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FALL 2022

From the Director

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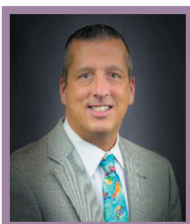
We excited to introduce our new vibrant Board Members and share about our entire board.

MEET THE
NEWEST
BOARD
MEMBERS



Dr. Shirelle Applin is a Family Physician, still accepting new patients, practicing in Xenia, OH with Premier Physicians Network. For more than 25 years, with a focus on providing compassionate care to all, she has seen medicine as a calling. This same calling has led her to the Family Violence Prevention Center.

She is proud to have served as a board member, and now President of the Board of Trustees for FVPC. Sharing the core values of respect, integrity, compassion, and empowerment, for her patients, our clients, and our community, Dr. Shirelle Applin welcomes the opportunity to tell you about the wonderful work of the Family Violence Prevention Center.



Pete Bales is the President and CEO of Local Gov Consultants, LLC. Local Gov Consultants is a consortium of professionals with vast experience, empathy, and a passion for public service with a mission to help local governments and nongovernmental organizations succeed where they've become tangled up in time and obstacles.

He is a former municipal government manager with over 26 years of local government and planning experience. Pete is a former Credentialed Manager with the International City Managers Association as well as a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP). Pete is an accomplished and trusted public administrator, local government policy and issue leader with a breadth of experience working at all levels of local, county and state government.



Carolyn Destefani serves as the Director of Federal Programs for an Information Technology (IT) Contractor, Flairsoft Ltd. She is an Elected Official serving as a Trustee for Sugarcreek Township supporting over 9,500+ residents, with an \$11M+ budget, overseeing Administration, Police, Fire, Road, Service, and Zoning operations for her community.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Degree from The Ohio State University. Carolyn served in the United States Air Force during the Gulf War. Carolyn's parents both worked as social workers. She previously ran the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Family Resource Center and community-supported Food Pantry.



Tina Marker is founder & president of Windward Design Group LLC — a full-service, boutique firm that delivers integrated marketing, PR, branding, coaching/training, reputation management, crisis communications, and media relations services. In addition, she is founder of Next Level Presenters LLC and provides group training for high impact professional presence including: body language, networking etiquette, and personal branding. She possesses more than 25 years of leadership experience.

She and her business are the recipients of a number of esteemed local, national, and international professional awards. Most recently, she was named by Ohio Business Magazine as "500 of the most powerful and influential Ohioans who are working to make our state great."

Tina believes in giving back to her community and serves on a number of nonprofit boards that advocate for children and families, breast cancer, dog rescues, and local history preservation.



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 2. Follow the directions to select FVPC – **Our # is KA150**
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Our Beloved and Devoted “God’s Chicks”

When they show up, the party shows up! This group of volunteers is led by a love of other people especially those that may feel the most broken. What they do is incredible. Six times a year they arrange a themed event for our guests in the safe house. The themes this year have been “Dr. Seus’s” Birthday, Book Fair and a Summer Bash. They provide all the decorations, giveaways, crafts and *snacks!* It is beautiful, but most importantly the positive energy they provide with ease and smiles is the most memorable aspect. It is a joy to watch the families and individual guests relax, have fun, laugh and get very creative with the games and activities. The kids naturally enjoy the colorful and playful atmosphere as well as the *snacks!!!*



We are so thankful to be chosen by these kind and giving spirits. We are looking so forward to the rest of the year and a good theme party!

IN MEMORY OF *Joanne Austin*

All of our Board and Staff Members Pause to Share a Farewell to Joanne Austin-Sproat. Joanne and her husband Glenn died unexpectedly this past April and May. Joanne served on the FVPC Board three times since 1980.

We had a chance to speak and learn more about our dedicated board member Joanne, before she passed away. Please join me in enjoying some of JoAnne’s memories, as we honor her life.

Joanne was born and raised in Cincinnati, graduated from Edgecliff College, now part of Xavier University with a BA then on to The Ohio State University for her MSW. She had a 40-year career in social work. She had three adult children and 5 grandchildren. She was married to Glenn for 16 years. She learned to fly at WPAFB after the sudden death of her first husband at age 48. She also enjoyed traveling and quilting.

She will be remembered dearly by many.



Thank You + SHOUT OUTS!



United Dairy Farmers

Thank you UDF for your generous donation of milk and juice that arrives each week through the UDF on W. Second St. in Xenia. You help quench the thirst with healthy drink options for our guests providing essential nutrition.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

During the year, we thank you for bringing our staff lunch as part of your community ministry. We are grateful to be included as your congregation provides lunches/snacks to 13 different service providing facilities.

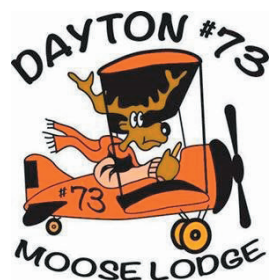


Domino's Pizza

For over two decades, Domino's Pizza in Xenia has provided our Friday night "pizza nights". Thank you for helping bring some great food and memories to our safe house families. Thinking pizza for dinner, think Domino's in Xenia.

