

MARCH 2024

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

AMY GRANT-QUONCE

March is recognized as Women's History Month. Through the years, women have had a major impact in the fight against Domestic Violence. In the 1970s, grassroots feminist activists, alongside survivors of domestic violence, organized a nationwide movement to expose the prevalence of violence in women's lives. The movement focused on an effort to create domestic violence shelters. Advocates knew one of the most important factors in escaping violence was having a safe place to go. The first domestic violence shelter in the United States opened in 1974 and by the end of the 1970s there were over 250 shelters across the country (statistics from www.DCADV.org).

The first "Women's Shelter" opened in Watertown in the late 1970s. This effort was spearheaded by our own local female activists including Margaret Coe, Joanne Blair, Priscilla Champlin, Janice Charles, Shirley Cortelyou, Lois Dempster, Nancy Denicola, Ethel Duncan, Kathryn Ingalls, Mimi Kuhl, Mai Lutterus Liinve, Leona O'Sullivan, Karen Reidell, Judy Robey, Sister Gabriel Marie, Sandra Tallmadge, Lillian Thompson, Nancy VanDeusen, and Sherry Wilson (names obtained from 1980 Board of Directors List).

Since the agency's incorporation in 1979, the Victims Assistance Center has continued to operate a confidential, safe shelter for survivors of domestic violence and their dependents. We now help women, and men, who have experienced violence by providing them with not only a safe place to sleep but also with case management services, therapy, emotional support, court assistance, and many other services. Thank you to our brave, local women who, over 45 years ago, recognized the need for widespread change and stepped up to help their neighbors find safety and healing.

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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF NORTHERN NEW YORK

The mission of the Child Advocacy Center of NNY is to strengthen and protect children, families, and community through an interdisciplinary approach to cases of child sexual and physical abuse.

In 2023, our CAC served 1,140 children between Jefferson, St. Lawrence & Lewis Counties.

Our multidisciplinary team works together to provide high quality, specialized services for abused children and their families. We work with law enforcement, case workers, prosecutors, advocates, medical and mental health professionals. We provide all of our services in a safe, neutral, and child-friendly setting.

Helping children who have experienced abuse requires an approach that addresses the physical, emotional and legal dimensions of abuse. A coordinated response from professionals, who are experts in this field, helps to reduce the stress throughout the investigation and intervention process.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (315)788-8520

PINWHEELS TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF NNY - A PROGRAM OF THE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

In 2023, the Child Advocacy Center of NNY served 1,140 children between 3 counties: 569 in Jefferson, 448 in St. Lawrence, & in 123 Lewis.

By planting a pinwheel, you will help spread the message that every child deserves to be healthy and safe.

OUR GOAL IS TO SELL AS MANY PINWHEELS AS CHILDREN SERVED TO HONOR OUR SURVIVORS.



SINGLE PINWHEEL - \$5

PROVIDES CHILDREN WITH A SNACK & COMFORT ITEM WHILE WAITING.



PINWHEEL BOUQUET - \$15

PROVIDES A CHILD WITH CRUCIAL THERAPY SERVICES TO HELP THEM HEAL.



GARDEN OF HOPE - \$100

SUPPORTS A FAMILY RECEIVING OUR SERVICES. (Includes a lawn sign, 25 Pinwheels, a Swag Bag and Social Media Spotlight)

CHECK PAYMENTS MAY BE PAYABLE & MAILED TO:

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CENTER
418 WASHINGTON STREET,
WATERTOWN, NY 13601



YOU MAY ALSO PAY OVER THE PHONE BY CALLING OUR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, KRISTIN - (315) 755-1434

RESERVE YOUR PINWHEELS TODAY!
ORDERS RECEIVED BY MARCH 17 WILL BE READY BY APRIL 3RD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ON SALE NOW!

6th Annual NIGHT OF HEROES - MASQUERADE BALL

Sat. April 6, 2024
Unmasking the dangers of child abuse.



SAVE THE DATE 3RD ANNUAL WITCHES GALA

Sat. October 26, 2024
In awareness of domestic violence.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KRISTIN (315)755-1434 KRISTINP@VACJC.COM

MARCH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



LINDSEY TIMMERMAN
Crisis Response Advocate

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