

# violence free messenger

*From the Director*

## Dear Friends,

**Celebrate** with us! We were established in 1979 and in 2019 we are celebrating 40 years of service to victims of family and relationship violence. Through the years we have served thousands of victims within our community. We have grown from a hidden location, rented apartment in Yellow Springs to owning our disclosed location in Xenia. With strategic planning services have grown over the 40 years assertively work toward the out vision, violence free futures.

**A**s we reflect the 40 years of service, we look to the future and how we will be able to serve survivors of domestic and sexual violence in the most effective and meaningful ways. This work is and will always be done through strong collaboration within the community. As you are friends of FVPC, you are essential and strong portions of the collaboration. The privilege is ours to be thankful for all the friends who have partnered and prioritized assisting survivors over the past 40 year and looking into the future.

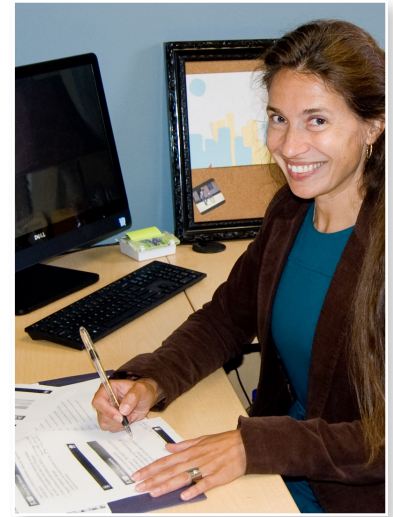
**S**uccess has been measured through the years, from one night of safety to a life being transformed for a future free of violence. Moving forward we want to regularly share with you the successes that you support through our Mission Moment column in the newsletter.

**F**ollowing is a brief description of the work that is done daily at FVPC. We prioritize educating as a part of the healing path for victims, both those who live in the community or have come to stay in the shelter at FVPC. We offer a domestic violence recovery program called Healthy Homes for adults, provided by Pam Gibson, LSW and Smiles for children, provided by Harmony Byrd PCC-S. Together, this dynamic duo works to support healing for the adults and children. Harmony shares the following information from a recent Smiles class experience. "One of the Smiles Session is focused on safety for children, especially in their living spaces. We talk about what feeling safe means. The children were prompted to draw a picture of the place where they feel the safest. Three of the four children drew a picture of the safe house and the fourth drew a picture of her bedroom in the safe house. I encouraged them to talk about what makes this safe house feel safe for them. One of the little girls said that she likes having the individual bedroom doors locked and secured by a passcode. This was really neat insight from a child's experience."

**S**afety is an essential component of healthy childhood development. Additionally, parents can feel eased to hear and see their children identify that they feel safe while living in the shelter. Parents we serve are very concerned about making good decisions that will best protect and support their children. For those we serve, we celebrate one day of safety as a healthy direction. We are poised and ready to help.

Sincerely~

*Debbie Matheson*



## Help FVPC While You Shop for Groceries at Kroger

- **Register** your Kroger card online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
- **Follow** the directions online to select FVPC-our number is KA-150
- **Swipe** your registered Kroger Plus card when you shop

Now, each purchase you make with your card generates support for the work of FVPC. Since November, **FVPC has earned \$252** from the grocery shopping of 54 households. **Thank you for your support!**



## Honoring Our Community Partners in Law Enforcement

On October 31, 2018, the Greene County Consortium on Domestic and Sexual Violence hosted its annual awards ceremony during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Honorees were nominated by their peers in the law enforcement community.

The "Excellence in Service" awards went to responders that showed exemplary action to help protect domestic violence victims. Detective Holly Clay, who has been nominated previously, handed out the "Challenge Coin" awards to those honored this year.

### Nine Awards Were Presented

#### Dispatcher

Xenia Greene Central Communications Center  
Dispatcher Lacey Reed  
Dispatcher Kimberly Wheeler

#### Officer

Beavercreek Police Department  
Officer Cynthia Peffly  
Bellbrook Police Department  
Officer Jamey Johnson  
Officer Richard Sams  
Fairborn Police Department  
Officer Travis Hunsbarger  
Xenia Police Division  
Officer Charles Roelker  
Officer Rudy Jones

#### Detective

Greene County Sheriff's Office  
Detective Shawn Bradley

The event was hosted by the Greene County Sheriff's Office, the Greene County Prosecutor's Office and the Family Violence Prevention Center. Together individuals were recognized who have been dedicated to their agency's mission to serve and protect and have been selected as having served with excellence and distinction.

