

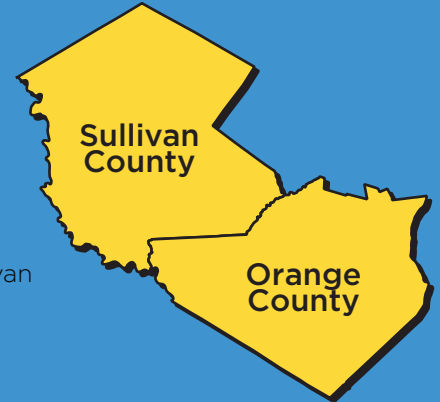
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FALL/WINTER 2021
3RD AND 4TH QUARTER

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35
years

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

FEARLESS! RECLAIMING OUR SAFETY!



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Sexual Assault Hotline: 845-791-9595 Sullivan

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KELLYANN KOSTYAL-LARRIER



Looking back in order to look ahead.

The last 22 months have created collective trauma for everyone. The enormous loss, uncertainty, fear, and lack of control each of us felt will have a lasting impact. During this time period, victims and survivors have had no relief from the abuse they've been experiencing, because those who choose to use abusive behaviors continue to do so, regardless of a global pandemic. Those of us dedicating our lives to end gender-based violence know that until the consequences of these choices far outweigh the benefits, it will not stop. Until each of us sees ourselves as part of the larger problem, and therefore part of the solution, it will not stop.

Eradicating domestic and sexual violence has no simple fix. It is a complex issue that requires a seismic shift within our society. In order to address gender-based violence we must first approach the conversation holistically. We must then collectively understand that this violence negatively affects our environment, economy, health, and communities worldwide.

We must dig the root causes of gender-based violence out to be effective. In order to do this, we have to see how ingrained these roots are within our eco-system. It will require us to partner with gender based violence experts, and ensure that their training, skills, and expertise are valued throughout all areas of work.

There will be individuals and groups that will work just as hard to make sure we are not successful in building a world where there is equity and safety for all. There will be road blocks, detours, hesitations, starts, and stops. There will be laws attempting to remove autonomy and agency over one's body, laws attempting to erase our identities, and countless times where laws are not universally applied, but rather exclusively. There will be lives stolen, communities impacted, and wars waged.

It will not be easy, the direct and indirect costs of gender based violence are present from the moment we were born, and continue as we navigate life. We must choose to work towards change right now, creating a better tomorrow for our youth, and a sustainable planet for generations to come. Building more inclusive, gender-balanced societies must be our mission, values, and vision locally and globally.

"There's a moment where you have to choose whether to be silent or stand up." - Malala Yousafzai

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

With your help,
we assisted
245 children!

Thanks to our amazing and committed community, 245 children affected by violence in Orange and Sullivan Counties were able to start the year with the proper tools to help them succeed in school.

Brand-new backpacks and essential school supplies did more than positively impact their educational experience; they also brought a sense of normalcy and comfort when needed.

Thank you!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), and throughout the month, Fearless! held many different events, workshops, and projects to honor victims, empower survivors, and educate our community on the complexity of domestic violence and how to find help. In addition, we recognized the month with the focus of #Every1KnowsSome1 to highlight just how common domestic abuse is - because everyone knows someone who is a victim and knows someone who is an abuser.

- **1 in 3 women** will be a victim of domestic or sexual violence
- **3 women** are killed each day by someone claiming to love them

#Every1KnowsSome1

During the month Fearless! hosted in-person and virtual events, shared content on social media, and showcased 'The Clothesline Project' throughout Orange and Sullivan Counties.

THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT



CLOTHESLINE LOCATIONS

- Orange County Government Center, Goshen
- Fearless! Business Office, Newburgh
- Galleria at Crystal Run, Middletown
- Cornerstone Family Healthcare, Newburgh
- Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello
- Veteran's Memorial Park, Port Jervis





SPEAK OUT

AGAINST
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE

We asked our fellow community partners, elected officials, supporters, and collaborative partners to SPEAK OUT during DVAM because one system alone cannot and will not stop domestic violence in its tracks.

We are grateful to all our partners, supporters, and our state and local representatives for using their platform and voice to help change the narrative about domestic violence because it is NOT a private family matter, and it DOES affect us all.

Check out, listen, and share their SPEAK OUT messages on our Facebook Page @fearlesshv.



Congressman
Antonio Delgado

Senator
James Skoufis

Senator
Mike Martucci

Assemblymember
Jonathan Jacobson

Sullivan Legislator
Nadia Rajsz

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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FHV Board Member

I joined Fearless! because I wanted to be a part of an organization that impacts women, children, and underserved members of our community. As a member of Fearless! I have witnessed firsthand the passion and commitment of the members of this organization in the daily work they do with the community. It was important to me to engage with an agency in the non-profit sector that addressed such crucial subjects as domestic violence and human trafficking in my local community.

Leslie Brown, CPA

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WE CAN BE HEROES!

