

# violence free messenger

*From the Director*

**Dear Friends,**

**Financial abuse is real.** Throughout October, the Allstate Foundation is partnering with FVPC and many domestic violence programs across the country to educate the community about the deep impact of financial abuse through the Purple Purse Challenge. Types of abuse are tactics that define how batterers gain and maintain power. Finances exemplify power in our culture. This crippling type of abuse has short and long term effects.

**Financial abuse is a patterned action used to control access to resources and intimidate.** Tactics can include:

- Not allowing a partner to work
- Taking money from a partner that was given as gifts for holidays or birthdays
- Deciding how money will be spent –little to no input from partner
- Disregarding the needs of others in the family- hygiene, medication, food, proper fitting clothing
- Refusing access to money or providing an “allowance” to a partner
- Having partner to work and taking the income with no opportunity to access money
- Interfere with work performance by calling or coming to work repeatedly
- Having living expenses placed in a partner’s name and then refusing to properly pay expenses
- Taking identifying documents for all household members and refusing access to the other partner
- Stealing property or possessions
- Forcing a partner to turn over access to an inheritance
- Stealing a partner’s credit cards and purchasing large expenses on credit

Safety planning in response to financial abuse is essential and education is the key to preparing an effective safety plan around financial abuse. Allstate identifies four safety-planning steps for those who have been victimized through financial abuse.

**First: Think about your confidence with financial information.** Often the messages that have repeatedly come from the abusive partner erode the self-confidence regarding financial decision making.

**Second: Gain information about your financial assets.** Explore the financial documents of the family and make copies when possible. Take pictures of the documents. Safe storage is essential for the information that is gained. Delete photos from the phone be careful to ensure that they are removed from cloud based storage as well. Also copies of legal documents are also essential: social security cards, birth certificates, will, marriage and divorce documentation, banking and investment documentation, vehicle registrations, credit card and loan information also benefit and insurance information.

**Third: Begin saving money immediately.** Saving will need to be thought through. This is to address the challenges in the individual situation. Start a separate bank account with statements sent to a private email address. If an existing private email address potentially could have been compromised any time during the relationship, start another. Safety deposit boxes at a bank can provide an option for secure storage of documents and saving. Keeping small amounts of money, start with change collecting where ever possible. Be careful about joint bank accounts. Planning a process to access funds from the account as quickly after leaving is essential. Abusive partners withdraw funds at time to gain control. Finances are essential to accessing change. Victims often withdraw only what they see as essential to have some resource but not too much to anger the abusive partner.

**Fourth: Seek financial independence one step at a time.** This encouragement is to underline that financial safety planning is a journey and will take time and responsive planning to the individual financial abuse tactics used within the specific relationship. Victims are encouraged to call victims and seek support through local domestic violence programs.

The Allstate Purple Purse Foundation has a set of clear questions listed for individuals wondering if what they are experiencing within an unhealthy relationship is financial abuse and potentially to what extent. For those questions and additional resources, please visit: [www.purplepurse.com/resources](http://www.purplepurse.com/resources)

**O**ctober is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As FVPC continues to provide support and sanctuary for victims of domestic violence, I challenge you to join us in our commitment to educate others during this important time of the year for our agency.

Sincerely~

*Debbie Matheson*



## FVPC is going digital

Starting with the next issue of the *Violence Free Messenger*, readers have a choice of receiving a printed newsletter through the mail or a digital newsletter via email.

If you prefer to receive a printed newsletter, there is no need to contact FVPC.

However, if you wish to receive the Messenger through email, please send a message to [Jackie.Bickel@violencefreefutures.org](mailto:Jackie.Bickel@violencefreefutures.org) to be added to the email list.



**Need help? FVPC has a 24-hour crisis hotline: 372-4552 or 426-2334**



**Purple Purse**  
Allstate Foundation

2018 Purple Purse Celebrity Designer

*Serena Williams*

**follow the purse: #FVPCPurplePurse**

*Join us in this remarkable challenge and help FVPC address financial abuse by providing clients with the services they need, while “filling their purses” with hope, strength and confidence.*

## what is the purple purse challenge?

**T**he primary reason domestic violence survivors remain in or return to an abusive relationship is because they don't have the financial resources to break free and stay free. That's why Allstate Foundation Purple Purse was created.

Throughout the month of October, FVPC will work to raise even more awareness about domestic violence and financial abuse, get people talking about the issue and raise financial resources to help end it in our community. The purple purse is symbolic because purple is the national color of domestic violence and a purse represents a woman's financial domain.

Help ignite public awareness and fundraising for FVPC by joining our team's efforts in the Purple Purse Challenge. This is a friendly fundraising competition that has raised nearly \$10 million for hundreds of national, state and local nonprofits and the survivors they serve since its inaugural year in 2014.

