

Response



Celebrating 45 years of Providing Hope & Healing

Purpose: To help survivors of sexual and domestic violence through outreach, advocacy, education and support services

NEW CLIENTS

133

FINANCIAL/ TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

306

EMERGENCY SHELTER/HOUSING

70

ADULT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS SERVED

93

ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS SERVED

50

JUVENILE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS SERVED

70



JUVENILE SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS SERVED

23

**INDIVIDUALS SERVED & SERVICES PROVIDED
1/1/24 - 12/31/24**

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MEET THE TEAM

OUR STAFF

Executive Director: Beth Ogle
Program Director: Sabrina Shirkey
Shelter Services Coordinator: Stephanie Good
Sexual & Domestic Violence Services Coordinator: Sarah Hulver
Children & Youth Services Coordinator: Vacant
Primary Prevention Coordinator: Savannah Miller
Court & Community Collaboration Coordinator: Caitlin Southers
Volunteer & Outreach Services Coordinator: Becky Wood
Shelter Supervisors: Vivian Rinker



OUR BOARD

President: Rhonda Lively
Vice-President: Brenda Rosenberger
Secretary: Joy Nault
Treasurer: Linda May

Board Members:

Madison Albright, Brandy Boies,
 Mirah Fields, Nikki Grant, Rhonda Hill,
 Whitney Mauck, Christina Swartz,
 Michael Wymer

OUR SERVICES

Domestic & Sexual Violence
 Advocacy & Support
 Emergency Hotline & Shelter
 Services
 Court Accompaniment Service
 Children & Youth Education,
 Presentations & Support
 Primary Prevention Classes &
 Presentations



EMPOWERMENT PARTNERS



Join us! We are looking for some committed members of the community to become sustaining sponsors of our Empowerment Partner program. The funds raised through this program enable Response to provide assistance to clients in overcoming barriers they may face in their path to healing. Several services we assist with are not financially covered by our grants, such as replacing vital records, covering transportation, or helping to purchase necessary medications.

Starting with just \$10 a month, you can provide ongoing support for our clients by opening opportunities in their journey to independence.

If you are interested in joining the Empowerment Partners, give us a call (540) 459-5599 or visit our website responseva.org/become-an-empowerment-partner

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS!

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year marks a significant milestone for Response: 45 years of unwavering dedication to supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence. As we celebrate this anniversary, we reflect on the incredible journey that has shaped us into the agency we are today.

Started in 1980 by a group of passionate advocates, our organization began as a small grassroots effort, fueled by a vision of community support to free neighbors from violence. Over the past four and a half decades, we have grown into a comprehensive support network, offering crisis intervention, accompaniment, case management, shelter, prevention, and educational programs that empower individuals and strengthen our community.

Our success would not be possible without the dedication of our founders, staff, board, volunteers, and community partners. Their compassion and tireless efforts have changed countless lives, providing survivors with the necessary resources and hope to rebuild. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our mission.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to serving our community, raising awareness, and advocating for lasting change. With your continued support, we will build on our legacy and create a safer, more compassionate community for all.

We invite you to celebrate this milestone with us at various fundraising and awareness events this year. Our upcoming events are listed on our website, www.responseva.org. Together, we can honor our history while looking forward to a brighter future. Thank you for standing with us for 45 years. Here's to many more years of impact and hope!

With immense gratitude,

Beth Ogle, Executive Director Response, Inc.

THANK YOU CELEBRATION OF HOPE 5K GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS!



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TOURNAMENT**



THE INTERSECTION OF HOUSING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Housing instability is a devastating reality for many survivors of domestic violence, often forcing them to choose between enduring abuse or facing homelessness. Securing stable housing is even more challenging with rising housing costs and limited availability.

A major barrier is financial abuse, where abusers deliberately damage survivors' credit, drain their resources, or leave them with unpaid debts. In today's competitive housing market, survivors struggle to compete against tenants with stronger financial profiles, making affordable housing even more inaccessible.

Many survivors flee their homes with little time to secure alternative housing. While emergency shelters like ours provide critical temporary refuge, they are frequently over capacity, leaving survivors nowhere to go. Limited affordable housing only deepens this crisis, often forcing survivors onto years-long waiting lists for subsidized units.