# purple purse challenge was a success!

**FVPC** participated in the 5th Annual Allstate Foundation Challenge for the first time. The focus and purpose of this fundraising challenge was to increase funding for agencies and raising the public's awareness of the detrimental and disabling realities of financial control used in domestic violence relationships. Chances are someone you know is a victim of financial abuse.

The challenge offers its participants a one-of-a-kind purse to carry as the symbol and conversation starter. This year's bag was designed by tennis professional, Serena Williams who proudly shares her time as a spokesperson for the secret weapon: financial abuse.

Our Purple Purse raised over \$7,000, from 34 unique donations and this took us beyond our goal of \$5000. Please be on the lookout for our Challenge in October 2019! Another important outcome of the challenge was our opportunity to post our name and brief message on the Key-Ads Digital Billboard along US 35 at Factory Rd. the entire month of October. We know that amplified awareness!



FVPC Board Member Elise Huelskamp promoted the Challenge while carrying the Purple Purse for a day



**Purple Purse**

Allstate Foundation

## Our 2018 Purple Purse Challenge Donors

Jeanette Adkins	Amy Huesman
Anonymous	Shelsea Johnson
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Cherie Dixon	Sarah
Juanita Rollins-Ecton	David and Diana Scharff
Elizabeth	Kelly Sitts
Garrett	Donna Walker
Jana Gruber	Kay Webster
Gina Harmon	

## donation spotlight

Twice a month, the Xenia Domino's pizza donates all of the pizzas for our Friday night dinners in the safe house. For over a decade, this ongoing donation has been a delightful treat for our guests (and a welcome night off for our kitchen coordinator)!





# 2018 Adopt-A-Family expectations exceeded by generous donors

This Christmas, the excitement of our annual gift-giving program, Adopt-A-Family was obvious. We coordinated our annual gift-giving program for over 20 families. Twelve groups of people adopted families and six groups pulled together and collected general wish list items, toys, gift cards and cash for us to use for the holidays.

All of these acts of kindness provide relief, joy and hope for mothers and children as well as individual women. One of the women in the safe house thanked Harmony Byrd for including her because she would not have had any gifts to open this year otherwise.

While the holidays can provide joyful occasions to celebrate the love of family and friends, it is not this way for the families and individuals FVPC serves. When violence breaks apart the family, the holidays can be dreadful, scary and lonely.

Beyond the unwrapping of surprises, with the help of families, local organizations, teams of co-workers, businesses and neighborhood groups, hope for the future is restored. These acts of true kindness help raise the survivors' spirits and provide a reason to believe in the goodness of others.

Many of the groups have been doing it for many years and the blessings appear to be felt on both sides. One family's donor shared, "We are thrilled to help! It's the best part of our holidays!"

FVPC appreciates the community for their support, dedication and efforts during this eventful time of the year. It is a positive time at the center with children anticipating the magic of the season and the adults knowing that they can focus on goals of safety, housing, employment and healing.



## Our Thanks To The 2018 Adopt-A-Family Donors

Arrowhood Tomahawk Trail Neighborhood Watch Group  
Beavercreek Church of the Nazarene  
Laura and John Brown  
Lynn and David Brown  
Don Cain and Family  
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Jan McCluer and Julie LaPolt  
MacAulay-Brown  
Eileen O'Brien  
Stefani Payton  
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Xenia Chrome Divas

*Each year, numerous individuals, businesses and partners in the community provide our residents with a holiday season that is filled with joy*





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# when wishes come true

**G**enerosity is always in abundance! At the end of 2018, FVPC received numerous donations of general wish list items that will help serve clients in 2019. All of the items on the list help us keep the safe house and other supportive services operating such as diapers, wipes, toiletries, clothing, paper products and pantry items.