Generous contributions from donors across the country have provided funds for life-changing services, helping survivors get the financial knowledge, skills and resources they need to break free from abuse and rebuild their lives.

As a Purple Purse Team, FVPC will have the opportunity to tap into resources that can help expand our donor base and increase critical funding through contests with prize funding provided by The Allstate Foundation.

This year, Allstate selected 250 national, state and local nonprofit organizations that provide financial empowerment services to domestic violence survivors to raise even more funding and change even more lives and FVPC is proud to be a part of this exciting venture.

## join the challenge!

**why** As a friend of FVPC, you can join the Purple Purse Challenge and help us achieve our \$5,000 goal. Every dollar you donate helps us provide critical services to survivors. From helping provide meals and shelter to educational training on finances, you have the power to make a difference. Your donation will offer **hope, strength and confidence** to the many that we serve.



**when** The Challenge kicks off on October 2 at noon and concludes on October 31 at 1:59 pm.

**where** Donations can be made by visiting our website: [www.violencefreefutures.org](http://www.violencefreefutures.org)

**win** Receive a commemorative Purple Purse Charm for a donation of \$20 or more. *Quantities are limited.* And, for every \$50 donation, your name will be entered into the raffle to win the limited edition Purple Purse. **Drawing will occur on November 1 and winner will be contacted.**



## how you can help...

**\$41** affords crisis intervention for one victim, offering counseling and support at the most critical of times.

**\$55** provides cyber security on a computer for one month, allowing users to feel safe in reaching out online for support and domestic violence resources.

**\$55** keeps the lights on for one day at the safe house and administrative center.

**\$72** offers prevention education to 10 high school students in our community on teen dating violence.

**\$114** covers the cost of one day of hot meals served by the safe house to 32 residents.

**\$132** equals one week of hot baths and showers for 32 residents seeking refuge at our shelter.

**\$140** extends one full day of crisis intervention services for an individual entering into the safe house.

Or, you can give to our general efforts to provide:

**Hope: \$50** provides needed gas and gift cards for family necessities

**Strength: \$100** offers FVPC resources to provide clients with a car insurance payment, establishing a cell phone account and other necessities to help with establishing financial independence.

**Confidence: \$200** assists a client in applying for housing, making a car payment and offsetting other expenses to help with the transition out of the safe house and into a “place of their own.”



# candlelight vigil held for domestic violence victims



*FVPC is thankful for all of the support from Representative Perales, Beavercreek Mayor Bob Stone, Xenia Mayor Sarah Mays and Beavercreek Township Trustee Jeff Roberts*

Community members and leaders from Greene County lit candles and paused for peace at the annual candlelight vigil on Monday, October 1, 2018 at the The Greene Town Square. The vigil, hosted by the Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, helped raise awareness of domestic violence here in Greene County, as part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This was the second year for the event to be held at the Greene and many new people were drawn to learn more about our cause.

The evening had several poignant moments, from the Victim Memorial Candles to the Clothesline Project created by Greene County survivors. Several community officials issued proclamations for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, resonating FVPC's vision for Violence Free Futures. The Xenia Chrome DIVAs presented a donation check for \$6,623 to FVPC Executive Director Debbie Matheson, giving the Center needed funds to serve victims of domestic violence.

After a compelling survivor testimonial from "Ashley," the choir from Legacy Christian Academy sang a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace. In closing, a bell was rang nine times, to remember the nine fatalities in Ohio that resulted from domestic violence incidents in 2017, according to numbers provided by BCI. Those in attendance each lit a candle in remembrance, joining in a pledge to end domestic violence.

If you would like more information about Domestic Violence Awareness Month, phone FVPC at 937-376-8526 or 937-426-6535. You can also visit the Ohio Domestic Violence Network's website at [www.odvn.org](http://www.odvn.org) for a list of events taking place throughout Ohio in October.



*The Clothesline Project displays a powerful message from domestic violence survivors about hope and healing*

## our pledge to end domestic violence

### I will...

Create safe healthy relationships at home, at work and in the community.

- Treat others with dignity and respect.
- Teach children the value of a healthy relationship.
- Never condone or commit acts of domestic violence.
- Never blame victims of domestic violence.
- Report domestic violence to the police.

