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.

MISSION
The mission of Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc. (formerly known as Safe Homes of Orange County) is to build an informed, just, and accountable society so all people can experience supportive and safe relationships free from abuse, exploitation, and oppression.
We do this by education, prevention, advocacy, and providing comprehensive services, including shelter to victims and survivors of interpersonal violence, human trafficking, sexual violence, and other types of crime victimization.

VISION
Fearless! envisions being the leading authority on interpersonal abuse and violence, collaborating with other agents of change in dismantling inter-sectional individual and systemic oppression.

VALUES
FREEDOM safety, dignity, respect
SURVIVOR-CENTERED autonomy, agency, confidentiality, compassion
EQUALITY anti-oppressive, intersectional, equity
COLLABORATIVE education, prevention
ACCOUNTABILITY commitment to all
Each year we hope that the toll of intimate partner violence will lessen and the need for our services will decline. Each year we hope there will not be another woman murdered, yet in 2019, the lives of three women were stolen by current or former intimate partners: Jasminn Emmanuel, Amanda Pumillo, and Deborah Waldinger.

Each October at our Annual Celebration of Hope Gala, we honor the lives of the women murdered in our community since 2004 by reading aloud their names and lighting candles in remembrance. As The Clothesline Project travels throughout the region during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, white shirts bearing the names of those who have been murdered are hung on the line front and center. We will not allow their names to be forgotten and we will not stop working towards the social change required to prevent adding new names to the list.

While we have no control over the abusive individuals who harm and sometimes kill their intimate partners, we do have control over how our community chooses to address these issues. We will always support and honor victims and survivors; moving forward, we will also rise up to assume a role of leadership in confronting the attitudes, apathy, and invisible chains of oppression that allow space to exist for all forms of violence.

This past year our organization engaged in a formal strategic repositioning to set a path for moving forward in this role. We announced for the first time at our Celebration of Hope Gala that Safe Homes of Orange County had become Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc.

This is not just a shiny new coat of paint: it is a pledge to our founders, our partners, our supporters, and most importantly to the survivors and victims we serve that Fearless! will center our work from a place that requires everyone to play an active role in ending domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking in our community. Fearless! will be the voice when others are silenced. We will speak up, take action, and demand change every single day. We will require this of ourselves first, working to understand how to achieve these goals and endeavor to grow fully into the name given to us. Simultaneously we will look to our partners, supporters, and community to grow with us and work together for a Hudson Valley free from violence in all its forms.

Survivors and victims have extraordinary courage and strength. They face scrutiny and a society that shifts responsibility and often accountability onto their shoulders. The impossible choices they face too often have no desirable outcome. They survive warzones of perpetual fear that rage behind closed doors. They navigate systems that were not designed for them, often leading to re-victimization. If they access safety, they are expected to simply move on, co-parent effectively with coercive and abusive ex-partners, and quickly establish economic self-sufficiency. If they have not yet been able to safely exit the abusive relationship, they will face a barrage of myths and misconceptions around why don’t they just leave (“It’s not that they don’t leave; it’s that we don’t know what leaving looks like”, writes Rachel Louise Snyder, author of the 2019 book No Visible Bruises. Leaving is a process, not an event.). If survivors and victims access safety at the cost of having to choose between wanting to live and knowing death is imminent, they face a justice system that does not understand the environment created by everyday terrorism. If they are murdered, their identity will be lost in the narrative created about the abuser, and even in death, victims will be shouldered with what they could or should have done. These false narratives must stop so that survivors and victims are not further silenced.

Fearless! is not a polite charitable organization—it is a social justice movement with lives to save, attitudes to challenge, systems to shake up, and old ideas to reject. This call to action is for us as an organization as well as for those around us to operate in solidarity with a commitment to educate ourselves and openness to change. Regardless of our name, survivors and victims will always find programs such as ours through word of mouth referrals, or in these modern times, a quick internet search. We are excited and ready for what this new positioning will mean for our organization and know we can count on each and every one of you to join us.

A future free from all forms of violence and abuse depends on us.

In Solidarity, Kellyann

Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc.
PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Fearless! offers free education in both English and Spanish on issues surrounding teen dating violence, violence prevention, human trafficking, and healthy relationships to community groups, schools, workplaces, law enforcement agencies, healthcare, government, and human service organizations. Trained educators design presentations or workshops according to the needs and characteristics of each group or audience.

On February 9, 2019, we announced the winner of our 5th Annual “Safe Love is...” Art Contest.
30 students from grades 6-12 across Orange County submitted artwork expressing their vision and voice in ending teen-dating violence.

On March 21, 2019, Fearless! hosted the 6th Annual “Love Shouldn’t Hurt” Youth Summit at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. Over 90 student participants from six schools came together to achieve the knowledge and skills needed to advocate for equality and healthy relationships, as well as the tools to combat gender violence in their home communities.

In July and August, Fearless! Youth Educators led the 8th Annual Summer Youth Leadership Academy for students ages 14-17.

With support from the Orange County Youth Bureau and the Sullivan County Youth Bureau, Fearless! offered three separate week-long academies in Newburgh, Port Jervis, and Monticello, with a total of 32 youth participating. Youth exercised and enhanced their leadership skills while gaining knowledge and participating in conversations on teen dating violence, equality, safety, respect, healthy boundaries, consent, messages from the media, systems of privilege and oppression, bystander empowerment, effective communication, what makes a true leader, and how to make a difference in their own community. Youth were challenged to think outside the box, to challenge themselves, and to challenge others.

In November, our 2nd Annual “I Can Make Change” Teen Essay Contest was held with the theme, “Exploring and Altering Perspectives.” Alex McDermott, a Junior at NFA Main, won first place.