We are fortunate to have strong community-based housing partners like Family Promise and Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter. These agencies work hard to prevent and respond to homelessness in our community, but our agencies cannot combat the local housing crisis alone.

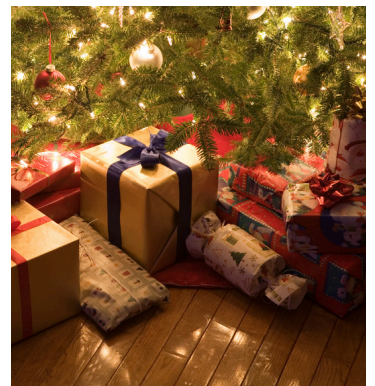
Community involvement is key to expanding housing options for survivors. Advocacy efforts can include contacting local representatives to support affordable housing initiatives, attending local council meetings to push for affordable housing planning, and joining coalitions that fight for tenant protections and rental assistance programs. Supporting policies that expand subsidized housing and emergency rental assistance can significantly ensure survivors have a path to stability.

Communities can also help bridge the gap by supporting local agencies through donations, volunteering, and advocacy, ensuring survivors have the necessary resources to rebuild their lives.

GIFTS OF HOPE

This Christmas, our hearts were filled with gratitude as we witnessed another incredible outpouring of love and support from our community. Through the remarkable generosity of individuals, families, churches, and groups, Response was able to connect 34 families (over 100 individuals) with sponsors across the Shenandoah Valley. We are deeply thankful to each and every sponsor who made it possible for both children and their guardians to experience the joy of a special Christmas, lifting some of the holiday burdens and spreading warmth and kindness to those who needed it most.

GOH SPONSORS: Accounts Payable JMU, Ann Flowers, Bethel Lutheran Church, Cathy and Jody Sheets, Diane Fishback, Doris Lineweaver, Girls Scouts Troop 14062, Holtzman Oil & Propane, Ilana & Rob White, Judy, Bill & Jenny Beaver, Kim and Stephen Fitzgerald, Lydia's Clothes Closet, Madison Albright & Tommy Ritchie, Marsha & PJ Christoph, Marsha & Travis Cooper, Michelle & Rick Koontz, Mt.Jackson United Methodist Church of Fairview, Nicky Grant, Rebecca Ershan, Rhonda Lively, St. Mary's Pine Lutheran Church, Vicki Ruckman, Wayne & Linda Sager, Whitney Lalley and Zion Christian Church Y.W.C



80's Fashion Show



Annual Spring Fundraiser

May 4th, 2025, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Woodstock Moose Lodge

80'S SPRING FASHION SHOW



SCAN ME

TICKETS: \$50 per ticket

Individual Sponsorship - \$150.00 for two event admission tickets (each with a complimentary ticket for one glass of wine, beer or soda and your name in program)

Redbud - \$300 Includes: two event admission tickets, each with a complimentary ticket for one glass of wine, beer or soda, recognition in our event program and on social media, and agency name on event signage.

Bluebell - \$500 Includes: two event admission tickets, each with a complimentary ticket for one glass of wine, beer or soda, recognition in our event program, logo placement on event signage and recognition on our social media and event pages.

Daisy - \$1,000 Includes: four event admission tickets, each with a complimentary ticket for one glass of wine, beer or soda, recognition in our event program, logo placement on event signage, recognition on our social media and event pages, company/individual recognition during show, and advertising in our county newsletter.

INVESTING IN PREVENTION TO BUILD SAFER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

Prevention is not merely a buzzword; it's a powerful strategy that can change lives and transform communities. By addressing root causes and implementing proactive measures, prevention helps to stop problems before they arise. In the context of issues like teen dating violence, substance abuse, mental health challenges, and sexual assault, investing in prevention saves lives and fosters resilience in individuals and communities alike.

Response offers a wide range of prevention programs from preschool age to adults. The programs we facilitate are state-approved and focus on education, awareness, and skill-building to empower individuals to make healthier choices. Our programs are available in public schools, private schools, homeschool groups, private organizations, and general community spaces. We are not alone in this effort, as we rely on the support of our Community Prevention Team that includes the following participants: Department of Social Services, Shenandoah County Public Schools, Grandparents as Parents, Healthy Families, Head Start, PFLAG, and Northwestern Community Service Board.