*Everyone who takes the pledge becomes a member of an ever growing movement of citizens who have made a commitment to do what they can to end domestic violence in our community.*



*During the vigil, many members of the Xenia Chrome DIVAs joined Executive Director Debbie Matheson onstage to present a check to FVPC for \$6,623. This donation will help the Center make great strides in continuing to provide services and a safe place to victims of domestic violence*



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## upcoming events

**October 31**

**Law Enforcement Awards**

Noon in the Media Room at DFJS-541  
Ledbetter Road, Xenia  
Open to the public

**November 8**

**Annual Meeting & Donor Appreciation**

6PM at the Centre at Stonehill Village-  
1300 Shorthill Drive

**February TBD**

**Walk a Mile In Her Shoes**

**May 10**

**2019 Uncommon Affair-Taste of Spring**

6PM at the Greene Co. Expo Center

**TBD**

**Super Hero 5K**

Join us as we walk and support efforts  
of child abuse prevention

# TAKE BACK THE PUB

## BAR CRAWL AND FUNDRAISER FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

On September 7th, FVPC hosted the 2nd Annual Take Back the Pub Bar Crawl, a fundraising and awareness event in the Oregon District that shed light on sexual violence and what can be done to end it. The evening included stops at several bars and pubs in the Oregon District, games and opportunities to win raffle prizes.



FVPC staff members and friends pose outside of one of the many stops during the event

### Thanks to our raffle sponsors

**Chelsey Burling** Mary Kay basket with Satin Lips and Satin Hands sets

**Elizabeth Diamond Company** Alex and Ani bracelet with Swarovski crystals

**Chrome Divas** Annual membership to the Boonshoft Museum

**Fishwick Custom Creations** Gift basket with custom designed beer and wine glasses, t-shirts and coffee mugs

**Bentino's Pizza** \$25 gift card

**Sweets Boutique** Gift certificate for two free boxed lunches

**Oregon Express** Gift certificate for one large pizza

## FVPC Happenings



On September 21, the one-of-a-kind English Car Parade purchased during the Live Auction at our Uncommon Affair happened. Dave Johnson was the coordinator of this prized experienced it was a great day for the ride A big thanks to all the drivers in the club who shared their beautiful roadsters.

On July 29th, the Pike Street Chiropractic Center hosted a Cruise-In to benefit FVPC. The day was filled with lots of classic cars, good food, demonstrations and raffle prizes. Over \$500 was raised during this fun event.



### October Purple Light Nights

Shine a purple light (use a black light bulb) in your window or on your porch during the month of October to help spread the message that "Domestic Violence has NO PLACE in our neighborhoods".



# The 2018 Dove Giving Club

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## about the dove club

For almost 20 years, the Dove Giving Club has recognized our most generous financial benefactors. Dove Club eligibility is based on the total amount of all tax-deductible financial gifts made or committed to during a given year. See the enclosed reply form for information on making a contribution at any level.

If you are interested in becoming a donor and having your name added to our generous list of Dove Club members, contact our Development Coordinator at Jackie. Bickel@ViolenceFreeFutures.org or call 376-8526 ext 107.

At this time, we are pleased to recognize those individuals who have committed to Dove Club level gifts for the period of June through September 2018.

# Save The Date

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6:00 PM

## Donor and Volunteer Appreciation Night & 2018 Annual Meeting

Held at the  
**The Centre at Stonehill Village • 1300 Shorthill Drive**  
(off Trebein Road in Beavercreek Township)

Please join us for light hors d'oeuvres so we may extend our heartfelt appreciation to you.

The Annual Meeting will begin promptly at 6:45 PM

## RSVP

call 937-376-8526 extension 107  
or email Jackie/Bickel@violencefreefutures.org





## Xenia Chrome DIVAS raise over \$6,600 during annual poker run

July 14th marked another successful "Ridin' Away the Pain" Poker Run for the Xenia Chrome DIVAS.

The day started with lunch and moonshine tasting at Stillwrights, followed by a scenic ride to visit to the Amvets in Medway. Afterwards, the group traveled to TJ Chumps for music and variety of prize baskets raffled off.

All proceeds benefited FVPC and the Center is grateful for the faithful and generous support offered by this fun group of women!



## a fun day for all

On Sunday, August 12th, friends of FVPC and Michael's House came to Young's Jersey Dairy for an afternoon of family activities and fundraising for both organizations. Close to 300 people attended the event, raising more than \$10,000 for both organizations. Guests enjoyed an afternoon filled with good food, ice cream, outdoor activities, kids crafts, and lots of singing in the picnic shelter. Special thanks to Eileen Austria for chairing the event, as well as Dan Young and the crew at Young's Jersey Dairy for allowing us to host such a successful gathering at their farm.



*Everyone enjoyed the musical talents of our young guests when they assisted in singing and trying out the instruments*



*Facepainting was one of the many activities that the kids enjoyed at Family Fun Day*



*Numerous rides were given around the farm*

### Thanks to our event sponsors

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### Help FVPC While You Shop for Groceries at Kroger

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- **That's It!**

Now, each purchase you make with your card generates support for the work of FVPC. In 2017, **FVPC earned \$891** from your grocery shopping. It's simple & hassle-free. Sign up now and let's get 200 households enrolled in 2018!





