

The Silverleaf Supporter

Promoting awareness of sexual violence 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

2026 has started, and we are in a full sprint! January kicked off with the launch of our children's book, *My Brave Voice*. These books have been distributed to local law enforcement and DCBS workers to hand out to children and their families before arriving for a forensic interview. February and March saw a couple of groups being offered, including i.C.A.R.E., which is an educational and support group for adult survivors and family members. Andrea Marshall-Powell (Family Advocate) also started a financial literacy group at Wesley Hilltop. "Got Change" has consistently seen 20+ attendees and has included community partners to help with education and resources. This group will wrap up in April.

Speaking of April, several events have been taking place in preparation for Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month. Kickoff events were held in Frankfort by both KASAP and CACKY. At each event, Silverleaf was able to honor the efforts and partnership of local individuals: Kristina Tapio & the Baptist Health Hardin SANE team, and Detective Eric Williamson of the Bardstown Police Department. Silverleaf was also able to attend pinwheel plantings hosted by CASA of the Heartland. And, of course, we are looking forward to our annual Survive to Thrive Art Auction. The art donated is amazing, as usual. The online auction is up and running. And, we are so excited for our live artists and the event which will be at House on Helm on April 18th.

While all these events and highlights are happening, I don't want you to miss the constant, behind-the-scenes service being provided every day by our team of dedicated staff. Hospital advocacy in the middle of the night. Crisis calls. Court accompaniment. Disclosures of abuse after a classroom presentation. Therapy sessions with survivors doing the hard work to heal from their trauma. Staff having to mentally rally after their client just shared the horror of what happened to them. The everyday grind of being available to those in need...and honestly, we are so honored to do it.

-Dr. Jillian Carden

January - March 2026

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

512

CLIENTS

2752

SERVICES

SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM

247

CLIENTS

1735

SERVICES

PREVENTION EDUCATION

359

PRESENTATIONS

9074

PARTICIPANTS

Staff Spotlight



Amie K. Messman, Accountant

I have been the Accountant for Silverleaf for over 8 years and bring more than 30 years of experience working with non-profits, including hospitals, community colleges, HUD housing, and workshops serving individuals with developmental disabilities. My husband, Tom, and I will celebrate 11 years of marriage this June. Through our marriage, I gained two wonderful sons—Daniel (21) and Travis (19). Our family also includes two four-legged companions, Jacob and Peanut, who are Boston Terriers. I feel truly blessed to work alongside the dedicated staff at Silverleaf, who give so much to support and strengthen our community.

Surprising Fact About Me: I love doing laundry and canning vegetables. Both give the pleasure of seeing my work accumulate and assist me later when I reach for a certain shirt or jar of beans. I also have more pictures on my phone of Jacob and Peanut than I do of any other family member.

My Favorite Pastime: Reading with a cup of tea is my typical weekend. I also love spending time with my husband, going on vacations, or watching him race his car.

Volunteer Spotlight



Evelyn Schnee, Volunteer since 2022

Surprising Fact About Me: I've hiked rim to rim of the Grand Canyon on three separate trips, staying at Phantom Ranch for a night or two before finishing the hike to the opposite rim.

Desired Superpower: To live free from fear.

Favorite Pastime: Reading

Favorite Destination: Yellowstone - Primarily because of the rivers and fly fishing, but also riding my bike in the park before it opened in the spring so it would be just me and the herds of bison on the roads. On more than one occasion, I was able to reach out on either side and touch a bison walking past.

What aspects of Silverleaf's purpose do you identify with?: Providing a nurturing, safe place for people who have been traumatized... a place to rest and heal.

One thing I wish others knew about volunteering with Silverleaf: That the staff and other volunteers are strong support group.

Community



Silverleaf joined partners from across the state at KASAP's "Building a Safer Kentucky" press event to kick off Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Kristina Tapio, Baptist Health Hardin SANE Program Manager, was presented with the BRAVE Award for her outstanding commitment to survivors.



Children's Advocacy Centers of KY held the kickoff for Child Abuse Prevention Month in Frankfort. Silverleaf joined other CACs and community partners to recognize this year's Legendary Partners. Silverleaf was honored to nominate Detective Eric Williamson of the Bardstown Police Department for his dedication and support of children and families.