Here are a few testimonials from our prevention program participants:

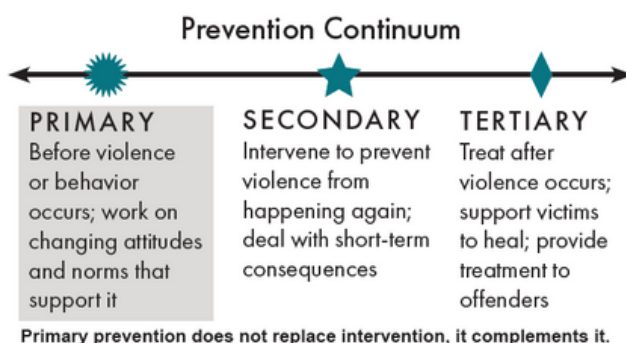
"I loved the sense of support and community my teacher and fellow parent participants showed." – Nurturing Parenting Participant

"The lessons taught helped me understand my kids better and communicate more effectively as a family." – Nurturing Parenting Participant.

"I liked seeing that others in my community were eager to be active in keeping our kids safe." – Where We Live Participant.

Together, we can prevent harm before it occurs. Prevention is a shared responsibility that benefits everyone. By supporting prevention efforts, you're not only helping individuals avoid harm but also creating a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Let's invest in prevention and build a safer, healthier future—one person, one community, one step at a time.

For more information or to schedule prevention programming, please contact Savannah Miller at savannahm@responseva.org.



connect with us

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Follow @responsedvsa on Instagram to see what we're up to!



Join Response, Inc. on Facebook for news and event/awareness updates.



Visit www.responseva.org to find helpful resources and ways to get involved or donate.

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE & CONFIDENTIAL & CAN BE ACCESSED 24/7.

LATINOS EN VIRGINIA

Latinos en Virginia Centro de Empoderamiento es la primera y única agencia del estado de Virginia que ofrece servicios culturalmente específicos para latinos afectados por violencia sexual y doméstica. Además de proporcionar a quienes sufren violencia servicios bilingües y biculturales, nos esforzamos por educar a nuestros vecinos y apoyar a nuestros socios al servicio de la comunidad latina.

Si conoce a algún miembro de la comunidad latina que necesite ayuda o apoyo para salir de una situación de abuso o violencia, aquí estamos para ayudar. Línea de crisis bilingüe para víctimas de violencia domestica y sexual - 24 horas al día: (888) 969-1825.

DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MONETARY AND IN-KIND DONATIONS FROM
JULY 1ST 2024 TO DECEMBER 31ST 2024

Individuals			
Joan Anderson	Rebecca Ershan	Frederic and Martha Hoerr	Andy and Lynn McKee
Melissa Andrews	Tom Estep	Sharon Hollar	Carolyn Miller
Linda Barb	James and Barbara Fagan	Angela Horn	Mary Miller
Bill and Judy Beavers	Cheryl Felts	Eric Horne	Ricky and Tracy Miller
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Jeri Bennett	Dorothy Finks	Linda Howell	Mark and Sally Montrey
Leah Blachman	Diane Fishback	Sarah Hulver	Susan Moose
Ed Boyden	Crystal Fleming	William Hulver	Rosetta Moss
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Peter and Patricia Buynak	Meta, GB and Joe Foltz	William and Joyce Jenkins	Joy Nault
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Sandra Coffman	Timothy Funk	Linda Lamma	Carl and Beverly Patton
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Lance Courtright	Mary Gessner	Gary and Linda Leake	Marie Phillips
Larry and Sandi Crabill	Gerald and Jane Gochernour	Rhonda Lively	Michael Phillips
Christiana Crabill	Teresa Gordon	Alesia Livesay	Barbara Plitt
Brian Cullen	Mary Ellen Greene	Christopher	PR and A Pierce
Jeffrey and Ann Dalke	Bruce Griffin	and Candice Lopresti	Randy Price
Dani Dehart	Anne Grisdale	Brenda Lovan	Gamine and Ulrich Printz
Ruth Delawder	Robert and Robin Grubbs	John and Sue Low	Debra Pugh
Denise Dellinger	Julie Hardt	Jeff and Shelly Lunsford	Erika Rauhala
Gloria Dellinger	Edward and Roberta Hatcher	Amanda Luo	Brenda Rawlings
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	James and Harriet Hiner	Bruce and Valetta McClinton	Suzanne Roulston

