

Today
we become

FEARLESS
RECLAIMING OUR SAFETY

Today Safe Homes of Orange County becomes **Fearless!**

Our new name reflects our growth as an agency that started as a hotline and shelter to one determined to play our part in confronting inequality and shaping a just community, while helping victims and survivors of intersecting forms of violence and abuse heal.

Our unchanging vision is of a Hudson Valley free of violence in all its forms.

24-HOUR HOTLINE: (845) 562-5340

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We shared a big announcement

with those that were at our Celebration of Hope Gala on Friday, October 25th. Safe Homes is now: Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc.

Safe Homes embarked last year on a strategic re-positioning of our organization. During that time, consultants held focus groups consisting of survivors, supporters, staff, leadership, founding members, funders, and more. It was clear that survivors and victims have found us and will continue to find us, and yet we had a larger obligation to victims and survivors to demand the rest of society do their part in addressing abuse and violence.



Fearless! is not just a shiny new coat of paint – it's about doing justice to an emerging organization and a positioning that reflects an increasingly bold and empowered agency that advocates for change while supporting survivors. We are ready for our leadership role in shaping a just community while helping those who experience injustice. This epidemic is going to require each and every one of us to speak up, step up, be **FEARLESS!** and take ownership in reshaping our future.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 6th

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Safe Homes participates annually in local NNO events, which take place the first Tuesday in August.



Our 2019 locations:

Newburgh, Middletown, Port Jervis, Walkill, Greenwood Lake, Highland Falls, Fallsburg, and Callicoon



ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

This year's school supplies drive was an incredible success! Thanks to you, our community, Safe Homes provided backpacks and supplies to more than **245** children. Donations that are received during our August drive support our program throughout the year, as children whose families are displaced due to domestic violence often need to replace important belongings such as backpacks and school items.



FAMILY CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY



We are excited to announce a brand new partnership with Bethel Woods Center for the Arts that will benefit parents and children impacted by domestic violence. Licensed Creative Art Therapists from Bethel Woods will partner with our agency's Therapeutic Counselors to share how art, music, and creative activity can foster new ways to express emotions, feel joy, and connect with one another in an environment that promotes feelings of safety and healing. We will run two 8-session group series: the first began in October in Orange, and a second series will begin in Sullivan this Spring. Thank you to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts for selecting Fearless! for this partnership, made possible by funding from the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan's Fund for Women and Children.



"LADIES NIGHT OUT" IN WARWICK

The 22nd annual "Ladies Night Out" in Warwick took place on August 22nd. Thank you to the Village of Warwick Merchant's Guild and the amazing Corrine Iurato for the annual honor to be the beneficiary of one of our favorite summer events!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Carrol and **Beverly** are two dedicated volunteers that help our Family Justice Center stay organized and help our staff quickly get basic supplies into the hands of the people we serve. These two women are incredibly dedicated and work tirelessly to keep the Food & Supplies Pantry at our Family Justice Center in Newburgh neat and clean. They are committed to our mission and help spread awareness of the work we do throughout their own networks of friends and community organizations.

We cannot thank these two amazing women enough for their bright smiles, for the number of hours they have committed to supporting us, and most of all – for how much kindness and heart they bring into the office each time they are here.



Our Family Justice Center in Newburgh is expanding, starting with extended hours:

Family Justice Center Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 8:00pm

No appointment necessary. Additional late hours coming in 2020.



**Orange County
Family Justice Center**

**Advocates are available 24-hours a day,
every day of the year, on our hotline: (845) 562-5340**

**With new funding from the NYS Office of Victim Services,
we have expanded our Non-Residential Program – and also our office space!**

**Please check the signs the next time you visit our
Family Justice Center in Newburgh to be directed toward our NEW entrance.**

8TH ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Our Youth Educators were busy this summer, spending time with 27 students from across the region and talking about what it means to be an agent of change within their communities at our 8th annual Summer Youth Leadership Academy. Throughout this week long intensive program, students from grades 9-12 invest in a learning and skill building process to enhance their leadership skills and apply these skills to areas of teen dating violence, gender oppression, bullying and much more. Students are required to complete a set of projects in which students identify a topic they are passionate about and create a plan to usher in greater awareness or change in their school or community. Historically, the Leadership Academies have been held in two locations within Orange County, but this year we were able to host an additional academy in Monticello, NY for the first time. Thank you to the Orange County Youth Bureau and the Sullivan County Youth Bureau for making the Summer Youth Leadership Academy possible.

