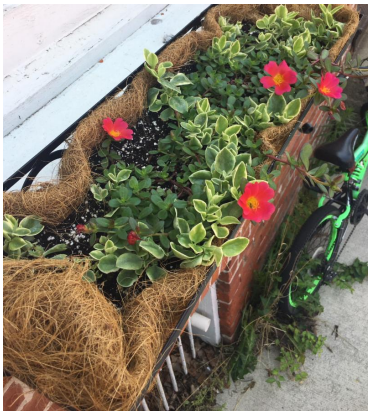
Newsletter April - June 2018

THE ADVOCATE

Thank you to the partners of Sarah's Friends. Our goal is to empower victims of domestic violence and crime to heal emotionally, physically, and spiritually, and it is only with your help that we are able to do so.



It's looking a bit different around here...

A huge thank you to the North Western Electric Trust Grant and anonymous donors for funding our front entry renovation! Due to years of exposure to the changing weather conditions and materials used, the tiles in our entryway had begun to detach from the exterior walls creating structural issues and a safety hazard for individuals using the entrance. With these funds, we were able to replace all the tile with a much more inviting wood option installed by Retired Handyman Construction.

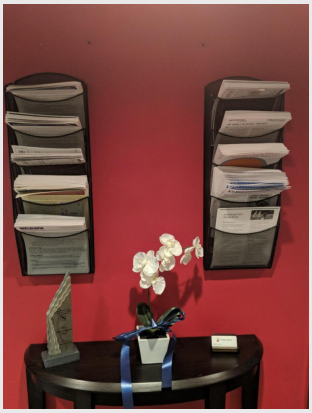
We now also have the addition of new flower boxes along the north side of our building as part of a special project through the Williams County Board of Developmental Disabilities. April Smith from April's Greenhouse was kind enough to donate all of the succulents and plants used to make our building more welcoming to those who have been through the unimaginable. Thank you all for making our building more comfortable for those we serve!

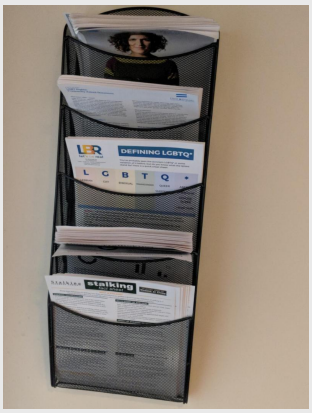
Upgrades in Advocacy

Sarah's Friends' staff members are constantly changing things in the office to better advocate for survivors of crime in Williams County, Ohio. Recently, we began adding more informative flyers and brochures on crime related topics to be displayed in the lobby of our office. These topics range from stalking, domestic violence, physical assault, suicide, trafficking, and many more. We are excited to include these informational flyers in our advocacy by individualizing materials for our clients to take home and learn more to assist with healing from their victimization. Information can be used also by individuals who may know others being victimized and looking for information for themselves or to share with the abused. Please feel free to stop by the office to check out our new wall of information!

Also on the horizon....we are currently putting together an outline for training new volunteer advocates. This new volunteer program will allow for increased individualization and time with our clients. The training will consist of several topics to ensure that each volunteer will be equipped to assist our survivors of crime. Please keep us in the back of your mind and pass along the word to someone you may think would be gifted in this area. We anticipate training to begin in early 2019 with a small class to start and evaluate and grow the program from there. Volunteers are a vital part of our future growth!

If interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Blanton, our Volunteer Coordinator at rachel.blanton@frontier.com.





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OPEN CLIENT CASELOAD

ALVORDTON-0
BRYAN-49
EDGERTON-2
EDON-0
KUNKLE-0
MONTPELIER-12
PIONEER-1
STRYKER-1
WEST UNITY-3
OTHER-9
NOT REPORTED-13

TOTAL NEW CASES THIS QUARTER: 30
TOTAL FAMILIES ASSISTED THIS QUARTER: 42
TOTAL FAMILIES RELOCATED THIS QUARTER: 6

CRIME CATEGORIES FOR THIS QUARTER:

ADULT PHYSICAL ASSAULT-7
ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT-4
ADULTS SEXUALLY ABUSED/ASSAULTED AS CHILDREN-1
BULLYING-1
CHILD PHYSICAL ABUSE/NEGLECT-4
CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT-4
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-42
ELDER ABUSE/NEGLECT-1
IDENTITY THEFT/FRAUD/FINANCIAL CRIME-1
KIDNAPPING (NON-CUSTODIAL) -4

KIDNAPPING (CUSTODIAL) -6
STALKING/HARASSMENT-1

Funding for this renovation project was received through the following sources:

Bryan Area Foundation $12,287.50

CHWC Employee Philanthropy Grant $4,000.00

Bryan Civic League $4,000.00

Anonymous Donor $4,000.00

Kiwanis Club of Bryan $500.00

Anonymous Donor $287.50

Growth in Transitional Housing

The Bryan Area Foundation approved a matching grant in the amount of $12,287.50 for our fourth transitional housing unit renovation project in August of 2017. After much dedication from the full board of directors and staff, we were able to locate the matching funds needed by May 2018. All funds will allow for this renovation to begin in August 2018 to be completed and in use by families escaping domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in January 2019.

More information on the Transitional Housing Assistance Program can be located in this downloadable brochure.

Click here for information regarding the Bryan Area Foundation and their generous contributions throughout the community.

SARAH'S FRIENDS SHOWCASE

January 1-June 30, 2018

Categories

Diamond $2,000+
Platinum $1,500-$1,999
Gold $750-$1,499
Silver $250-$749
Bronze $50-$249

Business

DIAMOND
CHWC (Community Hospitals & Wellness Center)
FADV (Fight Against Domestic Violence)

GOLD
Bryan Moose Lodge #1064
North Western Electric Trust-Operation Round Up

BRONZE
Parkview Physicians Group
Peebles Department Store

Church/Civic Groups/Service Clubs

DIAMOND
Bryan Area Foundation
Bryan Civic League

SILVER
Pioneer Area Ministerial Association
United Way We Care Cabinet

Individual

DIAMOND
Anonymous Individual-1

GOLD
In-Memory of Anita Eicher
Kieron & Kim Dillon

SILVER
Anonymous Individual-1
Andrew Elder
Charles Nichols
Kirk & Sarah Vashaw
Randy & Diane Peters

BRONZE
Anonymous Individuals-7
Alona Martin
BJ Jackson/Sea Gate Food Bank
Bob & Pam Sauder
Doug Carpenter
Joshua Bany
Nicola Mosier
Norma Bauer

A huge thank you to all of our partners of

BRONZE
First Presbyterian Church-Montpelier
Ney Church of God-Monster Ministry
St. Mary's Catholic Church-Edgerton
Pine Grove Mennonite Church
Pulaski Methodist Church
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints
Wesley United Methodist Church
Women of Trinity

2018!

Click here for needed donations

Join our Sarah's Friends Showcase

Become a partner to our organization! The need in our community for services continues to increase, and it is through community support that we are able to offer assistance to those in dire need. Your contribution will be added to our Sarah's Friends Showcase and published in our quarterly newsletters. Your gift is tax deductible and can be in the form of financial contributions as well as in-kind product donations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

It's not too late to sign up!!

Register your team of four now by contacting our office staff at 419-636-7272 or sarahhs@frontier.com!

$65/player

Click here to check out our website!

Sarah's Friends
Helping those harmed by crime

We hope that you will help us spread the news and awareness by visiting our Facebook page and sharing it with your friends and family.