

violence free messenger

SPRING 2024

**Violence Free Futures is celebrating 45 Years of Empowering Hope:
A Legacy of Support for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence**



From the Director

Dear Friends,

We have a steadfast commitment to fostering safety, resilience, and empowerment through domestic and sexual violence support services provided throughout Greene County. This year we are remembering a remarkable 45-year journey. This enduring legacy stands as a testament to the community's dedication to aiding survivors in their quest for hope and healing.

Since 1979, VFF has evolved to meet the changing needs of survivors. Beginning with humble roots, three strong women Charlotte Rangi, Susan Stiles and Gloria Wolff recognized the pressing need for a safe haven for those facing domestic violence. Over the years, the organization has grown, expanding its reach and services to comprehensively address the complex issues surrounding domestic violence and sexual violence through prevention, intervention, outreach, and collaborative community partnerships.

One pivotal aspect of this journey has been the emphasis on survivor-centric care. The organization has tirelessly worked to create a nurturing environment where survivors feel heard, validated, and empowered to reclaim their lives. This approach involves not only crisis intervention but also long-term support, counseling, and resources to help survivors rebuild their futures.

From the early 1980s to today, community education plays a crucial role in dispelling myths and breaking the silence surrounding domestic and sexual violence. Awareness campaigns, and outreach initiatives help cultivate a supportive community that understands the importance of empathy and intervention.

The passage of time has witnessed legislative changes aimed at strengthening protections for survivors. The organization has been at the forefront of advocating for policy reforms, collaborating with lawmakers to ensure the legal system remains a powerful ally for survivors seeking justice.

Collaboration with law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and other community stakeholders has been instrumental in creating a comprehensive network of support. This integrated approach acknowledges that addressing domestic violence requires a united front, with each sector playing a vital role in the healing process.

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As technology has advanced, so too have the methods of support. Hotlines, text lines, telehealth counseling, mobile advocacy, and digital resources have been implemented to reach survivors in various capacities, recognizing that each individual's journey is unique.

As VFF is looking forward, we remain steadfast to our mission to eradicate domestic and sexual violence from the roots. Continuing to adapt to emerging challenges, we strive to remain a beacon of hope for survivors, a source of education for the community, and a catalyst for lasting change.

In commemorating 45 years of service to domestic and sexual violence survivors, we reflect on the lives transformed and futures reshaped. The journey is a testament to the resilience of survivors, the unwavering commitment of the many advocates who have served at VFF, and the collective strength of a community determined to break the cycle of violence.

Respectfully,

Debbie Matheson



Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

VFF staff wear blue for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We had a guest of honor, Detective Clay from XPD join us in honoring all the bravery, strength and wisdom of our law enforcement partners. Thank you!



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Violence Free Futures

Upcoming Events at VFF



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VFF

SUPERHERO 5K

4.6.24 at 9 am
Beavercreek High School

Sign up here:




Violence Free Futures™

Trivia Night

FRIDAY
APRIL 19 LOCATION TBD

TRIVIA STARTS AT : 7PM

Trivia Hosted by Rob D'Agostino
Event Sponsored by Violence Free Futures
for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Keep watch for registration information!



Violence Free Futures™

Bowling NIGHT

TO STRIKE OUT TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

\$2 ENTRY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
6:30 - 9:00 PM
BeaverVu Bowling - Beavercreek, OH

FREE FOOD & DRINK

SIGN UP HERE



Save The Date! Spring Fling



Invitation to follow

- 🌸 Golden Ticket Raffle
- 🌸 Live Auction
- 🌸 50/50
- 🌸 Hors D'oeuvres
- 🌸 Dinner
- 🌸 Dessert Dash
- 🌸 Cash Bar

April 26, 2024 🌸 6pm 🌸 Greene County Expo Center
All proceeds go to VFF

Sponsor A Family - THANK YOU!

VFF was able to help brighten the holidays for 33 families in Greene County this year with 23 donor groups involved.



Holiday Giving Donors 2023

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- God's Chicks
- James and Sarah Slusher
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Donors to Violence Free Futures

Donations given from 10.1.23 through 12.31.23

Dove Club

Platinum Dove \$5,000+

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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.

Thank You + Shout Outs!

Thank you Pawz 4 Peeps!

We were blessed to have Tesea Millwater and Karey Dufour in our safe house on Christmas Eve serving dinner and providing each resident with a gift.



Thank you, FRABAA, for donating shoe gift cards, candy and stuffed bags!



Pajama Day!

Pajama Day and Pajama Collection at Faircreek Church generated 3 full tubs of new and cute pajamas for the children we serve.

