



Celebrating 45 years of Providing Hope & Healing

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

A MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I want to share some important news that you may not be aware of. Response, Inc. has decided to sell our long-standing combined shelter/office facility here in Shenandoah County. The building has been at the heart of our work for many years. Still, separating our office and shelter space is a necessary step to provide more comprehensive services to our community, and the costs of maintaining such a large building do not serve our new goals.

This decision does not mean that survivors will be left without safe housing. Our emergency shelter services will continue—just in different ways that are more sustainable and flexible. And all of our other programs—court advocacy, prevention education, youth support, and outreach—remain strong and available to anyone who needs them.

I know many of you contributed generously to build a playground at the shelter. Please know those funds are being carefully set aside. When we find a new permanent location, we are committed to creating that safe and welcoming space for children. That vision is still very much alive.

Another reality I want to share with you is that, over the past six years, federal funding for programs like ours has steadily declined. Response has always relied heavily on federal and state grants. Still, now we must increasingly lean on the support of our local community—our neighbors, businesses, and civic groups—to keep this lifeline strong.

Despite these changes, one thing has not changed: Response is here, and we will continue to stand with survivors of domestic and sexual violence. With your help, we can ensure safety, healing, and hope remain available to everyone who needs it.

If you would like to learn more, get involved, or make a donation, please visit responseva.org or call us at (540) 459-5599. Thank you for standing with us. Together, we will continue to make Shenandoah County a safer and more compassionate place for all.

With gratitude,

Beth Ogle, Executive Director, Response, Inc.

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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
Primary Prevention Coordinator: Savannah Miller
Volunteer & Outreach Services Coordinator: Becky Wood
Shelter Supervisors: Vivian Rinker

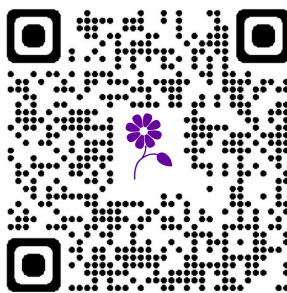


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OUR SERVICES

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

DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS

At Response Inc., we believe that a vibrant and thriving community is built through support, collaboration, and a commitment to our local businesses. We encourage you to actively engage with and support our local non-profits and small businesses by volunteering, donating, and shopping locally. Your involvement helps strengthen our neighborhood's economy and fosters a sense of unity and resilience within our community.

For the latest updates on local events and opportunities, please visit the Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce website at shenandoahcountychamber.com/Calendar. Every act of support — whether it's a purchase, a volunteer hour, or a donation — contributes to creating a brighter, more connected, and prosperous community for all.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our local businesses and community!

NEW CLIENTS**34****FINANCIAL/
TRANSPORTATION
ASSISTANCE****41****EMERGENCY
SHELTER/HOUSING****24****ADULT DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE SURVIVORS
SERVED****58****ADULT SEXUAL
ASSAULT SURVIVORS
SERVED****28****JUVENILE DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE SURVIVORS
SERVED****8****JUVENILE SEXUAL
ASSAULT SURVIVORS
SERVED****6**

**INDIVIDUALS SERVED & SERVICES PROVIDED
1/1/25 - 06/30/25**

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**2023 BRYCE LADIES GOLF
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars! October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, then we jump into the holiday season with our annual Gifts of Hope program. Watch our social media accounts for more information about each of these events and ways that you can participate in raising awareness about the causes that are important to Response!

OCTOBER DVAM EVENTS

There are many ways to help us honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month! Look for our display in the window at the Chamber of Commerce, participate in the Golf Tournament, and join us for our Open House/Ribbon Cutting as we celebrate 45 years providing Hope and healing to Shenandoah County. Watch our social media accounts for more information about each of these events and ways that you can participate in raising awareness about the causes that are important to Response!

October All Month - Purple Porch Project

Send pictures of your porch to
info@responseva.org by October
 15, 2025 5:00 pm

October All month - Sip Love not Hate

Visit local businesses

Coffee to Grow, Jackson's Corner Roastery Cafe,
 Flour & Water Company, Woodstock Cafe
 Blue Ridge Popcorn Co. and Burg Nutrition

October 1, 2025 -

Response Open House / Ribbon Cutting:

Meet the staff and see our new offices
 5:00 PM -6:30 PM (Ribbon cutting at 5 PM)
 visit: Shenandoahcounty.chamber.com/Calendar

October 22, 2025 -

Survivor Craft Night

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 email: sarahh@responseva.org

October 16, 2025 -

Wear Purple Day

Support victims and survivors of domestic violence

October 24, 2025 -

Golf Tournament

Bryce Resort - Shotgun start at 12pm
 visit: responseva.org/event-details/golf



GIFTS OF HOPE

As winter approaches and the holiday season draws near, we reflect on the importance of coming together to support those in need. At Response, we are dedicated to creating joyful and meaningful holiday experiences for the families we serve. You can help us make this season brighter by purchasing gifts for a family. Whether you're an individual or part of an organization, you can sponsor a family and receive a wish list of items they need or want. You can then select and purchase gifts for each family member. Afterward, we'll distribute the presents, helping ensure that each family feels the warmth and love of the holiday season.

