

Director's Message



FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER

Violence Free Messenger

Dear Friends,

Summer is an excellent time to celebrate the family. As vacations are planned, home improvement projects are accomplished and gardens are tended, memories will be made with the family. Focusing on the strengths of the family is an important way to promote healthy relationships and identify, as well as build positive attributes in the family unit. Families can take many different forms and will have various strengths. While you make memories, please take time to think about the following six family strengths.



Debbie Matheson
Executive Director

Time together – The regular pattern of time spent with the family is an investment, bringing our lives together by being able to do the everyday activities and fun activities together. How does your family spend time together?

Communication - This is essential to healthy relationships and composed of three parts; words 7%, tone of voice 40% and body language 53%. Reflecting on the components of communication, tone and body language speak the loudest. How are your communication skills and how do they impact your family? Take moments to express caring messages while you share meals, ride in the car and through technology.

Support – In the good and challenging times, knowing that there is unconditional love is an essential component of support. Attend events where family members have roles; musicals, school events, doctor's appointments, college visits, searching for a home and other large purchases.

Cultural and Family Traditions – Creating a pattern of weekly, monthly or annual activities that are special to your family begins traditions. Does your family have any traditions? Consider story-time during trips in the car, weekly family dinners, special birthday celebrations or making connections to community events or a family business meeting?

Respect - How is admiration, value and importance shown in your family? Respect is shown by the tone of action that occurs during interactions. Parents can model respect by letting an elderly person have the seat in the waiting area, teaching when to say "please" and "thank you", noticing the body language of a family member and then asking about their feelings.

Spirituality - The world and life view of the family is made up of the way we are connected to our family's past, the purpose we believe we have on earth and the way we decide what is right and wrong. How do you recognize your family's spiritual beliefs?

Be safe and enjoy family time this summer!

Debbie Matheson



We're Hosting a Diaper Drive!!!



We are in need of wipes and diapers of all sizes and we invite you or your organization to get creative!!

Drop off Dates: August 6 & 7 Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Where: FVPC 380 Bellbrook Ave. Xenia, OH 45385

Check out Pinterest for cute presentation ideas.

We will be providing gift cards for the three most creative diaper displays and for the largest donation.



Recap: Victories at the Superhero 5K & "Uncommon Affair"

The **Superhero 5K** for child abuse prevention and elimination attracted 250 participants. Throughout the entire event on April 25, people shared positive energy on behalf of the children in our county who need support and intervention. It was the first time we carried out this theme and it sparked interest, which in turn increased awareness and funds for our programs to help end child abuse. Thanks to everyone who came out despite the weather predictions.

On May 1, we were energized by the 180 special guests who attended our annual fundraiser, the **"Uncommon Affair"**. The evening was hosted by our dedicated FVPC Board of Trustees. Guests enjoyed the company while competitively shopping at the silent and live auctions. 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 \$34,386 which will help us reach our vision of **Violence Free Futures** throughout the coming year.



Group Costume winners received a gift card to a local restaurant.

The Dove Giving Club ~~ Our Role Models

Each calendar year we recognize those who step forward as role models for our community by committing to financial gifts at or above the Dove Giving Club levels of White (\$500), Silver (\$1,000), and Gold (\$2,500). Since 1998, the Dove Club has been an essential element in the financial stability of the Family Violence Prevention Center. We are pleased to celebrate and recognize those listed below, who are already Dove Giving Club members for 2015.

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Allan Cummings and Julia Hall
John Garrett

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Hammond, Stier & Stadnicar
Ron and Betty Herre
Kirkmont Presbyterian Church
Colin and Nancy Kowalski

White Dove

Steve and Eileen Austria
John and Joy Brailey
Buckeye Research & Manufacturing

Are you ready to be a role model? All tax-deductible, financial gifts made during 2015 count toward Dove Club eligibility, including gifts already given. You can use the enclosed reply form and return to make a gift at any level. Gifts of any size are both needed and greatly appreciated.

We are grateful to everyone who gives to FVPC and are pleased to acknowledge the contributions received from March 22 – June 15, 2015. Please accept our apologies if any name is misspelled, missing or in an incorrect location. Please contact Ron Herre at ron.herre@violencefreefutures.org or 937-376-8526 x 107 to correct any errors or to find out more about the Dove Giving Club.

