

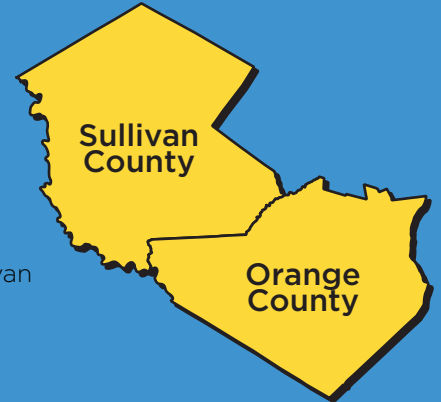
NEWSletter

SPRING 2021 - 2ND QUARTER

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FEARLESS! RECLAIMING OUR SAFETY!



24-Hour Hotline: 845-562-5340 Orange + Sullivan
Sexual Assault Hotline: 845-791-9595 Sullivan

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS
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We Can Be Heroes 5K - October 2
Celebration of Hope Gala - October 15th

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APRIL 2021 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) celebrated its 20th anniversary with the theme “We Can Build Safe Online Spaces”. During SAAM, Fearless! highlighted the importance of prevention, intervention, and recognition of sexual assault with a social media campaign.

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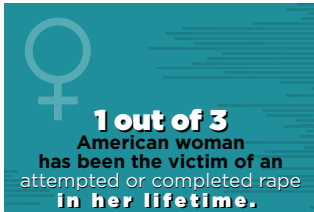
63,000 children
a year are victims of sexual abuse.



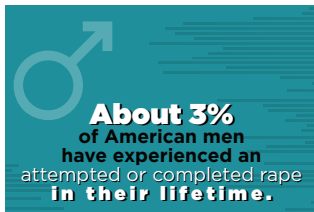
9 out of 10
rape victims are female.



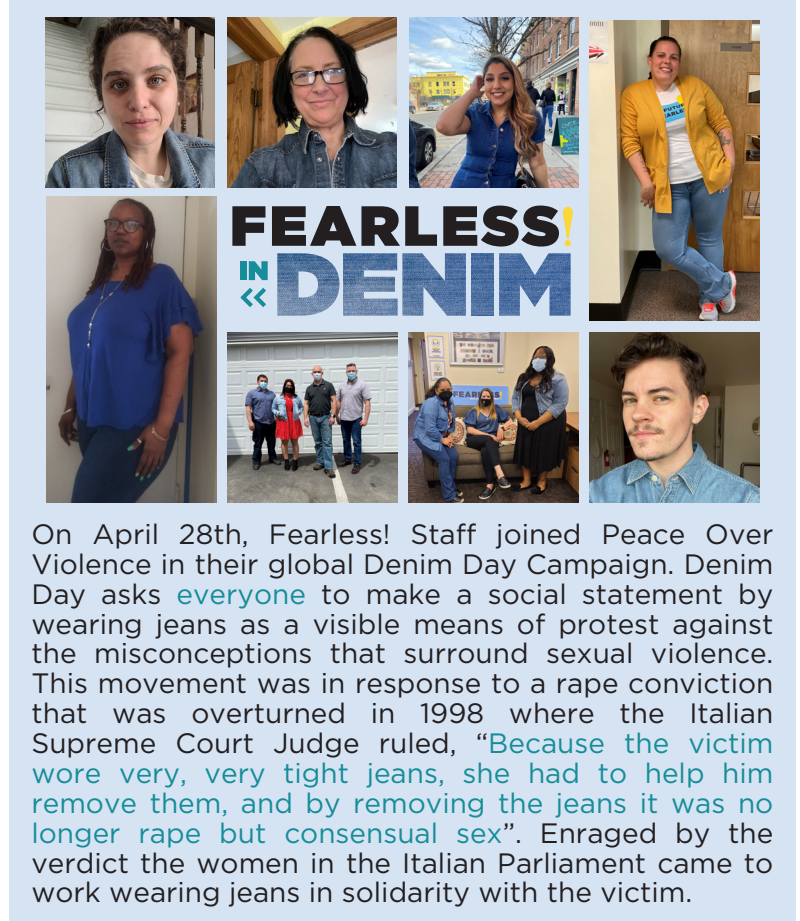
Every 73 seconds
another American is
sexually assaulted.



1 out of 3
American woman
has been the victim of an
attempted or completed rape
in her lifetime.



About 3%
of American men
have experienced an
attempted or completed rape
in their lifetime.



On April 28th, Fearless! Staff joined Peace Over Violence in their global Denim Day Campaign. Denim Day asks **everyone** to make a social statement by wearing jeans as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence. This movement was in response to a rape conviction that was overturned in 1998 where the Italian Supreme Court Judge ruled, “Because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex”. Enraged by the verdict the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim.

RISE >>> FEARLESS!

On April 1st, the **Rape Intervention Services and Education (RISE)** program transitioned to Fearless! Our Fearless! Sexual Assault Advocates co-located within Garnet Health Medical Center can support individuals of all ages in Sullivan County who are or have been a victim of sexual violence or assault with:

- Accompaniment to ER, police station, and court
- Individual crisis counseling
- Support Groups
- Advocacy
- Information and referrals
- Education to youth and community groups

Our dedicated staff and volunteer advocates are available to help and provide information 24/7 to support anyone suffering the physical, emotional, and medical impacts of rape and other sexual trauma.

