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2020 was an immensely challenging year filled with uncertainty, sadness, significant impact on safety, and thousands of lives lost. Through all of this, Fearless! advocates across Orange and Sullivan County worked to modify and compliment traditional programming to ensure services were available and accessible at all times.



Introduced confidential web-chat services to supplement our 24-Hour Hotline: a lifeline for victims who cannot safely make a phone call. Chat hours are currently Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 8:00pm, with a goal to expand this service.
fearlesshv.org/webchat



Transitioned our in-person education and training curriculum to virtual platforms: prerecorded webinars, live virtual trainings, and social media features and conversations. This allowed our 9th Annual Summer Youth Leadership Academy to continue as planned and for new content creation to engage youth such as "Snip or Ship".



Created virtual support groups and adjusted our Therapeutic Counseling Program to include HIPAA-compliant virtual sessions.



Transitioned all in-person awareness events to robust online programming. This increased our engagement and reach far beyond anything done previously. Designed a virtual Clothesline Project experience and Remember Her Name project to honor survivors and to ensure victims whose lives were stolen at the hands of their partners are not forgotten.



Successfully premiered our LIVE virtual unGala: **A Night for Hope**, to replace our largest in-person fundraiser of the year, almost reaching our fundraising goal.

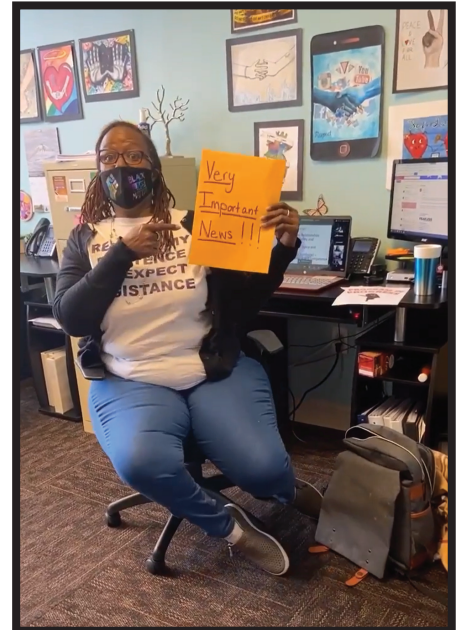


In Solidarity
Kellyann

Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier
Fearless! Executive Director

SHIP OR SNIP

Introducing a new video series, "Ship or Snip", presented by our Fearless! Education and Prevention Team. Join educators and advocates as we dive into relationships depicted in the shows we can't stop watching and determine if they are healthy or unhealthy. Follow the journey as we decide - do we Ship them or do we Snip them?



Dead to Me
Schitt's Creek
Never Have I Ever
POSE
Beauty and the Beast
Little Fires Everywhere
Tiger King
Frozen II
Kissing Booth 2
Holidate
All American



SHIP

a healthy relationship!



SNIP

an unhealthy relationship!

WHAT DOES SHIP MEAN?!

Slang for when you would like two fictional characters to have a romantic relationship. To say, "I ship Pam and Jim", is shorthand for saying you are rooting for that couple to succeed.

MORE EPISODES COMING SOON!



Subscribe

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Benefiting Our
FEARLESS!
Families in Orange
& Sullivan Counties



With our deepest gratitude, Fearless! thanks Robert and Vivian Allen of the **1st Lt. Louis Allen Scholarship and Community Foundation**. For more than a decade, their foundation has made a generous annual donation to our agency and Vivian was sure to always bring a donation of books with her, as well. We are so grateful for your support in memory of your son, Louis - and many lives have been changed along the way.

Thank you!

Fearless! wants to send a special thank you **The Alumnae Collective of OPBSI in Orange County**. They collected many stuffed backpacks and extra supplies from their members and partners to make sure the children in our community were prepared for this unique school year. We truly appreciate the ongoing support of the Collective, as well as the Beta sisters' efforts to raise awareness for our work!



The Alumnae Collective of OPBSI in Orange County
OMEGA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC.
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THANK YOU!



ADOPT-A-FAMILY
for the *holidays*

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We are starting off the New Year feeling grateful. Our community opened their hearts wider than ever this holiday season, **providing gifts for 442 children from 190 families through our annual Adopt-a-Family program.**

Throughout the year, we depend on the support of our friends and neighbors to help us provide services to individuals and families in Orange and Sullivan Counties affected and displaced by interpersonal violence and trafficking. During the holiday season, we find added reason to work closely with our community to bring the holiday spirit to those who need to know they are not alone.

