

Director's Message

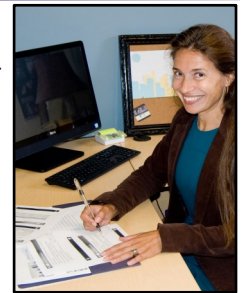


Violence Free Messenger

Dear Friend of FVPC,

As we enter this New Year, FVPC seeks to ensure that we are addressing domestic and sexual violence holistically. My mind turns to the current topics circulating throughout our culture, shared through different media. This information influences the conversations we generate amongst family and friends.

A week ago, while waiting on a colleague's arrival for a lunch meeting, I took the opportunity to listen to the buzz in the restaurant. In the booth closest to me, three women were discussing circumstances around Dr. Nassar, the former Olympic doctor convicted of sexual crimes against gymnasts and sentenced to 175 years in prison. There was genuine concern and confusion in the questions that initiated the conversation. An older woman, started the conversation, stating, "I do not want to be disrespectful to the young women who experienced sexual abuse at the hands of their doctor. How did this happen? How did the girls not know how to make it stop?" The conversation continued amongst the three women processing and exploring empathy for the complex situation the victims faced. They wondered how the parents and adults were blind to the situation, how did the young women carry this burden for so long and what would be the long term effects the young women face? The organic critical thinking skills the women used were encouraging. The process of cultural change comes from people identifying concerns and exploring solutions. Consider generating a conversation within your peer group to see how they will respond to tough questions about responsibility in victimization.



Debbie Matheson
Executive Director

The following are questions and answers that you can use to generate a conversation:

Q: How many youth, both male and female are sexually abused before the age of 18?

A: *One in four girls and one in six boys will experience sexual abuse before they turn 18 years old. (1) Q: Are strangers or acquaintances the perpetrators of the majority of sexual abuse on children? A: Someone they know and trust most often sexually abuses children. (2) Q: How rare is sexual assault? A: Every 98 seconds an American is sexually assaulted. Every 8 minutes the victims is a child. Only six out of every 1000 perpetrators will end up in prison and 60% of sexual assaults are unreported to the police.(3)*

To conclude, share with someone you may encounter that our staff is poised to help those victimized and their support system.

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2005). Adverse Childhood Experiences Study: Data and Statistics.
2. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families. (2007)
3. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 2010-2014.

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- 1) Register your KROGER card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- 2) Follow the directions online to select FVPC; our number is 81623.
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In 2017, FVPC earned \$891 from your grocery shopping.

Thank you all! It's simple & hassle-free. Go ahead and enroll now!

Let's get 200 households enrolled in 2018!

***All participants must re-enroll each April.**



Fun & Bling Will Return on April 6 as We Host Our Third Annual "Denim & Diamonds" Themed Fundraiser



You can help us reach our fundraising goal by being a Sponsor, Donating a Unique Auction Item and/or Joining us at the event!

April 6 at 6pm, join the Board of Trustees at Greene County Fairgrounds for our annual fundraiser. We are planning a memorable evening of dinner and entertainment to benefit the services of FVPC.

The live and silent auctions will feature unique experiences. Come enjoy the evening with friends and help us reach our fundraising goal. We are excited to add "Blind Justice" as our live entertainment for this casual Friday night fundraiser.

For additional event information and how to purchase tickets, please contact Harmony Byrd at 376-8526.

Do you have used items to donate?

Material 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) List your donations on their receipt. 2) Send your receipt 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 when they get here and when they move out to their new violence free home.

We had a tremendous year of gracious giving and we would like to thank the following for all of the happiness and cheer felt around FVPC during the 2017 Holiday Season.

