

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

The second quarter of the year is always full of activity. April brings Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness month, and this year a great one! We saw an increase in community members participating in events like “Chalk the Walk” and “Denim Day.” We had two agencies provide fundraisers for us: Wired Rooster’s Women’s in Business Expo and the Elizabethtown Jr. Women’s Club Tea in the Garden. And, we had our annual Art Fundraiser at the beautiful House on Helm!

In May, we stopped to catch our breath while still providing community outreach and trainings. We have put out informational kiosks in all 8 of our counties including libraries, clerks offices, coffee shops and restaurants, and even a gas station!

In June, we were back at it with another fundraiser. On the 2nd, our first of two Concerts & Cocktails raffles happened with a prize package valued at over \$700. We’ll have our 2nd raffle showing up in August. I cannot express how much we are blessed by so many individuals and agencies who support our mission and survivors.

SAVE THE DATE

Our BUILT TO THRIVE Art Fundraiser is back for 2024!



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SERVICES

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

921

CLIENTS SERVED

3512

SERVICES PROVIDED

5899

EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

I am Teresa N. Brown and I have been with Silverleaf for almost 2 years, as a Crisis Response Specialist. I provide crisis intervention for callers on the 24-hour crisis line and in-person medical advocacy for sexual assault patients at the hospitals in our service area. I am originally from Brunswick, Georgia, a small east coast town about 30 minutes from Jacksonville, Florida. I moved to Kentucky in 2005.

I always tell people that sometimes we come across our passions without looking for them. I was just looking for a job when I started planning my move to Kentucky. I ended up at Vocational Rehabilitation working with people with disabilities. This has turned into an 18-year career because I found what I knew to be my calling. I was just looking for a part-time job when I spoke with Emily at Silverleaf. Speaking with people on the crisis line and being able to give them a safe space to talk about something so traumatic, has really opened my eyes. It's not just a part-time job. It is a feeling that I am helping someone cope, I am helping someone talk their way through to healing.



It has been challenging being reminded of my own trauma; I remember being 8 years old and feeling like no one would understand. I don't think we had somewhere like Silverleaf around at that time. I've learned that through my experience, I can help a child who is the age I was to know that someone understands. It's hard to be brave and speak about what happened. Last year, I went to Ireland, England, and Wales and it was an experience I will never forget. We toured castles, I kissed the Blarney Stone, and I left all my stamina over there, but I wouldn't trade the experience! I watch a lot of British murder mysteries and being able to see the places I've only seen on tv was a dream come true. And, I also read historical romance novels based in Ireland, England, or Wales. But there aren't many people that know that about me.

SPECIAL THANKS

Wired Rooster	American Legion 113
Catherine Corbett	Joy Swope
Melanie VanTassel	Richard Urbach
Progressive Insurance	Nancy Tate
First Christian Church	Norma Hatfield
Ben Loyall	Salt River Electric
Wanda O'Daniel	Marie Stoltzfus
Women's Club of Etown	Jerwin Sensei
Etown Jr Women's Club	
Modern Woodmen of America	
United Way of Central Kentucky	
Swope Family of Dealerships	

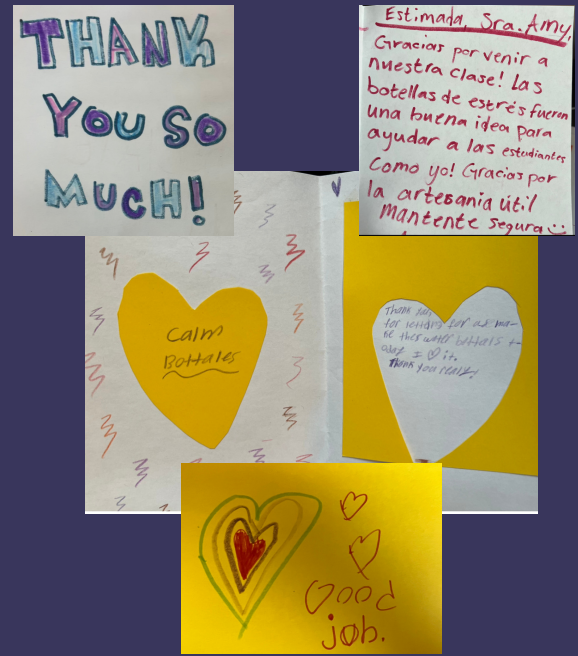


Thank you to all who participated in our BUILT TO THRIVE Art Fundraiser by purchasing tickets, art items, and making donations. In addition to all of the beautiful art donated by our talented community, we would also like to thank the following:

Live Artists: Fred Martin, Alexandra Stewart, Dusty Siravo, Margaret Cooney, Body Tailor Tattoos, and Anaya Ellis. Auctioneer: Bruce Reeves. Food & Beverages: Food Obsessions Catering, Scout & Scholar, Chuckleberry Winery. Sponsors: Cornerstone of Hope, Jim & Marcy DuPlessis, Abound Credit Union, Legacy PT, KERR Workplace Solutions, and Rotary Club of Hodgenville, KY. Photographer: Marnie Clagett

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

If you live in this area, and you have kids in school, you may have come into contact with one of our Prevention Specialists. They present on a variety of topics, including Body Safety, Healthy Relationships, Internet Safety, Bystander Intervention, Sexual Assault Awareness, Recognizing the Signs of Child Abuse, and many more. This year, they began a pilot curriculum for Self-Care and Self-Esteem, starting in just a couple of elementary schools. The response has been amazing and they're being asked to expand the program. Here are some thank you cards they received from Old Kentucky Home Middle School, in Bardstown, KY.



COMMUNITY

April was Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. As always, we were humbled by the outpouring of support from the communities we serve. We had many events on the calendar, with our Art Gallery Fundraiser finishing the month off. We want to send a huge thank you to everyone who participated in one or more of our events. YOU'RE THE BEST!



SAAPM Kick Off



Wear Teal for Sexual Assault Awareness



Wear Blue for Child Abuse Awareness



Wear Green for Green Dot Bystander Intervention



Denim Day



SHARP Motorcycle Ride



Chalk the Walk



Hands Project



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Art Gallery Fundraiser



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