In January of 2019, with additional funding from the Orange County Youth Bureau and in partnership with the Merakey Center for Hope and HONOR’s “A Friend’s House” Youth Shelter, Fearless! launched an Anti-Human Trafficking program for youth. The Fearless! Anti-Trafficking Project Coordinator and Anti-Trafficking Advocate are trained to facilitate the Love146 Not a #Number educational program, an interactive, five-module curriculum designed to teach youth how to protect themselves from human trafficking and exploitation through information, critical thinking and skill development. The curriculum is presented in a manner that inspires youth to make safe choices and utilize the healthy support systems in the community by not focusing on one particular aspect of the issue, but instead focusing on respect, empathy, individual strengths and the relationship between personal and societal pressures that create or increase vulnerability. Love146 is designed to impact youth regardless of where they are on the risk spectrum. It considers all youth inherently vulnerable but also bearers of great potential and resilience.

I Am Little Red is a short film used to inform youth around the impact of human trafficking. Follow up activities, and interactive discussion support the film being a introductory program to anti-trafficking awareness. The Fearless! Anti-Trafficking Project Coordinator and Anti-Trafficking Advocate have utilized the film and program in schools with students and educators and also for community events partnering with the Junior League of Orange County and Merakey’s Center for Hope.

On April 30, 2019, Fearless! along with SUNY Orange Cultural Affairs and the Orange County Human Rights Commission presented I Am Jane Doe: A Conference on Sex Trafficking at the SUNY Orange Newburgh campus. The day began with a screening of the documentary I Am Jane Doe, which follows the journey of several sex trafficking victims and their mothers. Special guests Nacole Svendgard and her daughter, whose family’s story is one of several told in the film, spoke about their experiences since the film’s release and the progress they’ve made through their activist work against the systems perpetuating sex trafficking. Nacole and her daughter joined an afternoon panel discussion of local and state representatives who shared around the anti-trafficking work being done at local, state, and national levels. Detective Trevor Lord of the City of Newburgh PD, and Fearless! RRRP Coordinator Joanna Janik, led the final panel of the day: a case study of recent sex trafficking in Orange County.
**2019 FINANCIALS**

**TOTAL AGENCY BUDGET** $3,115,412

**Support and Revenue**
- Program Revenue $625,555
- Grants & Contracts $3,391,103
- Donations $201,592
- Special Events $102,425
- Interest $13,304

**Expenses**
- Program $2,865,004
- Administrative & General $188,812
- Fundraising $96,823

91% of every dollar donated to Fearless! goes directly into programs and services to help survivors and to educate our community.

In 2017, Fearless! was awarded $3.85 million dollars under the HHAP to build a new 20 bed facility for victims and their children. Oversight of the new project is being done by OTDA. In 2019, Fearless! was able to begin receiving funds from the contract and our 2019 financial report reflects this increased revenue. The cost of construction is capitalized and not included in expenses.

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**OUR SUPPORTERS**

Fearless! comprehensive support services and outreach programs are sustained by the dedication of our volunteers, the solidarity of our community, and the vision of our funders and government leaders. All gifts, big and small, move our work forward. The following list represents gifts of $50 or more received during 2019. Please contact us if you feel your name was inadvertently left out.

**VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNSHIPS**

In 2019, Fearless! Volunteers and Interns contributed a total of 2,150 hours of service.

**VOLUNTEERS**
- Stephanie Berra
- Carrol Coleman
- Beverly Czumak
- Jessica Dolata
- Stacy Johnson
- Saishree “Kiki” Rao
- Brittany Raphael

**INTERNS**
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- Victoria Catalano
- Hasion Gaston
- Kelsey Millan
- Troiasha Nyce
- Colleen O’Dowd
- Jackie Waters

**GOVERNMENT**

- NYS Department of Health
- NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
- NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence
- NYS Office of Children and Family Services
- NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
- NYS Office of Victim Services
- NYS Assemblyperson Jonathan G. Jacobson
- NYS Senator Jennifer Metzger
- Orange County Department of Social Services
- Orange County District Attorney’s Office
- Orange County Youth Bureau
- Police Chiefs’ Association Of Orange County
- Sullivan County Department of Family Services
- Sullivan County Youth Bureau
FOUNDATIONS

1LT Louis Allen Scholarship & Community Foundation
AmazonSmile Foundation
America Online Giving Foundation
Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan
Dyson Foundation
M&T Charitable Foundation
Michael & Erin Martucci Family Foundation
National Network to End DV
Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce Foundation
Warwick Savings Foundation

COMMUNITY

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Action Plus Project Management
AFLAC
AJW Architectural Products
Alma Yoga
Anchor Equipment Rentals
Anew Dawn Hair Studio
Apple2Orange Realty
Armstead Mechanical, Inc.
Ball Corp
Be Bhakti, LLC
Beacon Rising Women’s Choir
Belvale Community
Better Homes & Gardens - Rand Realty
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Crunch Fitness Middletown
Crystal Run Healthcare
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Crystal Run Village, Inc.
Curves Monroe & UFit
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Girls on the Run Hudson Valley
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Golden Financial Services Debt Settlement
Gold’s Gym of Newburgh & Middletown
Goshen United Methodist Church
Granite Barbell
Greater Cornwall Chamber of Commerce
Gurda & Brady, PLLC
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Harriet Earnest, CPA
Highland Mills United Methodist Church
Home Depot Montgomery Distribution Center
Home Inspections - For a Cause
Horizon Family Medical Group
Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation
Hudson Valley Credit Union
Hudson Valley Ghostbusters
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Shawangunk Correctional Facility
Employees
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Smile Works Dental of the Hudson Valley
Soho Salon Two
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Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce
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