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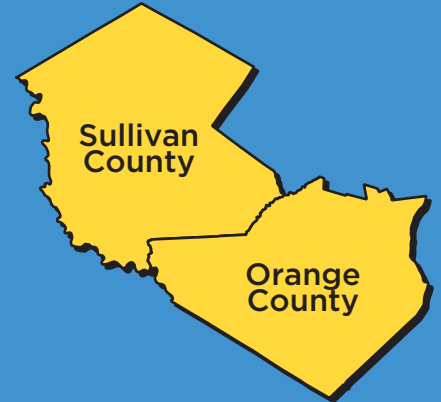
WINTER 2021 - 1ST QUARTER

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INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE • HUMAN TRAFFICKING • TEEN DATING VIOLENCE • SEXUAL VIOLENCE • CRIME VICTIMIZATION

FEARLESS! RECLAIMING OUR SAFETY!

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Film Screening Spotlight
Orange County Safe Harbor
Wear Blue 2021

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Love Shouldn't Hurt Summit
Trainings + Film Discussion
Squat Challenge
Wear Orange 2021

TEEN ART CONTEST

Violet Bachorik
Julia Cestone
Ariana Azeez

COMMUNITY OUTREACH + SUPPORT

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Human Trafficking Awareness Month

During January, Fearless! provided outreach, workshops, and trainings throughout our community to create awareness, build relationships, and reach our most vulnerable community members. Our Educators held virtual trainings and film discussions for professionals, community groups, schools, and youth throughout Orange and Sullivan County to build awareness around human trafficking and exploitation.

Trainings included: Human Trafficking 101 & Not A Number

Film Screenings Included: 'I Am Jane Doe' & 'I Am Little Red'



FILM SCREENING SPOTLIGHT *I am Little Red*

We invited parents, guardians, caregivers and our youth 11 and older to watch and discuss this impactful 10-minute animated short. *I Am Little Red* was created for children most at-risk for sex trafficking with the goal of prevention and awareness - it addresses the four tactics a "wolf" will typically use to lure a Little Red off their path.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS LEARNED

" I didn't realize the amount of people who are victims of human trafficking and now I know it's a lot. "

" I learned that Human traffickers target vulnerable children and women and recruit their victims by appearing to offer help or pretending to be a friend or potential romantic partner. "

" Traffickers can bribe you with gifts, love, money. "

" I learned that trafficking can happen to anyone. "



The Safe Harbor To-Go Bags - created to provide anyone who is being trafficked or vulnerable to being trafficked with helpful items and safety tools. Each bag contains items such as snacks, a change of clothes, and toiletries. *These bags are meant to decrease a young person's vulnerability and support them in safety planning and harm reduction.* In addition to Fearless! these to-go bags are available to youth at **A Friend's House Youth Shelter and Center for Hope.**

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY - Monday, January 11, 2021

We wear blue...

to bring awareness to human trafficking as a public health issue.

#WearBlue
#HTAM2021



Human
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Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Throughout the month, Fearless! observed TDVAM with many awareness-raising campaigns and events. Youth Educators hosted virtual interactive workshops for service providers, parents, community members, teachers and youth to raise awareness about teen dating violence to **stop dating abuse before it starts**.

“Love Shouldn’t Hurt” Youth Summit

“ I feel more confident identifying abuse and exploitation within my communities have and increased awareness and confidence surrounding local support systems and services, such as Fearless! ”

This year's Annual "Love Shouldn't Hurt" Teen Summit was held virtually over two, half-day sessions! Twelve high school students participated in dynamic conversations regarding **Teen Dating Violence, Human Trafficking, Challenging and Oppressive Culture, and strategized around Bystander Empowerment** and how to seek safety and support for themselves and their peers.

WORKSHOPS + TRAININGS

Teen Dating Violence - an overview of teen dating violence, its warning signs, and how to get support for someone who is experiencing abuse in a relationship.

Media Literacy - discussed the relationships depicted in popular TV shows and movies a decided if the represented healthy behaviors.

Amor del bueno - a film screening that was offered in Spanish and English

It's Just a Joke: Challenging an Oppressive Culture - examined the impact of microaggressions, how oppression influences our relationships, and what we can do to challenge stereotypes safely.



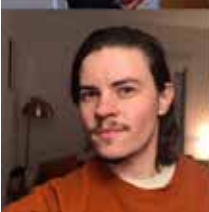
We love when our community members develop innovative and fun ways to fundraise for us!

Our **#FearlessFriend Gigi Coll Kennedy** created the February Squat challenge where she challenged participants to do 25 squats for each of the 28 days of February and to donate \$25 to Fearless!