Emmanuel Community Garden

Emmanuel Community Garden provides fresh and beautiful produce during the harvesting seasons. It is a delight for our kitchen to provide healthy and colorful options at every meal. The community gardeners have been donating to us weekly for many years!



The Moose - Dayton # 73

The Moose pitched in a considerable amount of financial support for the center to repair and improve a portion of our sidewalk in front of the building. Thank you!!

FVPC to Include Family Pets in the Safety Planning with Victims

We have advanced the ability to house pets involved in a family's violence. The "Sheltering Pets" project has been possible with financial assistance from Red Rover, Purina (Purple Leash Project), the Cheryl Lightle/Wade Skaja Fund, Greeneview High School and generous individual donors.

Additional friends of FVPC have also shown their support by purchasing items to complete our project and from our pet wish list. Greene County Animal Care and Control brought over loads of supplies and expert guidance. Francis Kennels provided staff training on dog handling.

The Why...Pets need safety too. Over 70% of pet owning women entering shelters reported that their abuser had injured, killed or threatened family pets, and nearly 50% have delayed leaving an abusive situation out of fear of harm to their animals. (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Carlisle-Frank, Frank and Nielsen, Pets as Pawns). A pet is often seen as the only form of non-judgmental support in the home. The bond this forges is so strong that many people would rather stay in the abusive situation than abandon their pets. As well, abusers can use pets as hostages to convince the survivor not to leave, or coerce survivors into returning to the abusive home. Allowing people to escape with their pets removes this barrier to safety. Including pets as a part of the family helps children understand that how pets are treated is important, and it validates their feelings for their pets.



Advocates will be digging deeper into the home life of crisis callers to find out if any pet abuse has occurred and if a victim is concerned about leaving their pet behind or wants to protect their pet, we will safety plan with them in hopes that they will choose safety over staying or living in their vehicles. Sheltering pets with families in domestic violence shelters is not common and FVPC is excited to provide this when needed and able. The pets that we are prepared to accept are dogs, cats, birds, fish, hamsters, guinea pigs and gerbils. There will be rooms in the safe house that will not house pets as well.

"We knew the project was big and outside of our knowledge base so we enlisted the help from multiple community partners,"

says Harmony Thoma from FVPC. "We created outdoor and indoor areas for the use of our families with pets. We also used some of the financial assistance to purchase items that will make the existing bedrooms welcoming and enriching for pets. We also plan to make sure all of our guests are safe and comfortable around animals that are not their own." Harmony Thoma added.

FVPC is committed to eliminating the barrier of leaving an abusive home environment due to fear of leaving behind a defenseless pet or settling on living in a car because shelter programs are not equipped or prepared to bring pets inside.

For more information

on the link between abuse of people and pets or to offer your support to FVPC's plans for sheltering pets, please contact Harmony Thoma at 937-376-8526 or go to www.violencefreefutures.org.

We have wish lists on Amazon and Chewy that specifically share what we need now for this new service area.

Ongoing needs

- financial assistance with veterinary care
- durable chew toys
- muzzles
- waste bags
- litter boxes + cat litter
- he laundry detergent
- cat + dog treats

Donors to FVPC

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Thank you!

Our Dove Club donors and our Members are at the core of our individual giving program. We want to thank them for their faithful support. We are so grateful for their generosity.

If you would like more information about how your individual gift can help Family Violence Prevention Center, please contact our Development Coordinator, Amy Erisman at(937) 376-8526 ext. 107 or at amy.erisman@violencefreefutures.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in learning more about how you can support the critical work that we do with survivors of domestic and sexual violence, please consider the following:

Volunteering Opportunities include:

- Kitchen Support
- Direct Advocacy
- Admin Support
- Landscaping
- Children's Program
- Special Events
- Moving Assistance

In-Kind & Continued Financial Giving Plan for a Guest Speaker from FVPC

For any of the above opportunities, please contact Harmony Thoma at 937-376-8526

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Debbie Matheson at 937-376-8526

Postings listed on Indeed.com

Domestic Violence Intervention Program Coordinator

Domestic Violence Intervention Program Co-Facilitator

Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm & 4:30pm-7:30pm

DIVERT Crisis Response Specialist

On-Call Crisis Intervention Specialist

From the Director (cont')



Morgan McConnell is an associate attorney at Miller, Walker & Brush. Morgan graduated in 2015 with her B.S. in Criminal Justice from Miami University. While attending Miami University she interned for the Family Violence Prevention Center. Morgan served as a law clerk for the firm while attending Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

After graduation in 2019, she worked at the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office where she prosecuted a number of juvenile abuse, neglect and dependency cases. Here she was able to gain valuable experience advocating for her clients both by resolving cases as well as taking several difficult cases to trial.

Morgan's practice includes juvenile delinquency cases, juvenile abuse, neglect and dependency cases, criminal defense, domestic relations, and personal injury.



Yuanthony C. McCree is the lead Professional Services Program Manager for Air Force Installation Contracting Center at Wright Patterson AFB. As the lead he serves as the principal advisor on all professional services and develops strategies/actionable plans to optimize performance across 59 military installations.