“ After such a challenging year, there just aren't words to express how much your generosity has meant not only to the families we serve, but also to our Advocates on the front lines of this work. ”

- AAF Program Coordinator, Amanda





Stephanie Feely
Francis J. Feely Charitable Fund

Adopted 6 kids from two families, and donated school supplies and toiletries.

Kelly Bigford, General Manager organized the adoption of 16 children from four families.



GAP Outlet in Woodbury Commons



Corey White and Emily Rivera
Coree's Light of Freedom Foundation

Coree's Light of Freedom Foundation adopted a family of four.

Adopted two families this year and these cute experts carefully selected toys and gifts for four children.



The Rutimann Family



Radware Software Company

Donated a carload of needed items from our Shelter Wish-list, including bedding and pillows, personal care items, and diapers.





Josh Sandler and Younger Siblings

Josh saved money all year long to be able to support gifts for a family.



Carmen and Family

Adopted a family with a newborn baby.

These Future Business Leaders of America adopted a family of five!



Yvonne Koulikov, advisor to Warwick Valley HS FBLA Club



Rhea Lusk
NY Luxury Closeout



Fareground

This local small business owner, purchases cases of toys to give back to the community.

Andrea Lenci-Cerchiara deliver 20 chicken dinners.

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



Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega + Associates

The MSW interns at the office of Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega and Associates, created a toy drive for us!





Garnet Health Medical Center (formerly Orange Regional Medical Center) Middletown

Philip DeLeon - Manager, Patient Experience, Guest Services and Interpretation Services delivered the gifts for the 15 families they adopted - a total of 32 children!



Jennifer Woehrle
Orange & Rockland Utility

Jennifer managed the adoption of two families on behalf of O&R.



Upstate Real Estate

Megan Brenn-White and her real estate team adopted a family of three.



The Szumlaski Family

1,000 pieces of brand new LuLaRoe clothing donated!

Holiday goody bags donated by **Action Toward Independence in Monticello.**





St. James Church in Goshen

Our incredible friends adopted 18 children from 6 families, plus gave an additional \$600 in gift cards to aide even more families. We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity, year after year.



Kiwanis Club of Newburgh

Club members dropped off the gifts the club collected for 19 children from nine families.



The Storm King School

The school adopted two families, with a total of 5 children.



Jackie McGowan of Cooley Group, Inc.

As part of their Cooley Cares Campaign, they donated \$1,000 worth of brand new t-shirts and sweatshirts and a case of disposable masks.



Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall

President and CEO Joan Cusack-McGuirk, Kate Dabroski, and Jacob Gaydos delivered gifts for the 12 children from 4 families adopted by Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall.



THANK YOU!

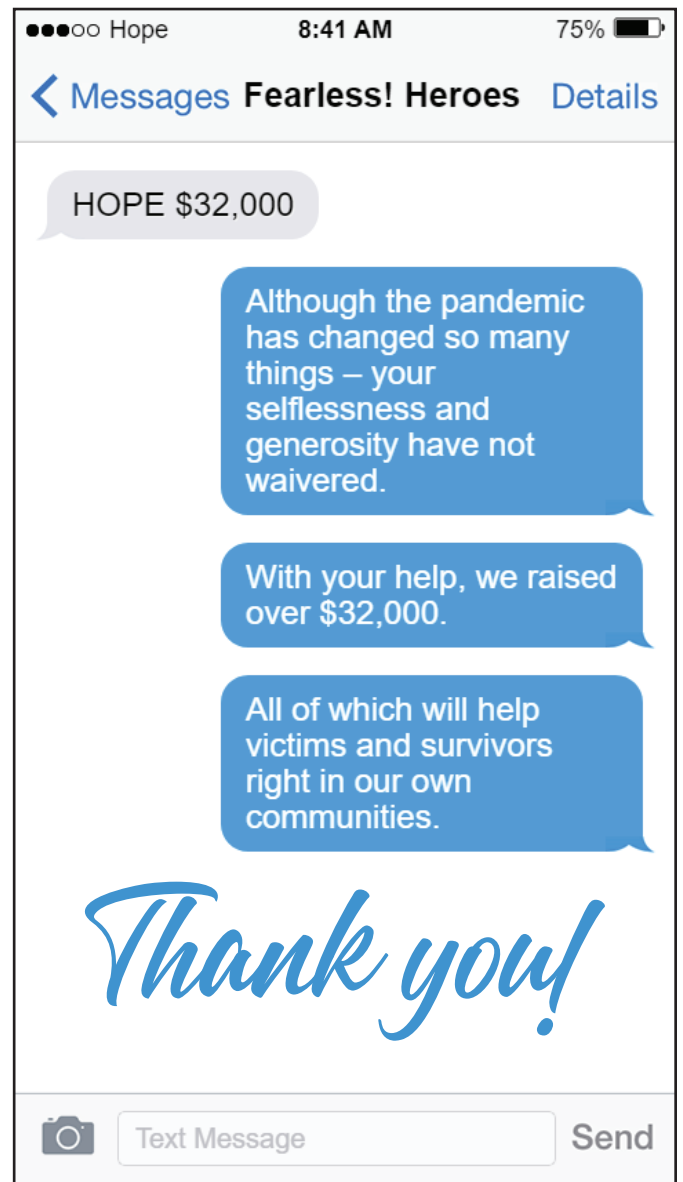
On December 3rd we hosted our first ever live streamed event, showcasing our programs and services and honoring **Fearless! Heroes** in our community and