After identifying a lack of developmentally appropriate resources for children preparing for forensic interviews, Dr. Kimberly Mudd-Fegett, Forensic Interviewer, partnered with Dr. Jillian Carden, Executive Director, and Morgan Trask, Crisis Response Specialist, to create this trauma-informed guide for children... "My Brave Voice."



The Silverleaf Board of Directors recognized and celebrated Meredith Dubree. Meredith began serving on the Board in March 2020. We are deeply grateful for the time, leadership, and heart she has invested in Silverleaf's mission.



A sweet surprise from our partners at Ft. Knox! Special Agent Matthew Degeer from the Criminal Investigation Division stopped by Silverleaf with a tray of cookies for our team. We're grateful for the continued support and strong community partnerships that help sustain this work!



Tracy Jones, Volunteer, representing Silverleaf at the LaRue County Extension Expo. Silverleaf participated in the following awareness events this quarter:

- Hardin County Health & Human Services Expo
- Larue County Community Baby Shower
- Goodwill KY Partner Days
- Hardin County Teen Expo
- Twin Lakes Medical Center Hope & Healing Expo
- 2nd Annual Ribbon Lighting - Fort Knox

Mission Moments

Amanda had a client in session who was in crisis and very anxious. She asked Grace [Victim Advocate] to come speak to the client because she had already been to two EPO court sessions with her. Amanda stated that as soon as they heard Grace's voice and then saw her, the client visibly relaxed. Grace's presence brought calm to the client in the midst of her anxiety.

"A friend of mine is a teacher. We met over the weekend, and she mentioned that Sonji had come to her class to do a presentation. My friend praised Sonji for being professional, engaging, and really connecting with the students."

[Ashley, Victim Advocate, in court with a client] "She supported them all so very well! She and Grace colored with the child and helped [them] with [their] Christmas list during the long hours of waiting in a cooped-up room. Ashley was there to bring comfort to the child after [they] finished a very difficult time of testifying and having to point out [their abuser] in court. Ashley stayed upbeat and supportive throughout the whole day. She was great with the child and the family.

[Client experiencing harassment at school] "With the client's permission, I invited Amy [Prevention Team Manager] to join the session today. Amy provided incredible support - offering unconditional positive regard while also educating the client."

"I received a call from one of our community partners regarding a sexual abuse disclosure from a child. When we have a young victim, it is critical that we get them in ASAP. I can confidently say that I never ever wonder if Dr. Mudd will be able to do it. She ALWAYS says yes and we make it happen."

"Just got off the phone with a new Intake, who could not give enough praise to Jana [Crisis Response Specialist] and her help at the hospital. She stated she was there for her when she literally had no one, was alone, and scared."

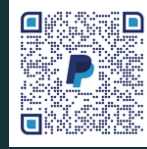
New Staff



Rachel Blevins
Prevention Specialist

Giving

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Survive to Thrive

ART AUCTION

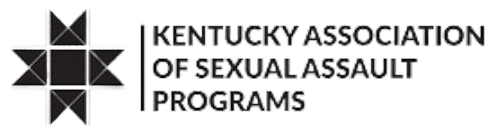
The Art of Being Seen

APRIL 18, 2026
HOUSE ON HELM
ELIZABETHTOWN, KY

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Chat: Text 'HELLO' to 270.81.VOICE



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EVENT SCHEDULE

for SAAM & CAPM 2026

APRIL 3

Wear Blue Day

Support child abuse prevention by wearing blue.
#WearBlue4KyKids

APRIL 7

Wear Teal Day

Support sexual assault prevention by wearing teal.
#WeWearTealKy

APRIL 15

Chalk The Walk

Share messages of support on sidewalks + streets.
#ChalkTheWalkKy

APRIL 18

Survive To Thrive Art Auction

Join us for our 6th Annual Art Auction + Preview Event.
Tickets available: new.biddingowl.com/silverleaf

APRIL 22

Wear Green Day

Promote bystander intervention by wearing green.
#GreenDotKy

APRIL 29

Denim Day

Support sexual assault prevention by wearing denim.
#DenimDay2026



24/7 Crisis & Support Services

Live Chat: silverleafky.org
Crisis Line: (270) 234-9236
Text Line: Send HELLO to (270) 818-6423

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