# Dixon honored for his advocacy for others

**N**athaniel Dixon is the recipient of the 2018 ADAPAO Youth Advocate Award for exemplary efforts in advancing the mission of ADAPAO to employ the power of dialogue, education, networking and advocacy to amplify a unified voice for prevention in Ohio.

**T**he ADAPAO Youth Prevention Awards honor excellence in and commitment to prevention in Ohio among young people in our state. Members of ADAPAO, the statewide association championing prevention in Ohio, nominate youth who are engaged in prevention in their communities and around the state and were presented to honorees at the ADAPAO Social: Celebrating Champions of Change, that took place on September 30th in Columbus, Ohio.



**N**athaniel Dixon is serving his fourth year on the FVPC Youth Advisory Board (YAB), and it can be challenging for a young man. Other volunteers have asked him if he was court-ordered to be on the board, in shock that a young man would choose to do this. Now, he educates volunteers about the importance of young men standing up against domestic violence.

**N**athaniel is not your loud, chant-yelling member, unless it is the We Are The

Majority, one of his favorite group activities. He is the member that comes straight from football camp to move filing cabinets at the shelter. He is the one who will stay late washing dishes at donor events. He is also the one who has recruited the most walkers to the last three “Walk A Mile In Their Shoes to End Teen Dating Violence” events. Nathaniel recruited his entire football team to walk and he wore the highest pair of heels, even though many of his teammates laughed at him. He is present at all our Youth Advisory events, but it is his advocacy when he is not at FVPC that sets him apart from others.

**N**athaniel recently returned from Work Camp with 40 other students from his church and surrounding communities. They had constructed wheel chair ramps and made people’s homes livable again. But for Nathaniel, he did something more.

**U**pon returning home, Nathaniel shared pictures of his trip and a sad story about a teen girl who broke up with her boyfriend on the first day of the trip. The girl began to share her story of her unhealthy relationship with a 21-year-old boyfriend. Nathaniel slowly introduced her to many concepts he had learned from YAB trainings and Safe Date classroom presentations. The young girl had been raised in an unhealthy household where Dad was in prison for domestic violence. She believed her relationship was okay because he was not being physically abused. Nathaniel explained the dynamics of Power and Control and the other nine types of abuse to his new friend. Over the week, he shared information about unhealthy and healthy relationships and how she could get help for free.

**W**hen asked if Nathaniel planned to see this girl again, he became very defensive, replying, “as a friend only!” Reiterating that it is not right to date someone coming out of that type of relationship because they need time to heal. FVPC was very impressed that he applied everything he learned in YAB and shared it with someone who needed it the most. Nathaniel plans to attend college in 2019 to study Chemistry/Pre-Dentistry, with a goal to help people rebuild their smile as well as rebuilding their self-esteem. Nathaniel has and always will advocate for those in need.

## what is ADAPAO?

ADAPAO is a membership-based, not-for-profit association that serves as the voice of prevention in Ohio, with a specific focus on preventing alcohol, tobacco, other drug abuse and other behavioral health problems. ADAPAO provides a unified voice for prevention in numerous ways, including:

- Providing cutting edge training and education for prevention advocates.
- Representing prevention advocates and professionals on state-level committees, workgroups, task forces and other decision-making bodies.
- Leading efforts to develop Ohio’s prevention workforce, from supporting high school youth involved in prevention efforts in their schools and communities to providing advanced skill development for experienced prevention specialists.
- Organizing advocacy initiatives to empower Ohioans and reduce behavioral health problems in our communities.
- Networking community leaders dedicated to prevention.
- Speaking to elected and other community leaders on legislation, initiatives and activities affecting prevention and behavioral health issues in Ohio.





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## Wish List

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

*Currently, we need the following:*

- Regular Size Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Regular Size Body Wash & Lotion
- African American Hair Products
- Hairbrushes/Combs
- Storage Totes
- Glass & Bathroom Cleaners
- HE Laundry Detergent
- 9"x12" Manila Envelopes
- Diapers- Size 5 & 6
- Used Cell Phones, Smartphones, iPods, iPads
- Dryer Sheets
- Bar Soap
- Laundry Baskets
- Car Seats-Infant & Toddler
- Pillow Cases -new & neutral
- Sheets -Twin, Toddler, Crib
- Trash Bags-13 & 55 gallons
- Bathroom Trash Cans
- Sticky note pads
- Pack'n Play

*\*We no longer accept ink cartridges*

Donations are accepted M-F from 10am-4pm by appointment by calling  
Harmony Byrd at 937-375-8526.

*Larger donations such as furniture and appliances are also needed on occasion.*

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