

February 2017

CHECK OUT OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Vision:

Empower the Survivor.
Eliminate the Abuse.
Engage the Community.
Engender Change.

Mission:

Providing supportive services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse in York, Chester, Lancaster, and Union counties.

5 ways we accomplish our mission

#1 Providing shelter for victims and vulnerable family members

#2 Counseling services, both individually and through support groups

#3 Education for victims, family members, community, and volunteers

#4 Forensic interviews for law enforcement and Department of Social Services

#5 Provide comprehensive advocacy for adult and child victims, including but not limited to:

Legal assistance
Safety planning
Hospital accompaniment
Assistance with applying for benefits

GOALS

#1 Establish emergency reserve fund

- Continue successful annual fundraising events
- Increase corporate donations, particularly from corporations with a local presence
- Gradually increase reserve fund until six months of reserves are achieved

#2 Increase education services in schools, for children and adults, related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

- Request local school boards adopt evidence based healthy relationship curricula for schools
- Develop and conduct continuing education training for educators focused on education for students related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse
- Attend statewide conferences geared toward school administrators to promote and demonstrate the education curricula
- Present to education students at local universities on importance of Erin's Law and in-school education for students related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse

#3 Develop a plan for transitional housing for domestic violence victims exiting shelter.

- Investigate other successful transitional housing models
- Build partnerships with other agencies that provide transitional housing or have transitional housing needs
- Investigate funding sources for transitional housing and how that funding could be utilized in the transitional housing plan adopted by Safe

#4 Establish local, medical forensic exam services for children who are suspected victims of abuse or neglect.

- Work with the South Carolina Child Abuse Medical Response System to present a training for local pediatricians and nurses on the requirements for providing medical forensic exams
- Reach out to local health care providers serving children to encourage them to provide medical forensic exam services for children
- Develop protocol for providing medical forensic exams with local health care providers who are properly credentialed to provide the exams
- Investigate funding opportunities to subsidize training costs for local medical providers agreeing to sign protocol with Safe Passage regarding medical forensic exams for children.

Volunteer Spotlight

This month we would like to recognize a volunteer who goes above and beyond on our sexual assault on call team, Ms. Virgie Thorn. Ms. Virgie is always willing and eager to come in and help around the office as well as exceed her expectations as a sexual assault volunteer. She never fails to have a smile on her face and is a pleasure to see. Thank you for all that you do Ms. Virgie, we appreciate you more than you know!

Dates to Remember

- ❖ February 2nd- Mellow Mushroom Spirit Night
- ❖ February 8th- Volunteer Brainstorming meeting at 6pm
- ❖ February 16th- Ice Cream Social for Teen Dating Violence
- ❖ February 21st- Volunteer Update Training, 6-8pm



Love is RESPECT

This February, start talking about **healthy relationships!**

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



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