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Glenda Selvage
Nancy Sessions
Abbey Shaffer
Roy and Nancy Short
John and Marilyn Siske
Walter and Margaret Smith
Melissa Smith-Heltzel
Latisha Souza
Kayla Spaur
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John and Gina Stetter
Charlotte Steven
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Keith Stickley
Wayne and Joan Stickley
Elizabeth Stratton
Dennis Suter
Susan Sutphin
Christina Swartz
Mary Thompson
Gail Trimble
Thomas Truban, DVM
Leslie Vanwicker
Jolynn Veney
Dan and Cynthia Walsh
William and Barbara Warner
Bill and Diane Warren
Judith Weaver
Landon and Edith Wetzel
Linda Williams
Patricia Wilson
Ava Wood
Fay Wymer-Hollar
Karen York
James E Zerkel II
Vega Ziemer

Empowerment Partners

Bill and Judy Beavers
Chris and Ronda Cook
Dr. John and Elizabeth Cottrell
Zoe Sollenberger
John and Karen Whetzel

Cindy Wright
Henry and Laura Zimmerman

Businesses

Beidler's Furniture Store
Coffee To Grow
Cracker Barrell
Dellinger Funeral Homes, Inc.
Divine Consign
Dupont Community Credit Union
First Bank
Jeffrey S. Burns DDS, PC
Johnston and Rhodes LLC
Kibler's Auto Care Clinic
LD&B Insurance Agency, Inc
Lee's Auto Repair
Logan and Logan PLC
Lydia's Clothes Closet
Mission Roofing LLC
Muse Vineyards
On Second Thought
Ortts Electric, Inc.
Realty One Group-Old Town-Shenandoah Valley
Regulus Group
River Bluff Properties, LLC
Route 11 Potato Chips
Shenandoah Sporting Goods, Inc.
Skyline Team Real Estate
Strasburg Police Department
Travelers Treasurers
Valley Health-SMH
Wholesome Energy LLC
Woodstock Café
Woodstock Clothes Closet, Inc.

Organizations

American Online Giving Foundation
Bank of Clarke County Foundation
Basye Bryce Mountain Lions Club
Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Bryce Ladies Golf Tournament
Columbia Furnace Community Club
F.O.E. Massanutten Aerie 4186
Forestville Quicksburg Ruritan
Fraternal Order of Eagles 4264
Furry Friends Neeing Homes
Girl Scout Troop 14062
Gordon D. Bowman II Fund
Hamburg Ruritan Club
Harman Constuction Charitable Fund
Lions of Virginia Foundation, Inc.
Massanutten Post VFW 2447
Mt. Jackson-Edinburg Rotary
Old Dominion 100 Mile Endurance Run
Oranda Friends
Shenandoah Community Foundation
Shentel Foundation
SMH Medical Staff Fund
Strasburg Rotary Club
Teens, Inc.
UAW Local 2999
Virginia Equine Alliance
Women Of The Moose
Woodstock Edinburg Little League
Woodstock Moose Lodge No. 575
Xi Epsilon Beta Chapter

Churches

Bethel Lutheran Church
Columbia Furnace UMC
Columbia Furnace UMW
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
First Baptist Church
Grace UCC Women's Guild
Lebanon Lutheran Church
Manor Memorial UMM
Maurertown Brethren Church
MMUMC Mercy & Charitable Foundation
Mt Zion Lutheran Church Fairview
Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Otterbein Chapel
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Reformation Lutheran Church
Saint Mary's Pine Lutheran Church
St. Andrews Episcopal Church
St. John's Methodist Women
St. John's United Church of Christ
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Christian Church
Strasburg SDA Church
Strasburg UMC Ladies of FMF
Strasburg United Methodist Church
Toms Brook UMC
VA Conference UMW-Mt. Jackson
Valley Central Church
Valley Gospel Church
Valley Pike Church of the Brethren
Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren
Wesley Chapel UMC Methodist Women
Woodstock Ministerial Fellowship
Woodstock Presbyterian Church
Woodstock UM Dorcas Quilting Circle
Woodstock UMC
Woodstock UMC Women of the Well
Zion Christian Church
Zion Lutheran Church