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

We are staying connected, to support victims and survivors always, no matter what!

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Sullivan County
Orange County

24-Hour Hotline: 845-562-5340
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This past year created many unknowns around what hosting and facilitating programs would look like. Our education team worked tirelessly and seamlessly, pivoting from in-person presentations to an entirely virtual model. They are now blending these two models, creating a hybrid program that provides the capacity to meet youth and adult participants in virtual spaces when needed while also providing flexibility to host in-person programming when appropriate. This shift created increased comfort and skills in virtual platforms, which allowed new media to support community education programs, such as our monthly series, Ship or Snip! on Facebook and Instagram. Also, with this flexibility and planning, our youth educators successfully hosted our 2020 Annual Summer Youth Leadership Academy both virtually and in person, allowing for meaningful and lasting connections amongst youth participants.

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Our four full-time licensed adult therapists and our child therapist provided victim-centered, trauma-informed counseling and advocacy to adults, families, and children by violence. Through the COVID-19 crisis, our counselors and advocates provided one-on-one counseling and support groups via HIPAA-compliant virtual sessions, telephone, and videoconferencing.

Court closures due to COVID-19 had a significant impact on victims and survivors. Fearless! advocates were successful in making quick pivots in their work with clients and the court system. Despite these unprecedented situations, our team continuously served clients in need of assistance, filed protective orders electronically, and attended court accompaniment through videoconferencing.

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COVID-19 halted the world as we knew it and not only survivors and victims but also our community. Despite these challenges, with the support from community members, volunteers, and staff, we continued to change and save lives and sustain our vital work within Orange and Sullivan Counties. No matter the obstacles we face, we are ready and prepared to tackle our mission of building an informed, just, and accountable society so all people can experience supportive and safe relationships free from abuse, exploitation, and oppression.
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Youth were challenged to think outside the box, to challenge themselves, and to challenge others to:

**TRANSFORM FROM Bystander >> Upstander**

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“Safe Love is...” Art Contest

On February 8, 2020, we announced the winner of our 6th Annual “Safe Love is...” Art Contest. 41 students from grades 6-12 across Orange County submitted artwork expressing their vision and voice in ending teen dating violence.

Thank you to

2 Alice’s Coffee Lounge in Newburgh for being incredible partners and showcasing our students’ creative artwork every year.

**“Ship or Snip”**

Our Education and Prevention Team designed and produced the video series, “Ship or Snip,” to engage with our community members and youth in a fun and entertaining way. In 2020 they presented viewers with information about healthy and unhealthy relationships, then dissected the relationships depicted in the television shows we binge-watched during the pandemic, like Tiger King and The Kissing Booth 2. Together they determined if those relationships were healthy or unhealthy and decided - “do we Ship them or do we Snip them?” **More to come in 2021!**

**- OR -
SHIP**

- a healthy relationship!

**SNIP**

- an unhealthy relationship!

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A NIGHT FOR hope! The unGala of 2020

DECEMBER 3, 2020

Thank you

WE RAISED OVER $32,000

Anne Harris

Christine Pagliaro

Francis "Chip" Estenes

Nava Fogelman

"Please remember to have fun now. Don’t wait, the future is unknown."

IN Loving MEMORY

Nava Fogelman passed away on December 11, 2020, surrounded by her family. Nava joined Fearless! in September 2018 as the Crime Victim Case Manager and worked out of the Orange County District Attorney's Office. Nava was an incredible colleague. She deeply cared about everyone she came in contact with and made it a priority to ensure that everyone felt special.

Funny and passionate, to all of us here, Nava was a Fearless! advocate in more ways than one. We miss her smile, laughter, and "Nava’sisms". Nava wanted to know her time here changed lives. She wanted people to prioritize their wellness and go to regular check-ups. She also wished she had more time to change how the medical field approaches and supports women with cervical cancer.

Nava Fogelman
A FEARLESS! shero
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**2020 COMMUNITY IMPACT AT-A-GLANCE**

Education, prevention, advocacy, and providing comprehensive services, including shelter, to victims and survivors of interpersonal violence, human trafficking and sexual violence, and other types of crime victimization.

**NEW INTAKES COMPLETED WITH**

- 3,325 ADULTS & 1,983 CHILDREN served through all programs
- 306 ADULTS & 730 CHILDREN for nonresidential programs

**OUTREACH SERVICES**

- 12,280 ADVOCACY SERVICES: court accompaniment, legal support, law enforcement, medical, mental health, social services, housing, immigration, employment, education and economic empowerment.