Thanks to the generosity of caring community members and organizations, Response was able to support 43 families last year—and we hope to do even more this year. For additional information, please get in touch with Becky Wood @ beckyw@responseva.org



BRYCE
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GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRI. OCT. 24

REGISTRATION 11 A.M.

SHOTGUN START 12 P.M.



HOSTED BY AND BENEFITING *Response* 



Player \$100

Four-Man Team \$400

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for a day of fun, community, and impact — all in support of survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Hosted by and benefiting Response, Inc.

Location: Bryce Resort Golf Course 1982 Fairway Drive, Bryce, VA 22810

Registration: 11 a.m.

Shotgun Start: 12 p.m.

For tickets and additional information, visit
responseva.org/event-details/golf or scan the QR code:



VIOLENCE PREVENTION STARTS AT HOME

Every home has the power to shape a safer, more respectful community, and it starts with the way we teach and model healthy relationships. Children and teens learn how to treat others by watching the adults in their lives. They're shaped by how we handle conflict, express emotions, and talk about relationships. That's why parents and caregivers play such a powerful role in stopping violence before it starts. Violence prevention should not only be talked about by professionals in certain places, but it should also be talked about between family members in the car on the way to practice, in the kitchen cooking a healthy meal, or on the couch binge-watching your favorite series.

Here are a few simple ways to build a violence-free future at home:

- Model respect in your words and actions, even during disagreements. Children notice how you speak to your partner, family members, and even strangers.
- Talk openly about feelings and boundaries. Encourage kids to express themselves clearly and respectfully, and to listen when others do the same.
- Challenge harmful stereotypes. Boys can be gentle. Girls can be leaders. Everyone deserves respect, regardless of gender, race, or background.
- Teach healthy conflict skills. Show that it's okay to be upset and that we can work through problems without yelling, threats, or silence.

By creating a home environment built on trust, empathy, and open communication, we equip the next generation with the tools they need to build healthy relationships of their own. Violence prevention isn't just a program — it's a daily practice.

Please contact savannahm@responseva.org if you would like any guidance on prevention or are interested in any of our prevention programs.

Also, check out all of our family conversations on our website - <https://www.responseva.org/familyconversations>.

connect with us



540-459-5161



info@responseva.org



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.**

LA VISA U

La Visa U es una visa de no inmigrante creada para proteger a víctimas de ciertos delitos que colaboran con la policía o autoridades en investigaciones o juicios. Fue establecida en el 2000 bajo la Ley de Protección de las Víctimas de la Trata y la Violencia. Además de ofrecer estatus legal temporal, en algunos casos puede llevar a la residencia permanente.

¿Quién califica?

Pueden solicitarla las personas que:

- Han sufrido abuso físico o mental a causa de delitos como violencia doméstica, agresión sexual, trata de personas, u otros delitos graves.
- Han colaborado o están dispuestas a colaborar con las autoridades.
- Menores de 16 años o personas con discapacidad pueden ser representados por un padre, tutor o adulto de confianza.

Beneficios

- Hasta 4 años de estatus legal y autorización de trabajo en EE. UU.
- Posibilidad de solicitar residencia permanente (tarjeta verde) después de 3 años de presencia continua.

Proceso y limitaciones

La solicitud requiere el Formulario I-918 y una certificación de la policía. Debido a la alta demanda, existe un límite anual de Visas U, lo que puede causar largos tiempos de espera.

Conclusión

La Visa U brinda protección y una oportunidad de estabilidad a víctimas de delitos mientras apoyan la justicia.

➡ Más información en el sitio oficial de USCIS: uscis.gov/es/visau

DONATIONS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MONETARY AND IN-KIND DONATIONS FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 THRU JUNE 30, 2025

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Scott Family Trivia Team
SMH Medical Staff Fund
United Way of
the Shenandoah Valley

Schools

Laurel Ridge Community College
Strasburg High School

In Memory Of

Vicky Bowman
In Memory of John Good
Chris and Miriman Diering
In Memory of John Good
William and Faith McIntyre
In Memory of Christiana Crabill
Dave and Cathy Moyer
In Memory of John Good
Susan Schuckman
In Memory of John Good

Churches

Antioch Church of the Brethren
Columbia Furnance UMC
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Goodwill Adult Class
Conicville-Hamburg Charge UCC
GraceUCC Women's Guild
Lebanon Lutheran Church
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