

THE SILVERLEAF SUPPORTER

A newsletter promoting awareness of sexual violence & child abuse in our communities.



Our mission is to promote the health and well-being of our communities by overcoming the impact and prevalence of sexual trauma through service, education, and leadership.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to Silverleaf's first newsletter. Our goal is to provide you with quarterly updates on what is happening at our center and in our communities. We've started out 2023 with energy and excitement. We are fully operating out of our new Forensic Annex building and we are happy to report that we have all our positions filled! Our teams are outlining strategic planning and goals for the year ahead. And, as an agency, we are thoughtfully considering how we will meet the demand of two major impacts in this year: 1. The roll out of the state-wide Multidisciplinary Enhancement Project, which is estimated to increase referrals to Silverleaf by 33%, and 2. The population increase in our communities as a result of new industries and workforce opportunities. We are excited, and feel prepared, to tackle whatever 2023 may bring!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our BUILT TO THRIVE Art Auction Fundraiser is Back for 2023!

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This year's event will be held at The House on Helm.

Tickets available at biddingowl.com/Silverleaf

SERVICES

- Community Outreach
- Crisis Intervention
- Forensic Interviews
- Medicals
- Information & Referrals
- Mental Health Therapy
- Prevention Education
- Victim & Family Advocacy
- Volunteer Program

840

CLIENTS SERVED

4418

SERVICES PROVIDED

8961

EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Cathy (AKA Momma Brown) is married to the love of her life, John, and they reside in Glendale on John's family farm. Cathy lovingly refers to her husband as "Farmer Brown." Between the two they have five children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. In her spare time, Cathy loves to cook for her family, friends, and coworkers. When she is not in the kitchen you may find her outside in the garden or working on furniture projects. She is a member of the WAGS Pet Therapy group and is currently training her dog Sammy to become a therapy dog. Cathy also belongs to "The Fillies Blankets of Hope." The Fillies are breast cancer survivors who make blankets that are donated to hospitals to give to patients going through treatment. As a recipient of one of the blankets she later decided to join the organization. When these ladies are not making blankets, they are planning events to support survivors and those currently going through treatment. This summer she will be going on a cruise to Alaska with The Fillies. Cathy has a love for theater and has acted in several productions with Hardin County Playhouse and Whodunnit Murder Mystery Theater in Louisville. She and her husband enjoy music and have traveled the United States to see some of their favorite artists such as Andrea Bocelli, Celtic Woman, The Eagles, Aerosmith, and Trans-Siberian Orchestra.



Prior to coming to work at Silverleaf, Cathy was the Manager of New Office Operations for Aspen Dental. During her time there she helped get over one hundred offices throughout the United States. In 2019, she was diagnosed with a recurrence of breast cancer and decided to put her career on hold and focus on healing. It was always her dream to work for a non-profit so when she decided to go back to work, she started with Silverleaf as the Coordinator of Support Services. Seven months later she was offered the Forensic Coordinator position. Silverleaf's mission is near and dear to Cathy's heart as a close family member and one of her best friends were victims of sexual abuse. She feels humbled to be a part of this team and to see the positive impact that Silverleaf makes in our community. Not only did she find her dream job, but she gets to do it with some of the kindest most loving people on the planet.

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COMMUNITY

This quarter, Senator Matt Deneen, Rep. Nancy Tate, and Capt. Jeremy Smith, KSP Post Commander, toured our new Forensic Annex, learned about the latest updates at our agency, and discussed ways we can better serve our communities. We appreciate their time and willingness to discuss how we can work together to make our communities stronger!



Left to Right: Senator Matt Deneen, Representative Nancy Tate, and Captain Jeremy Smith

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

This will be a place for Silverleaf to share its successes. This quarter, our Prevention Team has been hard at work ensuring our children and community understand how to recognize and report abuse. There have been multiple instances of people reaching out for services with us due to seeing or hearing something in the community from our Prevention Team. Most recently, we received a volunteer who heard about Silverleaf when their child brought home a flyer from their school. She decided to volunteer after doing some research on our agency. Often, it is hardest for our Prevention Specialists to see their impact. But, when we continue to hear stories like these, we can assure them that they make a difference!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

SHINING STARS: FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING

A Survivor-Led Support Group for Women 21+ Who Have Experienced Sexual Violence

Dinner & Child Group Provided

Group meets weekly on Tuesday, from 5-7 pm.

Call 270-234-9236 for more details.



GET INVOLVED

April is Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Please refer to the back of this newsletter for related events.

Volunteer with Silverleaf! All volunteers and new staff are required to complete a 40-hour training before having direct client interaction. We spread this out over 7 weeks to make it more accessible for those who are interested. To volunteer, you must meet the following requirements outlined by 922 KAR 8:010:

- Be eighteen (18) years of age;
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- Complete the 40-hour training

What can volunteers do?

- Community Outreach & Support
- Administrative Assistance to Staff
- Team and Group Support as needed
- Organization & Upkeep of Silverleaf Facility

Silverleaf is also open to students who are interested in completing their practicum or internship here. The requirements are the same as regular volunteers; however, we do include an interview process to ensure we can meet each other's needs.

If you're interested in volunteering, you can apply online at <https://silverleafky.org/volunteer/apply-to-volunteer/> or reach out to Emily Neel at eneel@silverleafky.org. Trainings are held quarterly.



SEXUAL ASSAULT & CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

2023

APRIL 5

WEAR TEAL FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

Teal is the color for sexual assault awareness. Join us in wearing teal to show your support for sexual violence prevention & survivors of sexual violence. [#WeWearTealKY](#)

APRIL 12

WEAR GREEN FOR BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

A Green Dot is any behavior, choice, word, or attitude that promotes safety for everyone and communicates intolerance for rape, partner violence, or stalking. [#GreenDotKY](#)

APRIL 19

CHALK THE WALK

Use chalk to write messages of awareness, hope, prevention, and support for survivors of sexual assault. Stop by our office if you need supplies! [#ChalkTheWalkKY](#)

APRIL 22

ART AUCTION

You don't want to miss our annual Art Auction! Art from local artists will be available to bid on through an online and live auction. Follow us on social media for more details.

APRIL 26

DENIM DAY

We wear denim to protest sexual violence and remind others that no matter what someone is wearing, they are never asking to be sexually assaulted. [#DenimDay2023](#)



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