**HOTLINE CALLS**

- 10,096 from 2019
  - an increase of 26.7% from 2019

**NIGHTS OF SAFETY**

- 4,102 in our emergency shelter accessed by 37 ADULTS & 26 CHILDREN and consistently at COVID-19 capacity

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 83 PRESENTATIONS to 1,174 ADULT participants
- 300 PRESENTATIONS to 6,083 YOUTH participants

**COLLABORATIVE CASES**

- 487 COLLABORATIVE CASES with Orange County Child Protective Services provided services and information to 319 INDIVIDUALS & 164 joint visits

**LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY**

- 394 cases through referral on behalf of 215 clients, impacting 1,135 household members.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSESSMENTS**

- 215 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSESSMENTS by our Domestic Violence Liaison at Orange County Dept. of Social Services

**WAIVERS & INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED TO FEARLESS!**

- 242 WAIVERS & 139 individuals connected to Fearless!

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**FEARLESS! RECLAIMING OUR SAFETY**

- **93¢** OF EVERY DOLLAR goes directly into PROGRAMS + SERVICES helping survivors and educating our community.

- **14,204** NEW VISITORS to our website fearlesshv.org

- **14,204** NEW VISITORS contributed a total of **1,477 HOURS**

- **13,803** SUPPORTIVE COUNSELING SERVICES to individual victims and survivors, creating **5,714 SAFETY PLANS**

- **1** PET was sheltered through our partnership with the WARWICK VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY for a total of **73 nights of safety**

- **1,343** THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING sessions to **135 ADULTS** & **96 THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING sessions to 18 CHILDREN**

  Child Therapy commenced on 7/29/20.

- Housing First Program, in collab. with HONOR REMAINED AT CAPACITY with **5 ADULT CLIENTS & 8 CHILDREN** receiving **1,433 case management and advocacy**

**ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROGRAM >> SAFE HARBOR**

- **22 REFERRALS for youth** in SULLIVAN COUNTY & provided **25 youth services**

- **105 REFERRALS for youth** in ORANGE COUNTY & provided **109 youth services**

**RRRP**

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**WE PROUDLY SERVE**

- **Sullivan County**
- **Orange County**

**WEB CHAT NOW OFFERED >> MONDAY >> FRIDAY**

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

fearlesshv.org/chat

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**2020 FINANCIALS**

**TOTAL AGENCY BUDGET $5,766,205**

**SUPPORT & REVENUE: $6,163,662**
- Program Revenue $488,066
- Grants & Contracts $5,430,205
- Donations $195,622
- Special Events $39,669
- Interest $10,100

**EXPENSES: $3,416,158**
- Program $3,178,829
- Administrative & General $155,341
- Fundraising $81,987

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

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M&T Charitable Foundation
Mutual of America Foundation
National Network to End DV
Warwick Savings Foundation

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
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Crystal Run Transformation Services
English Rose Day School
Garnet Health Medical Center
Greenwood Lake Middle School
Highland Mills United Methodist Church
IBM Employees
Independent Insurance Agents Asso. OC
Indigo Beauty Lounge
Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP
Kiwanis Club of Middletown
KO InVo LLC
Ladies Ancient Order Of Hibernians Div 5
Liberty Rotary Club
Lions Club of Warwick
Mastercard Impact Fund
Meadow Hill Reformed Church
Mid-Hudson Federal Credit Union
Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital
Nugent & Haeussler
ONEHOPE
Orange & Rockland Utility
Orange County Gov Employees
Orange County Ironworks LLC
PCA
PKF O’Connor Davies LLP
Red Door Thrift Shop
Shawangunk Correctional Facility
Sonata Group, Inc
St. James Episcopal Church of Goshen
Target Corporation
Tau Chapter Sigma Lambda Nu, Inc
TEG Federal Credit Union
Ulster Correctional Facility Employees
Ulster Savings Bank
United Way of Rockland County
United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region
Walden Savings Bank
Wallkill East Rotary
Warwick Valley Rotary Club
Woodbourne Correctional Facility
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January 2020
Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Wear blue to raise awareness of human trafficking.

January 11, 2020

February 2020
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Wear orange to show solidarity with young people and to support healthy relationships!

February 10, 2020
April 2020
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

DENIM DAY
Wearing jeans with a purpose to support survivors, and educate yourself and others about sexual violence.

April 29, 2020

October 2020
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Wear purple to raise awareness about domestic violence and show commitment to promoting healthy relationships.

October 20, 2020
OUR MISSION
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We do this by education, prevention, advocacy, and providing comprehensive services, including shelter, to victims and survivors of interpersonal violence, human trafficking and sexual violence, and other types of crime victimization.

OUR 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.

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SAVE THE DATE
Friday, October 15, 2021
CELEBRATION OF HOPE Gala
The Riverside Ballroom on the Newburgh Waterfront
fearlesshv.org/gala