He served 21 years on active duty in the Air Force in multiple roles within the Finance career field. He was responsible for providing the financial planning, fiscal execution, and analytical services necessary for the effective and efficient use of Air Force resources, in support of numerous military bases and Operation Iraqi Freedom and Southern Watch.



Rebecca Morgann's 30-year career has been in the aerospace industry culminating as a corporate vice president. She holds a BA and Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA).

Following her retirement, Rebecca became a master gardener (certified by OSU's Greene County Ext); spent time consulting; and served in the US House of Representatives as District Director in OH District 3 – now 10.

Her real passion is charitable pursuits focusing on women and children in Greene and Montgomery Counties. Rebecca is a founding member of 100+ Women Making a Difference in Greene County (currently in its 13th year). Rebecca returned to the board and is serving her ninth year on the Family Violence Prevention Center's Board of Trustees. She was inducted into the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame in 2021.

Upcoming Events

2023

April 1 - 5K Beaver Creek HS

April 28 - Spring Fling

Greene Co. Expo Center



Heather Rihm is currently employed by Judge Cynthia Martin at Greene County Domestic Relations Court. Her primary job functions include court administration and docket management. Heather also performs as the backup protection order coordinator for the Court.

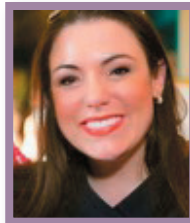
Heather started her legal career with Jay Adams, a prominent criminal defense attorney where her love of the law began to flourish. Immediately prior to starting with the court system, Heather spent five years working for Stephen Haller at the Greene County Prosecutor's Office where she started as a civil paralegal and was eventually promoted to executive administrative assistant.



Patti Schwarztrauber is a Licensed Independent Social Worker in Ohio. She is currently retired after having served as a social worker in several capacities, including 13 years as Executive Director of Artemis Center, Dayton's domestic violence resource center.

She holds a Master's in Social Work from the Ohio State University. Patti's service includes previous membership on several boards of directors including the United Way of Greater Dayton, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, and the Humane Society of Dayton.

Patti is a recipient of the national Sunshine Peace Award for excellence in work in the domestic violence field.



Missy Mae Walters began her 21-year career in public affairs, campaigns, and government service as a District Director for the Texas House of Representatives. She moved to Ohio in 2006 to work on the gubernatorial campaign and eventually became Director of Campaigns and Public Affairs for JSN Associates of Dayton, of which she worked for a 11-year period.

In 2018, she received a Presidential appointment to serve as Regional Director for the United States Department of Agriculture overseeing operations for the Great Lakes Region (OH, IN, IL, WI, MI, KY). She holds a BS in Political Science, MPA, and MS in Organizational and Human Resource Development.

Missy has served in a variety of leadership roles involving charitable work advocating for children and families from the time she moved to the Dayton-area. She serves as a Co-Founder of 100+ Who Care of Warren County and on the following boards: Dayton Medication Center, Children's Historical Publishing, City of Kettering 'Partners for Healthy Youth', Kettering Holiday at Home Trustees, and Kettering Rotary. In 2019, she was named by WiBN as a "Top 25 Women to Watch." Missy is a previous honoree of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce "Ambassador of the Year" and "Volunteer of the Quarter".

Sponsor a Family & Holiday Giving 2022

Let's come together to provide gifts for some families in our community who are vulnerable this season. In November, we will invite you to come alongside a specific family to shop from their wish list.

You are also encouraged to provide general and common gift items that we can use for extra people in need that we help around the holidays. These items are always appreciated: hats, gloves, pajamas, bath and body sets, new sets of pots and pans, small appliances (toasters, coffee makers) and silverware. Please contact Harmony Thoma at 937-376-8526 for more information.



Can you join 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 violence in our community. How can you help today?**

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ 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.

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____ I want to volunteer with FVPC.



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THANK YOU for your continued support.

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- Ethnic Hair Care Products
- Diapers Size 5 and 6
- Good Nite Diapers
- Hangers
- Bras (Cup Size B and C)
- Women's Underwear (Sizes 5 and 6)
- Pots and Pans (New or Gently Used)
- Umbrellas
- Dog Collars (All Sizes)
- Dog Leashes (6 ft, not retractable)
- Muzzles (All Sizes)
- Kongs, Other Tough Chew Toys
- Peanut Butter
- Dog Waste Bags
- Cat Climbing Tower
- CapStar Flea and Tick Prevention (dogs & cats)
- Cat Nip
- Litter Boxes
- Outdoor Table and Chairs (New or Gently Used)
- Label Maker
- New Bed Pillows (New & Neutral colors)
- Twin Sized Sheets
- Twin Sized Mattress Pads
- Diapers Sizes: 4-5
- Pull Up Sizes: 3T-4T, 4T-5T, 5T-6T
- Full Size Shampoo & Conditioner
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Family Board Games
- Adult Coloring Books
- Jigsaw Puzzles

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24-Hour Support Hotline

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