

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.

SURVIVE TO THRIVE
ART AUCTION
4.20.2024

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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4:30 | Preview Event-The Art of Spirits
6:00 | Main Event-Art Auction



812
CLIENTS
SERVED

4004
SERVICES
PROVIDED

8581
EDUCATION
PARTICIPANTS

FROM THE DIRECTOR

It has been a hard season here at Silverleaf. Our agency has been challenged on multiple fronts, both externally and internally. During a recent meeting, I told staff that when I get ready for work in the morning, I put on my makeup, my clothes, my boxing gloves and my face mask....wondering how much offense and defense I'll need for the day ahead. It's exhausting. We are exhausted. And yet, we get up and keep doing it.

I think the agency has been riding on a high for the past few years. We have been growing, adding programs, reaching more, serving more, doing more. And, although it has been positive, the pace isn't sustainable...or healthy. An agency must be able to withstand challenges to remain for the long-haul. Even nature teaches us that resistance and opposition is needed to endure.

Diamonds, one of the most precious elements in the world, can only be formed under high pressure and temperature. The carbon atoms are squeezed so much that they start touching more atoms. It is only at extreme pressure and temperatures that the atoms bond with 4 others, to result in a diamond.

Good wine (some would also say a precious element in the world), is best grown when water is just within reach. Rocky soil requires the roots to stretch, seek and adapt to get to the water. When this happens, wine is produced with beautiful, concentrated flavors. But, if there is too much water, the fruit is "overblown."

Our mission requires us to be solid, stable, bonded, strong, and focused. It requires us to withstand the pressures of our mission and concentrate on who we serve. We can't risk being so-so, almost or overblown. Survivors deserve better. Our communities deserve better. And so, we are in a hard season...and we will be better for it.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Amy Hanninen

Prevention Team Manager

I have been with Silverleaf for 18 years. It was never my plan to be here this long, but I love my job. I love being a superhero and changing the world through my work. One thing I wish people knew about Prevention is the importance of understanding boundaries and recognizing that it is NOT the stranger in the white van. Talking about consent and abuse does not make it happen - knowledge is power. We cannot stop abuse if we stick our heads in the sand; it takes conversations with everyone.

I grew up in Wisconsin and have been lucky enough to travel the world due to my husband serving in the Army. One thing people don't know about me that would surprise them is that I was a twin and I do not have a uvula. I am also a 2-time cancer survivor - Stage 3 Cervical and Stage 4 Thyroid. It is important to cherish and find the positives in each day. We are all superheroes!

My favorite pastimes include painting, yoga, and reading mystery books. I also love (well am obsessed with, The Wizard of Oz and identify with) the Wicked Witch. The superpower I would most love to have is the power of the Ruby Red Slippers to transport me anywhere with a simple click of the heels and the power to fly. My favorite destination is New Orleans because of the culture and food. I also threaten my family that if I run away, I'll be in New Orleans.

Thank You

We are beyond thankful for all of the support we receive from the communities we serve. Whether it is monetary or through time and service, we could not continue this work without you. This quarter, we want to thank the following:

- Individual Donors
- PayPal Giving
- Kroger Community Rewards
- Nolin RECC
- Cross
- City of Hodgenville
- Volunteers
- Leitchfield Women's Club
- Lincoln Trail ADD Board of Directors
- Larue County Chamber of Commerce
- Central Kentucky Community Foundation
- SpringHaven Domestic Violence Program
- Elizabethtown Noon Rotary
- Crowne Pointe Theatre
- Bob Knoll Photography

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Leslie Hall was recognized as our 2024 Legendary Partner at the Legendary Partner Award Ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort, alongside Legendary Partners from around the state! Leslie has spent the majority of her career as a FRYSC in Hardin County Schools. She has also served on the Board of Directors at Silverleaf since 2014.

Her dedication and advocacy have truly made a difference, and we're proud to have her as a member of our team. Congratulations, Leslie, on this well-deserved recognition!



COMMUNITY



Silverleaf staff participated in Wear Blue Day, donning shades of blue to raise awareness for Human Trafficking.



Dr. Jillian Carden joined Dawne Gee (WAVE-TV) to discuss Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Thank you to Crowne Pointe Theatre for securing the interview!



February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Silverleaf was joined by SpringHaven Domestic Violence Program in wearing orange to raise awareness.



Andrea Marshall-Powell and Amber Hensley attended the CASA of the Heartland Luncheon to receive agency updates and celebrate their many successes this year!



Silverleaf held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to thank and honor all of our selfless and passionate volunteers. We are so thankful for their dedication and willingness to step in whenever and wherever needed.



Victim Advocates Kelly McCormack and Tremayne Williams helped kick off Child Abuse Awareness Month by planting pinwheels with the Baptist Health Hardin SANE Program.

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT & CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

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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

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WEAR BLUE FOR CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS!

Blue is the color for child abuse awareness. Join us in wearing blue to show your support for child abuse prevention. #WearBlue4KYKids

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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 and survivors of sexual victimization. #WeWearTealKy

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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.

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SURVIVE TO THRIVE ART FUNDRAISER!

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.

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DENIM DAY!

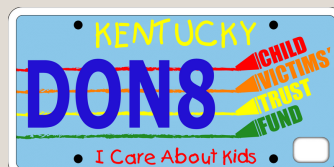
We wear denim to protest sexual violence and remind others that no matter what someone is wearing, they are never asking to be sexually assaulted. #DenimDay2024



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24/7 Crisis Line: 270.234.9236

Chat: Text 'HELLO' to 270.81.VOICE



All are welcome!