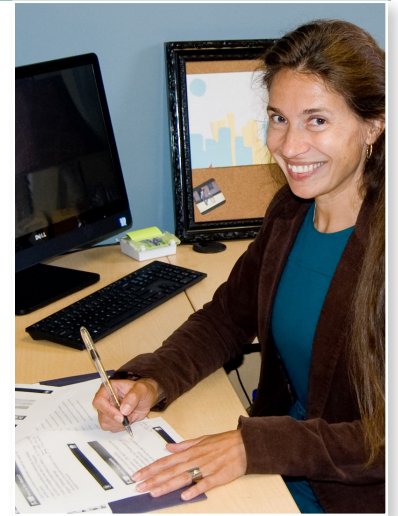


violence free messenger

From the Director
Dear Friends,

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and now as always we seek to share what the ramifications are of an abuser's powerful and controlling behavior on the lives of the individual victimized. "Maid," streaming on Netflix, is a clarifying depiction of the real struggle that is present in everyday decision making for a survivor/victim. Without oversharing the details, so that if you so choose you could still go on an educational journey by watching "Maid," I want to share the excellent picture capturing real life domestic violence details. In the "Maid," the depiction is candid, incorporating the impact of historic trauma, generational impact of domestic violence, alcoholism, patriarchal control, financial dependence, unemployment, batterer and victim intertwined support systems, social service systems availability, societal expectations and the limited resources present to help victims leave. The "Maid" opens with a victim "going along" with the batterer as her safety strategy. Once she believes that he is asleep or has blacked out, she puts on her shoes, quietly moves out of the bedroom, and gathers their small packed bag, coat and most importantly her daughter. She carefully picks up her daughter hoping for silence from her. She attempts to navigate the floor where there are large and small pieces of broken glass crunching beneath her shoes. She reaches the front door and slips out into the night and the front yard. She has her car keys in hand and gets her daughter gently into the car seat, closes the car door, quickly opening the driver's door, entering and closing the door. She puts the car key in the ignition, backs up, and she looks up to see that he has awakened, also come through the glass scattered floor and out the front door to the yard. He is yelling and coming toward the vehicle. She implores the car to keep moving out of the driveway. She is away for now. But where to go? She thinks of a friend, calls, and goes there. When she arrives, he already knows that she is there because her friend called. She looks around to see that everyone there is really his friends and her acquaintances. Now what? She drives away, sleeps in her car until she is awakened by law enforcement who tells her to move along and directs her to a social worker. Here she is asked "Are you a domestic violence victim?" She says, "No." She has never defined his behavior as abuse. Will she now...



FVPC has room on our staff and volunteer teams for individuals who seek to make a meaningful difference in the lives of survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence. We are seeking one full time Crisis Intervention Specialist (CIS) 2nd shift and three to five Substitute CIS. These staff roles assist with the coverage of the 24 hour services with dual responsibilities for the 24 hour hotline and the operation of the safe housing program. Please consider sharing these opportunities widely. Those interested may visit our website, on the home page click on the We're Hiring sign. This will take you to the description for these positions. To complete an application click on Get Involved and select Employment and Volunteer Opportunities.

We have volunteer opportunities that would greatly assist the weekly operation of the shelter. We are seeking volunteers willing to come to our commercial kitchen and create easy meals for weekend food service. This is a great activity for friends to do together.

FVPC seeks to provide services at the highest standard of care. One way we maintain excellence is through achieving national accreditation by the Council on Accreditation. This process provides us with the opportunity to review national best practice standards to strengthen our approach and to share how we meet standards currently. We review the service and administration procedures, this is a thought provoking time. We look forward to sharing with the outcome from the review process.

Respectfully,
Deborah Matheson

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donor spotlight



For many years Domino's Pizza in Xenia has provided Friday night pizza dinner to the guests in our shelter. We are so appreciative to the owners, managers and staff at Domino's for making fun pizza nights a part of our dinner rotations. Thank you!



We would also like to thank our long-time partner, Dean's Landscaping, for their continued support of our center by keeping our lawn and landscaping beautiful and safe for guests to enjoy and children to play. Thank you!

inspired giving

Family Violence Prevention Center would like to take a moment to thank Dr. Katherine Lin for her commitment to our mission. Dr. Lin is a leader in minimally invasive gynecological surgery care in Greene and Montgomery Counties. She is a Clinical Professor and mentor at Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine, as well as running a private practice in Xenia and teaching robotic surgical methods at Miami Valley Hospital.