We are so proud
of these
young leaders
and look forward
to all that is in
store for them as
they go change
the world.



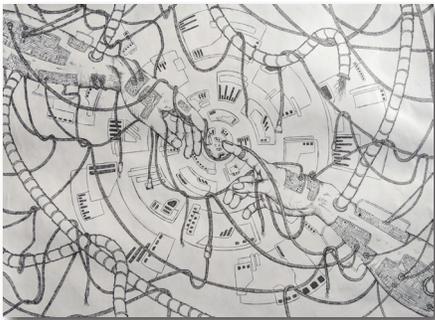
2020 TEEN ART CONTEST



2019 winner
Greenlight
by Naya Vasquez

The title of this year's theme is: **"Exploring and Altering Perspectives"**. We invite teen artists from grades 6-12 to create artwork that show the role perspective plays in dating violence and healthy and unhealthy relationships, as well as how altering perspectives creates positive change.

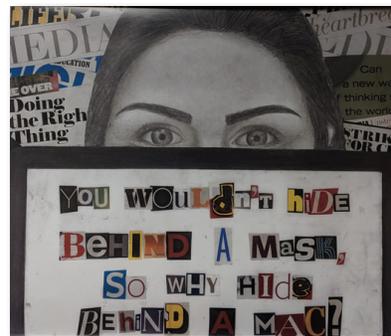
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for both the 9th-12th grade category and 6th-8th grade category will receive prizes. All winners will have a letter of recognition and appreciation sent to their schools. The artwork of the first place winner in the 9th-12th grade category will be published in agency materials throughout the year and their artwork will be on display at our Family Justice Center in Newburgh.



2018 winner
Circuit of Love
by Martino Lasalandra



2017 Winner
For Who You Are
by Casey LaBar



2016 Winner
Cyber Mask
by Sophia Sburlati



2015 winner
This is Not Safe Love
by Sophia Sburlati

Selected submissions will be shown at an art show for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month where the winners will also be announced:

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS ART SHOW

Saturday, February 8th (Snow Date: Feb 15th)

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

2 Alices Coffee Lounge, 117 Broadway, Newburgh, NY

*Selected submissions will be on display; winner will be announced at 3:00 pm.
Attending the event is free! Beverages & food available for purchase.*

**For more information, contact:
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THE 15TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD PROJECT

Decorate your own Gingerbread House and take it home for the holidays.
A fun craft for families & kids of all ages!
All proceeds from this event benefit Safe Homes/Fearless!

Saturday, December 7, 2019
St. Anne's Episcopal Church

179 East Main Street (Route 94), Washingtonville, NY
Two Seating Times: 10:00 am and 12:30 pm

Suggested Donations:
Small Gingerbread House \$15
Large Gingerbread House \$20

Reservations are highly recommended! Please call St. Anne's at (845) 496-3961 and leave a detailed message with your name and phone number, desired seating time (10am or 12:30pm), number of guests attending, and the number and size of houses to be reserved.



Adopt-a-Family

In 2018, Safe Homes was able to provide gifts for 427 children from 178 individual families. 427 is an incredible number, and we owe that success to you: **our community.**

Helping one family at a time, in our own neighborhood: it's how we make a difference and initiate change.

Bring the warmth and joy of the Holiday season to a local child this December. Our Adopt-a-Family program is looking for donors. Register yourself, your company, or your community organization online at:

fearlesshv.org/holidays