Safe House Kitchen

Safe House Kitchen Coordinator, Jill created a feeling of home for our Thanksgiving Dinner. A BIG thank you to One Bistro for providing Thanksgiving Dinner to residents in VFF's safe house.



God's Chicks

The God's Chicks and Friends blessed VFF's residents with a Christmas Extravaganza! Thank you!



Loyal Order of Moose #73

We are blessed by the charitable giving of the Moose Lodge #73!



Greene County Juvenile Court

Our Development Coordinator, Amy was a guest at Greene County Juvenile Court to act as judge for their staff door decorating contest. While she was there they also presented her with a check for \$318, raised by staff for jean day in 2023.



Thank you John!

Thank you John for being such a dedicated volunteer! John goes to the Food Bank for VFF each week!



Reza's

Reza's in Beavercreek

The month of December ran a gift card match to benefit VFF! Every gift card that was brought to the café, they matched it with a Reza's gift card. Thank you Reza's!



Project Linus

Thank you Rachel Parrill for the donation of 20 handmade blankets!

Xenia Chrome Divas

Xenia Chrome Divas hosted Bingo at Yellow Cab Tavern. Proceeds from Bingo were donated to VFF from Xenia Chrome Divas. 10% of all sales were donated to VFF from Yellow Cab Tavern.



Staff Spotlight



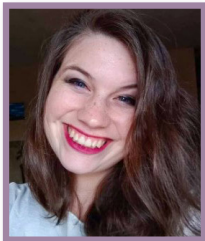
Heather Culbreath
Child Development Specialist

Heather provides structured age-appropriate playtime and crafts for children in our residential and outreach programs. She evaluates children’s needs and make appropriate referrals, coordinates with other service providers on behalf of the children, and organize transportation to and from school. She communicates with the Homeless Liaison through the local school districts and support parents with any needs that might arise while raising a child. Most importantly, she provide a warm, positive, and inviting space for our children and parents to play games, do crafts, watch movies, and just be.



Carol Montgomery
Crisis Intervention Specialist

Carol has been with Violence Free Futures for a little over 2 years. She works in our hotline office taking crisis calls, referring clients for counseling or case management, schedules to bring clients into shelter, prep their paperwork and rooms to make sure they have all the resources they need to make their transition into shelter as smooth as possible. “I truly love the work that I do seeing clients overcoming trauma, seeing them thrive and eventually leave on their on to transition into their new homes.”



Tori Ederer
Crisis Response Specialist

Tori works alongside local law enforcement in the DIVERT program to respond to domestic violence, disputes, stalking, and protection order violations. She has the unique opportunity in partnering with the Xenia Police Department and the Greene County Sheriff’s Office to be on scene to provide support to victims and to follow up with victims on home visits. She also serves in a secondary role as the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) Coordinator and co-facilitates groups for perpetrators of violence. She also supports staff by providing training in Handle With Care, a behavioral support management procedure, to all direct service staff annually. She has had the pleasure of serving at VFF for 4 years.



Nicole Hudson
Sexual Assault Response Advocate (SARA)

She serves as first support, assistance with resource connections, medical and legal advocacy, and group support to survivors of sexual violence. She serves as an ethnically specific advocate who supports the Black and African American population in Greene County. However, she advocates for all people. She is accessible as a resource and confidential advocate for students at the educational institutions of Wright State, Wilberforce University, and Central State University. She also has a solid dedication to informing individuals in her community concerning the connections between sexual violence and both healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Can you join in brightening the lives of Survivors?

Would you like to help VFF 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 VFF 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 VFF today.

☐ I want to give \$_____ monthly.

☐ I want to become a VFF 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 VFF.

If you would like more information about how your individual gift can help Violence Free Futures, please contact our Development Coordinator Amy Erisman at 937.376.8526 ext 107 or at amy.erisman@violencefreefutures.org



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- Ethnic Hair Care Products
- Hangers
- Bras (Cup Size B and C)
- Women's Underwear (Sizes 5 and 6)
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- Umbrellas
- Dog Collars (All Sizes)
- Dog Leashes (6 ft, not retractable)
- Muzzles (All Sizes)
- Kongs, Other Tough Chew Toys
- CapStar Flea and Tick Prevention (dogs & cats)
- Pet Pee Pads
- Broom/dust pan
- Hand-held vaccum
- Toilet bowl cleaning supplies
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Label Maker
- Diapers Sizes: Newborn
- Bath towels
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Full Size Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body wash
- Tampons
- Pads
- Kids toothpaste
- Hand soap
- HE Laundry Detergent
- Family Board Games
- Adult Coloring Books
- Gift cards for gas and groceries \$25 amounts

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