OCTOBER 2, 2021
5K RUN/WALK
THOMAS BULL MEMORIAL PARK

2021 Race Committee

David Goggins
Jacki Murray
Lisa Daily
Spero Chumas
Terry Murray



We had a SUPER race day at our 4th Annual We Can Be Heroes 5K & Kids Fun Run! Thank you to all who came to run/walk and cheer participants on, it truly warmed our hearts! The day would not have been successful without YOU, the support of our incredible sponsors, as well as our Race Committee and volunteers.





CELEBRATION OF HOPE *Gala*



Thank you to everyone who joined, donated, and shared our **35th Anniversary Celebration of Hope Gala**.
With your help and support, we raised over **\$32,000**.

We value and appreciate each of you - community members, businesses, and organizations who contributed to making this year's virtual Gala a success.
We couldn't do our important work without you!



OUR FEARLESS! HOSTS

Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier, Executive Director
Sarita Green, Associate Director

Kellyann and Sarita announced that in September we will be 'Swinging Fore Hope', at our 1st ever Golf Tournament!

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Take a step back in time as we celebrate our achievements as an agency within our community and see what we have accomplished. Watch this quick glimpse of that work, how we've grown, and the people who made it all possible.

[CLICK HERE](#)



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OUR 2021 **FEARLESS!** honorees

Throughout the night we introduced and honored five incredible humans who have dedicated themselves to helping others, especially those affected by violence. These extraordinary, courageous, talented, and selfless humans all made a significant impact within their communities. There will never be enough words to describe the impact these individuals have made.

It's truly an honor to call them all Fearless! Friends.



Honorees Karen Quiana (L) and Leslie Linksman (R)
FHV Board Chair, Christine Fitzgerald (C)

Honoree Kim Dadou Brown (R)
Annie-Bell Brown, Kim's Wife (L)

Honoree Terry Murray (R)
FHV Board Member Liz O'Halloran (L)



Hope Award

PRESENTED TO

KIM DADOU BROWN

Kim is a domestic violence survivor who served 17 years in prison for defending herself from her abuser. During the eleven years she's been home, Kim has spoken publicly to a wide variety of audiences about the intersection of trauma and women's incarceration at conferences, panels, forums, and symposiums.

Most recently, Kim was a featured Survivor at the Brooklyn Film Festival in the award-winning documentary, 'And So I Stayed.' Kim has also conducted numerous interviews about her experiences and ideas for change, and has lobbied and testified in Albany for legislative changes for survivors in the criminal justice system. Kim has been a leading voice in the passage of the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act. Kim's story and advocacy efforts have been featured in prominent media sources, including

The New York Times, The Appeal, Huffington Post, among many other publications. Kim's story was also featured on New York 1 and New York NOW and appeared as a guest expert on the Melissa Harris-Perry show. Mrs. Dadou Brown was a leading member of the Coalition for Women Prisoners' Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act's ten-year-long Campaign



Good Neighbor Award

KAREN QUIANA & LESLIE LINKSMAN

FROM **LQ DESIGN**

Leslie Linksman and Karen Quiana founded LQ Design in 2008 as a boutique firm that provides interior and landscape design services throughout the metropolitan region. With a keen understanding of the impact that good design can have on the quality of life for the inhabitants and users of a space, they were honored to be given the opportunity to assist the Fearless! Team in creating a warm, welcoming new home for their staff and clients. Moving ahead, they look forward to engaging their professional network to contribute additional resources to Fearless! so that they may provide comfort, security, and serenity for those seeking shelter.

Jessica was previously a Child Protective Service Worker before becoming an FBI Agent in 1990. She has worked in the Violent Crimes Unit, primarily focusing on Crimes Against Children in the New York Office for the last 27 years. She is currently assigned to the Hudson Valley Safe Streets Task Force.



Family Justice Center Award

PRESENTED TO
SPECIAL AGENT

JESSICA MILLER



Jane Chertock
Legacy Award

PRESENTED TO

TERRY MURRAY

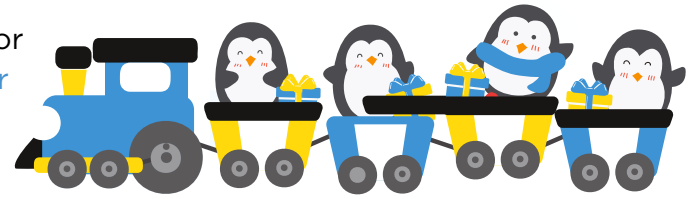
Terry's belief in and support of the work of Safe Homes/ Fearless! was inspired by his wife Jacqueline's work with Lisa Daily and David Goggins in founding this organization and nurturing its infancy and childhood. What amazing company to travel with! As Safe Homes grew and recently transformed to Fearless!, Terry has found ways to support its work by painting a mural at the original shelter, volunteering at events, supporting its move to the Newburgh YMCA, creating graphic work in support of its mission and ongoing work, teaching many of its staff in the Humanistic/ Multicultural education Graduate Program, helping organize fundraising events like the You Can Be Heroes 5K run/walk, and creating a second mural for the new Fearless! Shelter.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY *for the holidays*

502 CHILDREN
FROM **218** FAMILIES

Your generosity and kindness ensured that our 2021 Adopt-a-Family Program was immensely successful this past holiday season. With your help, Fearless! provided gifts for 502 children from 218 families - *that's more than any year since our program began!*

502 is an incredible number, and we owe that success to you, our community, as you opened your hearts wider than ever. Thank you for helping one family at a time, making a difference, and initiating change.



