Holly Clay** and her two daughters came in and spent an entire weekend freshening it up by preparing and painting the walls. They did a fantastic and thorough job.

For entertainment opportunities, we had a dedicated volunteer come in to host a BINGO night, which the residents just loved. **Barb Miller** comes in regularly and brings her gorgeous variety of flowers and greenery from her own flower beds.

She brings interesting and pretty containers for the residents to create their own flower arrangements under her experienced guidance and encouragement. What a unique activity to offer our residents! Additionally, we have a lovely volunteer that has connected well with an aftercare client in our "Friends" mentoring program as well as spending significant time with a family we housed. **Victoria Strickland** speaks Spanish and this family's primary language was also Spanish. It was a terrific match as the mother, in particular, enjoyed using her native language with such a caring person.



When we are looking for a dose of true positive energy, we can stop by our volunteer **Jim Vernon's** desk. He assists us weekly with Prevention and DIVERT administrative support and has started taking on additional Reception Desk responsibilities.

We are always in need of additional volunteers to join our team. Currently, we are trying to build up our Reception Desk volunteer program. It will include greeting visitors, answering the administrative phone line and assisting our staff in supportive ways. It will be a truly worthwhile experience for both the volunteer and staff. We always welcome volunteers interested in helping in the kitchen and with the children and residents in the safe house too! Maybe we will see you soon! Please call Harmony Byrd at 937.376.8526 x22 or harmony.byrd@violencefreefutures.org.



2014 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 2014 annual campaign. I will make a sustaining gift during 2014 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) ☐ Credit Card Visa | MasterCard | Discover | AmEx

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Our Wish List

Items received from our “wish list” help stretch our shelter dollars.

Currently, items most needed this fall are:

Laptop or Tablet	Clear food-serving gloves
Hard Candy	Cake mixes/Icings
“401” All-Purpose Cleaner	Paper Towels/Toilet Paper
Latex gloves	Facial Tissues
Disinfectant Spray	Batteries– 9V
Bleach (1 gal. size)	Gas/Dining Gift Cards
School-Age Boy Toys	Kroger/Walmart Gift Cards (for safe house groceries)
Sports Balls	Office Supply Gift Cards
White Distilled Vinegar (1 gal. size)	Electric heating pads
Gallon Size storage bags	Warm 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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Or contact us at 937-376-8526 or 937-426-6535

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