In addition to all of her professional accomplishments, she is a kind and generous human! She has been a faithful supporter of FVPC. She saw an increased need for funding during the pandemic, and decided to become a member of our Platinum Dove Club. Platinum Dove members contribute \$5,000 or more to FVPC a year. Dr. Lin, thank you for your generosity and the wonderful work you do in our community!

Individual gifts help sustain the work we do and meet the needs of domestic and sexual violence survivors in Greene County and beyond. If you would like more information about becoming a Dove Club Member, regular giver, or a legacy donor, please contact our Development Coordinator.

Have questions about major and legacy gifts?

Contact:

Lizz Comer, Development Coordinator

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upcoming events

*you are invited to the
fvpc annual meeting!*

please join us

November 11, 2021

The Greene County Career Center

532 Innovation Drive, Xenia, OH, 45385

social hour & tours begin at 5:30, dinner at 6:30



each type donor who has given \$100 or more in the past year is invited to attend our annual meeting. we are excited to be having the meeting in a new location this year!

Please RSVP to Lizz Comer by November 8th at 5pm.

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The 2021 Excellence in Service Awards are presented by the Greene County Domestic Violence Consortium to recognize exemplary service to domestic violence victims in the line of duty. Detectives, officers, and dispatchers can all be nominated for this honor. The ceremony will take place on October 28th. Please join us in recognizing the 2021 Honorees.

Detective Brian Cline
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Officer Anthony Vitale
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Officer Tim Lammert
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Officer Terry Zoerb
Xenia Police Dept.

Officer Joel Schuler
Beavercreek Police Dept.

meet the board



Jana Gruber

Meet Jana Gruber, Trustee, Chair of the Development Committee. Jana has much experience in the nonprofit sector, as she was the Founder and Overseer of Books to the Rescue, a nonprofit that helped EMS give books and comfort items to kids in crisis situations. When she isn't chairing the Development Committee, Jana can often be found brightening up the grounds of the shelter with beautiful flowers and vegetable plants. She believes that the beauty of nature is therapeutic and healing. We all love seeing the vibrant colors Jana brings to our corner of the world. She has a heart for service, and we are so fortunate to have her wonderful ideas and endless energy serving on our Board of Trustees.

Jana says, "While I may have a love for plants, my passion for people (and especially survivors) is even greater. I first became aware of the devastating impact of domestic violence when I sat on a grand jury in Greene County and saw first-hand a picture of a three-year-old redhead with bright blue eyes and reddish-purple bruises on his face caused by the hand of his own father. That image has never left my mind nor heart.

I have a dream that one day every Greene County restaurant, hair salon, dental and doctor's office, Ob/Gyn, insurance agency, etc. will have posters and information about the FVPC text and phone hotlines so that victims of DV can get help. I hope our community will feel more comfortable creating dialogue about this "uncomfortable topic" so that alongside a growth in awareness will come a boost in financial support from donors like you and me. It cannot be stated enough...Donations save lives and domestic violence does not discriminate!! I sincerely thank each and every employee of FVPC. They are our real-life HEROES!"



Can you join Jana in brightening the lives of Survivors?

Would you like to help FVPC continue their mission to reduce domestic violence? Please consider a one-time gift, or becoming a regular giver! ***Tell us how you want to join the FVPC mission to end domestic violence in our community. How can you help today?***

☐ Yes I want to make a single gift to FVPC today.

☐ I want to give \$_____ monthly.

☐ I want to become a FVPC Member by giving \$100 or more per year.

☐ I want to become a Dove Giving Club Member by giving \$500 or more per year.

☐ I want to volunteer with FVPC.

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community collaboration



Our Community Relations Coordinator, Harmony, with Jennifer, Rachel, and Robin from Sugar Creek Packing Co.

Did you know we have a phone recycling program? We partner with smartphonerecycling.com. Many community members have given their used cell phones, tablets, and iPads as donations. *What happens after they come to us?* We send them to the recycling program that pays us for

the items. Those funds are used toward operations costs for FVPC.

Recently we had a wonderful group of ladies from **Sugar Creek Packing Co.**, headquartered in Cincinnati, bring us their used iPhones when their team upgraded. Their donation earned FVPC a \$7,042 donation! Thank you Sugar Creek Packing Company! The **Bellbrook Lions Club** also collects used cell phones and brings them to us for recycling on a regular basis. If your company or organization would like to know more about these tax-deductible gifts, please contact Harmony Thoma, Community Relations Coordinator, at harmony.thoma@violencefreefutures.org or (937) 376-8526 Ext. 112.