THANK YOU!



GRANTS & COMMUNITY FUNDS

Fearless Hudson Valley is grateful to Senator James Skoufis, Assemblymember Johnathan Jacobson, and the Bonacic Community Foundation for their continued support and advocacy. Words cannot fully express our gratitude and how critical these funds are for victims and survivors of abuse.

Check Presentation Press Conference

Senator Skoufis secured:

- \$65,000 in annual state budget funding
- \$25,000 allocation aimed at violence reduction
- \$125,000 grant to outfit our new facility

L-R: Kristen Detheridge - Communications and Marketing Coordinator, Sarita Green - Associate Director, Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier - Executive Director, Senator Skoufis, Melissa Shippy - Residential Service Director, and Board Chair Members Crystal Johnson and Christine Fitzgerald.



Check Presentation Press Conference

Assemblymember Jacobson secured \$30,000 Grant for our Domestic Violence Prevention Program

L-R: Rosemary Schwartzberg - Executive Assistant, Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier - Executive Director, Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, Sarita Green - Associate Director, and Kristen Detheridge - Communications and Marketing Coordinator.

“Ensuring there is adequate funding for direct services, prevention and education is critical if we want to work towards a world free of violence and abuse. We must prevent it from happening in the first place, and the first step is education.”

- Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier



Check Presentation at FHV Business Office

Bonacic Community Foundation presented a \$10,000 Grant to outfit and gather some of the needed supplies for our new emergency shelter. During the meeting Fearless! shared shelter plans for the confidential shelter in Orange County.

L-R: Scott Bonacic, Melissa Bonacic, Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier -Executive Director



OUR GENEROUS DONORS & SUPPORTERS



Ada Lara, our 2019 Jane Chertock Legacy Award recipient, raised \$1080, in honor of her late mother, who was taken from this world far too soon.

“Giving back to an organization that helped me during a hard time, in order to help others just like me, makes me feel great. It feels like a great way to honor my mom.”

Ada also delivered coloring gift packages that one of her classmates put together on her behalf.

Alana Malek hosted a children’s book drive for the new shelter by partnering with Usborne Books & More and their Literacy for a Lifetime grant matching program. With your support of \$260 in donations, Alana purchased \$390 worth of books and workbooks representing different races, disabilities, languages, sexual orientations, and religions.



Stiletto's on Steel Hudson Valley Westchester Chapter stuffed over 50 purses each filled with toiletries, health and beauty essentials, and menstrual products.



*Thank!
You.*



Kate Bradatsch, Licensed Esthetician and Owner of La Pêche Boutique collected boxes of hair care items and \$1,800 during their month-long Domestic Violence Awareness Drive.

The Shop - Custom Tattoo Studio hosted 'Treat for Treat' at the Upfront Gallery, a night filled with scary fun, spooky art, and ghoulish music all to benefit Fearless! Those who brought items off our wishlist received a gift certificate for their next tattoo.



Amal at Cream Newburgh Boutique hosted a coat drive on our behalf.

Diaper and menstrual products donation from AME Zion Church of Newburgh





Sashauna Coleman and a group of neighbor volunteers came together and donated over a hundred pounds worth of turkeys for our Thanksgiving Baskets.

Sonia donated sanitary products, cleaning products and soaps.



Willow Avenue Elementary School during their PTO Stuff-a-Bus event donated over 300 toys to Fearless!



Blessed By Nature & Exquisite Addictions donated Christmas gifts good bags.



SWING FORE HOPE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

 **Monday, September 12, 2022**
Registration 10AM | Shotgun Start 11AM

 **The Country Club at Otterkill**
100 Otter Road, Campbell Hall, NY 10916

FEARLESS!
RECLAIMING OUR SAFETY



A FOUR-PERSON
SCRAMBLE
to benefit
Fearless! Hudson Valley

REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- 18-Holes of Play on a Private Course
- Golf Cart and Golfer Gift
- Breakfast and Lunch
- On-Course Snacks and Drinks
- Cocktail Dinner, Beer and Wine
- Contests, Awards and Prizes

NOT A GOLFER?

Join us at our post-golf reception for a cocktail dinner, awards, open bar, & raffles.

REGISTER TO PLAY
& SIGN UP TO BE A SPONSOR
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THE 5TH ANNUAL

5K RUN/WALK & KIDS FUN RUN

 **Sunday, October 16, 2022**

 **Orange County Airport, Montgomery, NY**



SAVE THE DATE
& **STAY INFORMED**

fearlesshv.org/heroesrun



WE LOOK FORWARD TO RUNNING THE RUNWAY WITH YOU!

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