We were also graced with special meals and events provided by collaborating organizations in the community such as Carroll High School Girls Soccer, "Day of Caring", Veterinary Associates Animal Hospital, "Just a Little Lunch", Xenia and Fairborn FISH Food Pantries, God's Chicks, First Responders and Bikers Advocating Against Abuse and the Xenia Chrome Divas.

We also would like to thank Bob Evans, Key Bank, Pepperidge Farm for thinking to donate delicious food over the holidays.

*As a community service project, the Carroll High School girls soccer team collected much needed items for FVPC (pictured to the left and below).*



*Kira LaFave (left) and Harmony Byrd (right) sort through numerous bags of donations to be given to FVPC clients*



## Wisson Moment

One of our youth counselors, Harmony, was working with a young, courageous mom who had moved away from her abuse. Her little boy missed his dad and asked questions from time to time. This made mom so nervous as she was unsettled herself with the decision to leave, but these innocent questions from her little one started to make her doubt her decision.

It was clear to Harmony that leaving the abusive home was the safest choice for them, but that is not how this mom was feeling. Harmony offered the mom potential ways to answer the questions to reassure the child. The answers were simple, brief and comforting.

This mom rapidly wrote each of the options down in her notes. She brought the notes back each time and added to them. She shared that she referred to these

sample answers frequently and they boosted her confidence in the decision that she had made to leave an abusive relationship. Sometimes it is that simple... when parent feels confident and strong, the child will pick up on that and start to feel more comfortable and safe.

*Counseling is available at no cost to adults, teens and children at FVPC. Just call our support line to get your counseling started. 372-4552 or 426-2334.*

# Spring Fling 2019 is a fresh approach to FVPC fundraising

For years, FVPC has hosted a major fundraiser in the spring, better known as the “Uncommon Affair.” The themes have varied from year to year, but the objective is constant: raising funds to support the mission of FVPC.

This year, the objective is to still fund the mission, but the evening is going to be unlike the galas of the past.

Spring Fling will kick off the night with fun food stations and drink tastings that feature the area’s finest wine, bourbon and beer. Guests will have an opportunity to visit the silent auction, with items that will appeal to many, including experiential packages, fine dining, local services and much more.

FVPC will be having its first Dessert Dash, which will surely generate some lively competition to acquire sweets from local bakeries and restaurants. The highlight of the evening includes a performance by comedian Drew

Hastings, who will surely keep guest entertained with his fresh dialogue.

Tickets for the event go on sale March 1st and can be purchased online at [www.violencefreefutures.org](http://www.violencefreefutures.org). Or, you can call 937-376-8526 extension 107. Tickets can be purchased individually for \$75, which includes dinner, complimentary drink tasting tickets and the Drew Hastings Show.

There are still sponsorship opportunities available for the event, as well as items needed for the silent auction. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donating an auction item, please email [jackie.bickel@violencefreefutures.org](mailto:jackie.bickel@violencefreefutures.org) to request an information packet.

Spring Fling will be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds on Friday, May 10th. The event kicks off at 6pm and tickets will be limited in numbers. Join FVPC for a fun evening, while raising funds for



**Comedian Drew Hastings**

much-needed services and programs that FVPC provides to the community year-round!

## Save The Date • Friday, May 10th at 6pm



Mark your calendars to join us for a fun evening to raise funds supporting the Family Violence Prevention Center’s mission to reduce family and relationship violence and its impact to our community through prevention, intervention, safe housing and collaborative community programs. Look for your invitation to arrive in March! For more information, call 937-376-8526 x 107 or email [jackie.bickel@violencefreefutures.org](mailto:jackie.bickel@violencefreefutures.org).



## upcoming events

**April 13**

### **Superhero 5K for Child Abuse Awareness**

9:00 am at the Beaver Creek High School  
visit [www.runsignup.com/Race/OH/Dayton/SuperheroCAPE5kWalkRun](http://www.runsignup.com/Race/OH/Dayton/SuperheroCAPE5kWalkRun) to register online or become a sponsor

**April 19**

### **Take Back The Night**

6PM at the Fairborn Community Park  
open to the public

**May 10**

### **2019 Uncommon Affair-Taste of Spring**

6PM at the Greene Co. Expo Center  
featuring comedian Drew Hastings  
visit [www.violencefreefutures.org](http://www.violencefreefutures.org) to purchase tickets online or to become an event sponsor