We want to thank you for supporting us as we competed for the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant. These \$25,000 grants are awarded to 40 finalists each year to fund community improvement projects. We were proud to make the top 200. We fell a bit short of making the top 40, but we were so overwhelmed to see the tenacious support from local State Farm agents, donors, and community members who voted for us and the new Outreach Center each day. Thank you all!



Jack, Tom, and Keith enjoy a moment of rest after working hard on the new playground.

FVPC wants to extend a huge thank you to all the helping hands that pitched in to complete the new playground for the children at the shelter to enjoy. They now have a new, safe, shady place to play outdoors. It looks beautiful and will be hours of fun for all the kids! Thank you Al, Jack, John, Keith, Tom, Harmony, Sarah, Debbie, and all of the other folks who helped to make this project happen.

Debbie Matheson accepting recognition for services to the community from Lighthouse Baptist Church.

We were so happy to be invited to Lighthouse Baptist Church who

have been providing lunches to the shelter and supporting the FVPC mission. The congregation gathered at their Sunday service to honor and recognize first responders and frontline workers who served our community throughout the pandemic. You can find more information about LBC at www.lbcxenia.com.

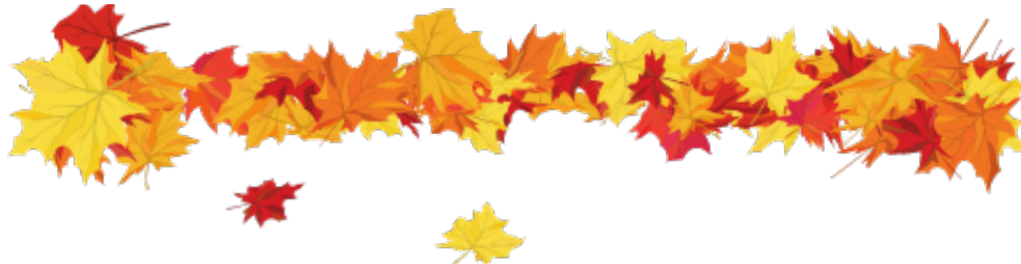


holiday helpers



Thanksgiving is the time of year when we pause to give thanks for all of the wonderful blessings we have in our lives. We are so thankful for our donors, supporters, and for the people who seek help and safety from domestic violence. Our mission to reduce violence in our beautiful community is always at the center of our thoughts, as we appreciate the gifts we have, and the gifts we can give to others.

If you would like to bless a family with a Thanksgiving meal, or the means to purchase the groceries for a meal, please contact us to arrange a drop off time so we can be sure to have fridge space for any perishable items.



Would you like to help a child have a happy holiday? You can make a donation of a new-in -the-package toy to FVPC. You can even choose to wrap it in festive paper if you like. We can always use new toys for all ages 0-18. Kids love art supplies, toy trucks, dolls, stuffed animals, toy trains, puzzles, new books, games, baby toys and playmats, just as examples. (We'd just like to know what's inside so we can give it to a child who can enjoy it the most.) These donations help us spread happy holiday spirit to children who may have come to the shelter outside of the window for our Adopt-A-Family program.

holiday giving

We have staff here to support your questions and give guidance when you have questions about making gifts to the mission. Giving comes in many forms including items from our Amazon Wish List, which you can ship directly to the FVPC. You can also choose to select FVPC as your charity of choice when you shop with your Kroger Plus Card and they will donate to us throughout the year. You can also donate your time, expertise, and yes- even money. In fact we would love to have you become a monthly donor!

Your support is vital to the FVPC mission. Thank you for having a generous heart and choosing to give where you can to support survivors of domestic violence. Contact Harmony and Lizz for your giving questions.

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- 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*)
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- Toilet brushes and plunger sets
- Coffee
- Disposable Coffee Cups
- Powdered Coffee Creamers
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- Universal Remote
- DVD Players
- Family Movies
- Sticky Note Pads
- Standard File Folders
- 9" x 12" Manila Envelopes

Larger donations such as furniture and appliances are also needed on occasion. Please call about furniture donations M-Th.

For developing information about donations please call Harmony at 937-376-8526.

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