“ We can make a ripple of action and support in our community! ”



WEAR ORANGE DAY
#FearlessTDVAM
Tuesday, February 9, 2021



TEEN ART CONTEST AND CREATIVE SHOWCASE

Middle and High School students from Orange and Sullivan Counties, submitted art centered on the theme **“Redefining Together”**, and to create a pieces that expressed their experience maintaining friendships and relationships during the COVID-19 pandemic. Keeping with the theme of “Redefining Together” Fearless! showcased all the submitted creative artwork through a virtual slideshow on our social media platforms, instead of our usual in-person gallery event. Thank you to our community partners and schools who made this possible and our youth who created some **really amazing pieces** this year! Here are our 1st place winners from each category.



“Goldilocks”
Violet Bachorik

Senior at Goshen High School
Mixed Media - Marker + Color Pencil

“ Relationships need balance. Too much or too little from either side and the relationship becomes strained. The heart becomes unhealthy, and the only way it can heal is through the restoration of balance.”



“Far but Close”
Julia Cestone

7th Grade - Heritage Middle School
Illustration - Colored Pencil

“ Even though we are physically apart we can still be close.”



WATCH THE VIRTUAL SHOWCASE BY CLICKING HERE!



The Gift of Being Together



To be together,
Is it to be able to hug someone
Embrace them,
Touch them?

To be together,
Is it to be able to look at someone through a screen,
Smile with them,
Laugh with them?

This new together,
It causes pain,
Not knowing when you'll see someone again,
Sometimes not knowing if you'll see them again.

This new together,
It causes confusion,
Reading eyes,
They speak a million words with one look.

To be together,
Is not sitting in a room,
With people you love.
It is not staring blankly at a screen,
Wishing to be next to them.
Together will change.

It will change me,
Change you,
Change everyone.

Together,
Taken for granted,
But forever a gift.

“The Gift of Being Together”
Ariana Azeez

Senior at Chester Academy
Written Art

“ This poem was written to show how we have changed our lives in the tragic year we have witnessed. We have all compromised our personal lives and have lived through hard times. This poem shows that there is light at the end of the tunnel, and at the end of the journey, **this experience will change us and already has.**”

COMMUNITY OUTREACH + SUPPORT

MARCS Friends Support Group is a youth community group started by Jemika Hooper to keep children away from at risk behavior in Newburgh. Our youth educators visit monthly to facilitate programs surrounding healthy friendships, media literacy, and most recently, a workshop on bystander empowerment!



Fearless! advocates joined Orange County Youth and Adults to help bring their voices to Albany, virtually that is for **Association of New York State Youth Bureau's Annual Legislative Day**.

DONOR HIGHLIGHTS



Thank you to **Jessica and Liam** for preparing and creating these beautiful Easter Baskets. They sure brightened the day of our Fearless! adults and children.



Fearless! joined the **Warwick Valley Rotary Club's** virtual meeting, where we were presented with a \$500 donation.



Thank you to the **Business and Professional Women's Club of Middletown, NY**, for their donation of \$500!

Pictured - Fearless! Hotline Advocate Aaron

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

93¢ of every dollar donated to **FEARLESS!** goes directly into **programs and services** to help survivors and to **educate our community.**



24-Hour Hotline



Advocacy & Support



Community Partnerships



Court Accompaniment



Crisis Intervention



Education & Training



Emergency Shelter



Information & Referrals



Legal Services



Prevention



Safety Planning



Support Groups

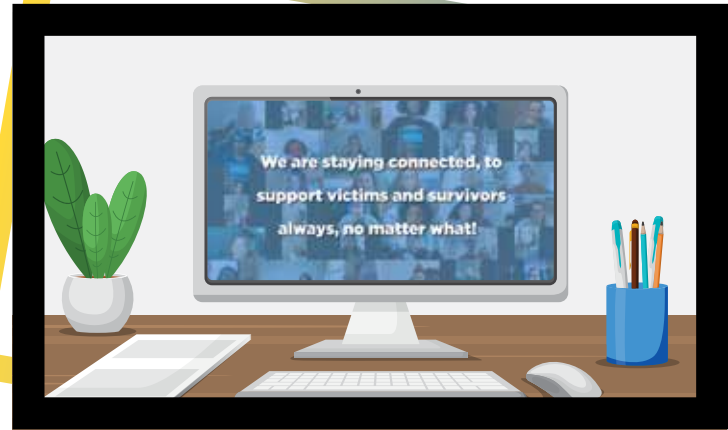


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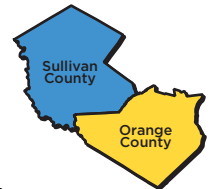
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2020 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Working *together* for a Hudson Valley **free of violence** in all its forms.



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Check our **2020 ANNUAL REPORT & AT-A-GLANCE**

CELEBRATION OF HOPE *Gala*

October 15, 2021

The Riverside Ballroom

New + Intimate space on the scenic Newburgh Waterfront
120 Front Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

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A VIRTUAL INVITATION**