**WE RAISED OVER
\$32,000**

A NIGHT FOR
hope!
The *unGala* of 2020

All of us at Fearless! want to thank everyone who joined, donated, and shared our unGala: **A Night for Hope**. For over 34 years, the support from the community has been essential to ensuring programs, services, and emergency needs of victims can be met. The monies raised during this evening were critical, as almost all of our fundraising events had been canceled. Your unwavering support and generosity were unprecedented. No amount of thank-you's could adequately every express how grateful we are.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



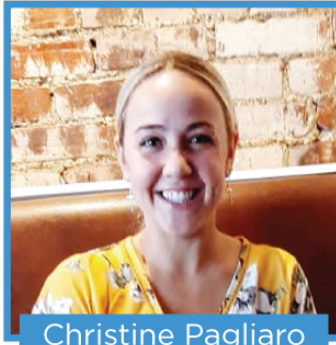
Together, we are working towards a Hudson Valley free of violence in all its forms.

Building an informed, just, and accountable society so all people can experience supportive and safe relationships free from abuse, exploitation, and oppression requires all of us to take an active role. Each year Fearless! honors individuals and businesses within our community that have stepped into this role in extraordinary ways.

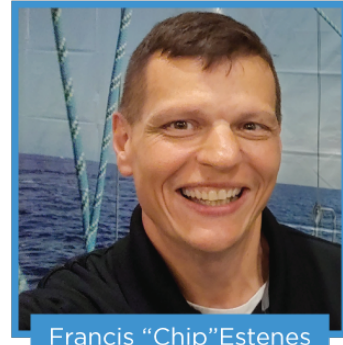
Our 2020 Honorees



Anne Harris



Christine Pagliaro



Francis "Chip" Estenes



Arianna Pineiro



AWE - AVON
Women Empowered



Debbie O'Malley

Your contributions have had life changing impact for victims and survivors!

Thank you to our *unGala* **SPONSORS!**

Partner Level



Professional Computer Associates

Friend Level



Always Designing
for People™



Advocate Level



8TH ANNUAL

“Love Shouldn’t Hurt” Youth Summit

Open to all 9th-12th grade students
in Orange and Sullivan Counties

March 17th and 24th

Registration Deadline: February 26th

“Love Shouldn’t Hurt” is a transformative experience designed for youth and adult ally participants to gain knowledge and skills necessary to ending intimate partner violence in our communities.

We know that:

- **1 in 3** adolescents in the U.S. will experience abuse from a dating partner before they turn 18 years old.
- Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence- almost **triple** the national average.
- **80%** of guidance counselors say they feel unprepared to address incidents of abuse on their school campus.

Students, teachers, and parents will have the opportunity to participate in various workshops designed around the dynamics of intimate partner violence. Additionally, participants will be challenged to strategize ways to bring their knowledge and skill sets back to their school and community to create a culture free from violence and oppression.

This year, Fearless! will host our Summit in two parts in the hopes that students can participate on their remote days. Students must participate on both March 17th and 24th to receive a certificate of completion. **The deadline for registration is Friday, February 26th.**

Download the registration packet at: fearlesshv.org/love-shouldnt-hurt
For more information, contact: Zoe Mahan, Education Manager
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CELEBRATION OF HOPE *Gala*

November 19, 2021

Anthony's Pier 9, New Windsor, NY

35th Anniversary Celebration of Hope Gala Fundraiser

Join Fearless! for an evening of dinner, dancing,
raffle, and silent auction

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