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Devoted Volunteers In Action



"God's Chicks"

God's Chicks Party - On April 23, spring was in the air, on the buffet table, in the crafts and games. These wonderful and creative ladies bring the party to us every other month and it lightens the mood and brightens the spirits of the whole safe house, adults, children and staff members too. They are also planning an Independence Day BBQ for July 2...we can't wait!

Mother's Day was a lovely celebration thanks to **Victoria's Secret at the Greene, Talbots at the Greene** and **Emmanuel Baptist Church**. The 19 women in the safe house received truly beautiful, special gifts and an ice cream social to honor their dedication to keeping their families safe.

Greene County Library Bookmobile made a valuable stop here! The kids were able to climb in and listen to stories, check out books and start their summer reading challenge.

A group of teenagers created a week long **reading program** and invited our school-aged children to realize reading can be fun. What a fantastic way to spend a week and jumpstart their summer reading challenge.

United Way Day of Action - Volunteers blessed us with their time on June 19. The kitchen received a deep clean and the landscaping was spruced up by spreading mulch (purchased by another loyal volunteer, **John Garrett**) and pulling weeds. It was a busy day. These tasks are hard for us to accomplish without volunteers.

Emmanuel Community Garden, a ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church, is set to provide fresh produce for the third year. They deliver food weekly, stretching more of our dollars and encouraging our residents to eat colorful foods.

Volunteers make our day! We have some of the finest individuals and groups committed to our mission. **Jim Vernon** now spends two afternoons with us, pleasantly answering our phones and greeting guests while completing unique projects. **Barb Miller** continues to grace us with gorgeous flowers and teaches ladies to create flower masterpieces. Our dedicated weekly grocery shoppers include **Tom and Helen Reno, Renee Diggs, Mary Watson and Becky Cope**.

We also appreciated the assistance of the devoted members of the **Xenia Chrome Divas** who worked at our 5K and the "Uncommon Affair".



United Way Day of Giving Volunteers

If you are interested in joining this list of wonderful community members, we have many opportunities for you depending on your available time, skills and interests. Currently, we have the following needs: 1) administrative 2) kitchen 3) moving 4) childcare 5) mailing support & 6) landscaping. **Contact Harmony Byrd at 937-376-8526 x 112 to discuss volunteering.**

Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events

- **July 11, 2015** Xenia Chrome Divas "Poker Run" begins at "Smokin' Aces" on Linden Ave. in Dayton. Registration begins at 10 am. Kickstands up at 11 am. Proceeds benefit FVPC.
- **October 5, 2015** Candlelight Vigil honoring Domestic Violence Victims and Survivors at Shawnee Park. Begins at 6 pm.
- **April 9, 2016** Superhero 5K at Beavercreek High School
- **May 13, 2016** "Uncommon Affair" at Greene County Fairgrounds



Giving to FVPC

"On Behalf of FVPC" Donations of gently used items remain important to us, but due to minimum storage area, we partner with Goodwill in Xenia and Beavercreek who accept your donations. Simply mention it's on our behalf and they will issue a receipt with our sticker on it. Please send us this receipt. Certificates are then issued to FVPC based on these donations and clients use these to purchase items they need.

Did you get a new cell phone?

Bring in your old cell phones/smart phones as an easy, no-cost way to support FVPC.



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Our Wish List

Items we immediately need are:

Diapers, size 4-6	Plastic Eating Utensils
Toilet Paper	Facial Tissues
Paper Towels	Coffee/Tea/Creamer
Paper Plates	White Copy Paper
Plastic Drinking Cups	White Card Stock
Kroger, Walmart & Aldi gift cards	

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



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www.deanslandscaping.net

Dean's Landscaping provides lawn care to FVPC at a discounted rate. Thank you for supporting our agency!



Calling all Kroger Shoppers: Join us in Renewing your Rewards Account

We have 12 households registered and we earned \$288 the 1st quarter of 2015.

We know we can increase this fundraising potential with your help. THANK YOU!

1. Register/Renew your KROGER Plus card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com (click on sign in/register or create an online account).
2. Follow the directions online to select FVPC; our number is 81623.
3. All participants must re-enroll each April to continue earning rewards.



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