“ We know that domestic and sexual violence are often overlapping; both are rooted in power and control and intersect with other forms of oppression. The ability to leverage existing programming and services within Fearless! will enhance and expand sexual assault services to victims and survivors throughout Sullivan County. This not only supports our mission as an agency, but it will also strengthen and streamline advocacy on behalf of all survivors and victims.

Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier
Executive Director of Fearless!

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT



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I'm proud to give to Fearless! Hudson Valley Inc. for their tireless work in education, prevention, advocacy and direct service to victims of violence. Continue to make a difference and create real change!

- Lori Rivenburgh

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We exceeded our **2021 Hudson Valley Gives** goal, and we are beyond grateful for your generosity and support.

Together we raised
\$5,050
THANK YOU!

With your contributions, Fearless! continues to be the **unapologetic, increasingly bold, and empowered** agency that supports survivors and demands change.



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**
- Therapeutic Counseling**
- Web Chat**

To help celebrate the heroes in our community, Hudson Valley Gives asked the community to nominate individuals who went above and beyond during the pandemic. One of our Fearless! Friend's Dr. Michelle Winchester-Vega won the Hero Prize for Healthcare Workers.

We want to thank **Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega** for choosing Fearless! to be awarded the Hero Prize of \$1,000 from HV Gives.



View the nomination submission someone submitted to HV Gives!!

GIVE
where you
LIVE

THANK YOU TO OUR **FEARLESS!** COMMUNITY

Sisters with a Purpose donated eight beautiful Mother's Day Gift Baskets.



Touro College Res Life donated items for both our new shelter and our food and supplies pantry.

The community leaders of **Junior League of Orange County** collected items for our new emergency shelter.



St. James' Episcopal Church donated gift cards for supplies for our new shelter



Girl Scout Troop 524 delivered over 200 brand new pillows for our shelter clients!



Girls on the Run from ERJ and Crispell partnered up with the **Crawford PD** and collected new pillow and sheets!



United Healthcare Community Plan sent boxes and boxes of food pantry kits!

Mount Saint Mary College Res Life held a food drive for our pantry.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Woodbury, NY



Our Community Educator tabled at **Vineyard Vines** at the Woodbury Commons Outlet where Vineyard Vines raised \$350 for Fearless!

Bethel Woods, NY



Our Community Educator tabled at **Sullivan 180 Event**.

Warwick, NY



Our Youth Educator tabled **Day of Acceptance** hosted by the Warwick Valley Community Center's Living Well Program and the Gay Straight Alliance.

Warwick, NY



Our Community Educator tabled at **OCNY Pride Event**.

INTERN SPOTLIGHT

Jordan Vozech Marist College Intern Ramsey, New Jersey



I am passionate about social issues regarding domestic violence and sexual assault. From learning in my social work classes and having more life experiences during school, I knew this area of work was something I wanted to at least dip my toes into. My understanding of FEARLESS! has changed drastically, as I learned about all of the different types of services and resources provided. I didn't realize there was a shelter and was most surprised to see how many different people/different ways Fearless! provided support. The knowledge from my internship opened my eyes to so many new ways of thinking.

Being all virtual, I was nervous about how my experience would be - but I ended up learning more than I could have hoped for thanks to such a caring staff. Not only were my two supervisors (Sarita Green & Stephanie Molinelli) available to support my learning experience, but a bunch of staff members taught me things I truly value through sharing their time. Staying connected with the agency and staff really made my virtual internship experience a blast.

5K RUN/WALK & KIDS FUN RUN

Be a hero for victims and survivors of abuse, by raising funds and bringing awareness to your community.



**EVERY STEP, MILE,
AND DOLLAR MAKES
AN IMPACT.**

 **Saturday, October 2, 2021**
 **Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Montgomery NY**

We're big believers in everyday heroes and encourage YOU to be the hero of your own story. Dress up as your favorite superhero, personal hero, or everyone's hero - the sky is the limit! All participants in costume will be entered to win a prize.

**REGISTER &
LEARN MORE**
fearlesshv.org/heroesrun



100% of race proceeds will benefit

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2021
**CELEBRATION
OF HOPE** *Gala*

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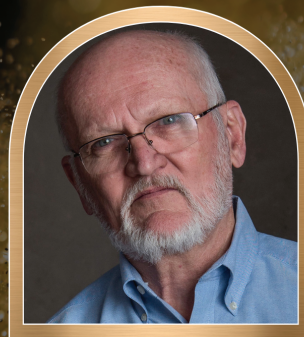
Hope Award

**KIM DADOU
BROWN**



Mildred Good Neighbor

LQ DESIGNS
KAREN QUIANA
LESLIE LINKSMAN



Jane Chertock Legacy

**TERRY
MURRAY**



SPECIAL AGENT
**JESSICA
MILLER**

Family Justice Center

**JESSICA
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TICKET AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION: fearlesshv.org/gala

OCTOBER 15, 2021 RIVERSIDE BALLROOM ON THE NEWBURGH WATERFRONT