**August-TBD**

### **Family Fun Day**

Noon at Youngs Jersey Dairy Farm  
Tickets to go on sale in June

**October 3**

### **Ladies Night**

7PM Designer Pick A Purse (Location TBD)  
Tickets to go on sale in July

**October 7**

### **Candlelight Vigil**

Designer Pick A Purse (Location TBD)  
Tickets to go on sale in July

**November 14**

**FVPC Annual Meeting and  
Donor/Volunteer Appreciation Night**  
(Location TBD)

## calling all superheroes

**FVPC** will be hosting its annual Superhero CAPE (*Child Abuse Prevention & Elimination*) 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, April 13th at the Beaver Creek High School. April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, and this event raises funds to prevent future child abuse and provide trauma-informed care for victims.

Dress up as your favorite super hero and join us! Prizes will be awarded for runners and costumes. Children in wagons or strollers may participate at no extra cost and pets are welcome, too. Runners/ walkers that register before April 10th will receive a t-shirt.

### **Event Schedule**

8:00am Registration

9:00am Walk/Run Start Time

### **Cost**

Online Registration by April 4 is \$25

Race Day Registration is \$30

Teams of 5 or more \$15 per participant



## taking back the night

**T**he Second Annual Take Back the Night event for Sexual Assault Awareness Month is scheduled for Friday, April 19th at 6:00pm. Hosted by the Family Violence Prevention Center, Take Back the Night will be held at Fairborn Community Park in the Atherton Amphitheater.

**L**ocal artists and community members are invited to share their creative talents with their work on survivorship and empowerment; and, survivors will have an opportunity to share their stories through the Speak Out session. More details will be available as the event gets closer, but

please do not hesitate to reach out before then to ask questions about Take Back the Night or how to get involved.

**FVPC** will also be hosting a meeting for survivors who know they want to share their story, but are not quite sure how to write it out. Please reach out to Leah at 937-376-8526 ext 124 or [leah.fay@violencefreefutures.org](mailto:leah.fay@violencefreefutures.org) if you know a survivor who would want more information on how to be a part of the Speak Out or share their story some other way at Take Back the Night.

## FVPC is digital

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.



# —The 2018 Dove Giving Club Fourth Quarter

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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: 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 September 2018 through December 2018.

## youth advisory board start new year



The teens have been active as they generate new energy this school year. We have four new members this year in addition to our committed Senior, Nathaniel Dixon.

The YAB group acts as teenage representative and ambassadors for promotion of healthy dating in high school. They build on the prevention education provided by Cherie Dixon.

In December, YAB decided to create a Winter Wonderland this year during their holiday school break. They invited the children staying in the safe house over into their Winter Wonderland for a holiday party with cookies, stories and gifts for moms. The children picked out the gifts and wrapped them to give to mom on Christmas.

*Members of the Youth Advisory Board dressed up for the holiday festivities to help get the children into the holiday spirit.*



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## *Wish List*

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

*Currently, we need the following:*

- Used Cell Phones, Smartphones, iPods, iPads
  - African American Hair Products
  - Tissues
  - Jogging Pants
  - Pajamas
  - Brooms/Dustpans
  - Sponge mops
  - Floor Dusting Cloth Refills
  - Trash Bags-13 & 55 gallons
  - Dish Soap
  - HE Laundry Detergent
  - Cleaning utensils (*scrub brushes, sponges, etc.*)
  - Pillows & Pillow Cases (*new and neutral colors*)
  - Sheet Sets -Twin, Toddler, Crib (*new and neutral colors*)
  - Bathroom Trash Cans
  - Toilet brushes and plunger sets
  - Silverware
  - Coffee
  - Disposable Coffee Cups
  - Powdered Coffee Creamers
  - Flat Screen TV
  - Universal Remote
  - DVD Players
  - Family Movies
  - Sticky Note Pads
  - 9" x 12" Manila Envelopes
- Donations are accepted M-F from 10am-4pm by appointment by calling Harmony at 937-375-8526.
- Larger donations such as furniture and appliances are also needed on occasion.

*\*We no longer accept ink cartridges*

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