Arrowhood Tomahawk Trl Neighborhood Watch
Bath and Body Works - Jeffersonville
Bob Evans
Dave and Lynn Brown
Missy Bunch
Don and Kristi Cain
Cassidy Collins
CDO Technologies
City Barbeque
Detroit Tire
DLA Transaction Services
Drayer Physical Therapy Institute
JoAnne Earley
Claire Elliott
F.O.P. Greene County Lodge No. 37
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Marianna Gay
God's Chicks (pictured, top right)
Greene County Public Library
J. Crew - Greene Town Center
Jacob Alan Barker Foundation
Jeanne Josche
Just a Little Lunch
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Chris and Jaime Lennon
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Raptor Security Team
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St. Andrews UMC
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Tieber Family
Veterinary Associates Animal Hospital
Wagner Hill Bunco Ladies
WPAFB Family Advocacy
Xenia Chrome Divas
Xenia Police Division
Young's Jersey Dairy





What's Happening at FVPC

Awareness Months

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month which is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen and 20-something relationships and promote programs that prevent it. Dating violence is more common than many people think. Help us spread awareness and stop dating abuse before it starts! Parents, talk to your children about the health of their relationships. We provide counseling for teens in need. Check out loveisrespect.org for helpful conversational tools for teens, parents and educators.

April is the month for Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention & Child Abuse Awareness. Both of these problems are our concern. Our sexual assault response and support has been active this year. We have started providing individual counseling, and continued the support group service. We also have plans to be more present on local campuses here in Greene County to provide relevant support. Also, see events below.

Upcoming Events

February 24 “Walk A Mile In Their Shoes”

Five Seasons Family Sports Club

4242 Clio Road

Registration at 1:30 pm & Walk at 2:30 pm

Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Dayton/WalkAMileInTheirShoes2018>

\$15 (includes t-shirt) or \$5 (no t-shirt)

Teens are encouraged to bring a pair of someone else's shoes and walk a mile with the energetic group in order to break the silence and start talking about the serious consequences of unhealthy and controlling dating relationships. Contact Rayeann Evola at 376-8526 for more information.



April 14 “Take Back The Night”

Fairborn Community Park Atherton Amphitheater at 7 pm

Join Family Violence Prevention Center during Sexual Assault Awareness Month to **Take Back the Night (TBTN)** and support survivors of sexual violence. TBTN events have a long history of giving voice to survivors and breaking the silence that often keeps sexual abuse in the dark. TBTN events help survivors know that they are not alone, and these crimes will not be tolerated or left to go silently into the night."

The Night will include speakers, music, survivor speak out opportunity and a candlelight vigil. Contact Leah Fay at 376-8526 for additional information or to share interest in participating.



April 28 5K Run/Walk

“Superhero C.A.P.E. Child Abuse Prevention & Elimination”

Beavercreek High School

2660 Dayton-Xenia Rd.

Race Starts at 9 am

Register at <http://www.cantstoprunningco.com/local-races>

Note: Registration is online only. Accepting day-of registrations starting at 7:45 am.

Register by April 11 for \$25 & guarantee a t-shirt! Teams of five or more-\$15 per person.

This year we are partnering with Michael's House, the Child Advocacy Center in Fairborn. We are all excited to be planning this awareness event together and both of our children-friendly service environments will benefit from the donations. We are co-hosting this family-friendly activity to spread the message that child abuse is not ok, how to respond if you learn of child abuse and how to protect our children.

Medals for top runners! Cash Prizes for Best Superhero Costumes!





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Our Wish List

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

Currently, we need the following:

Regular Size Shampoo/Conditioner	Dryer Sheets
Regular Size Body Wash	Bleach
African American Hair Products	Car Seats-Infant & Toddler
Hairbrushes/Combs	Pillow Cases -new & neutral
Storage Totes	Sheets -Twin and Crib
Glass & Bathroom Cleaners	Trash Bags-13 & 55 gallons
HE Laundry Detergent	Bathroom Trash Cans

Used Cell Phones, Smartphones, iPods, iPads

~We have received \$9,608 total in this smartphone recycling program.

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. Please call to inquire.



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