

Dear Friend,

There is no face to domestic violence, and it knows no boundaries. It was during a very rainy night just last month when one of our community members became a victim of intimate partner violence. He said he did not know where to go or what to do when he left his home and was out on the street. As he wandered downtown, he happened upon one of the ribbons we had placed at the Square in commemoration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. That ribbon contained our hotline number. After calling us, he was able to get the help and resources he needed, including emergency shelter. We would like to give a special thanks to the volunteers who helped hang the ribbons downtown – you never know when an effort like this can change the course of someone's life.

As we begin our Annual Fund Drive, we are asking for your help so that we can be there for others in a similar situation and make our efforts go even further. DVSCP may be the only hope for those in domestic violence situations. Your donation enables us to respond quickly and effectively to those who are trying to get free.

We are excited to share with you the strides we've taken this year toward our mission of supporting those who are experiencing domestic violence by providing a comprehensive range of services. We were able to house 184 individuals and children in our emergency shelter for a total of 5,225 nights. Of those, 75% were relocated to safe housing. Our advocates fielded 1,404 hotline calls and received 967 texts from our text line. They also prepared 466 PFAs and 54 warning letters. Our Pub-Ed and Outreach advocates provided a total of 842 education/awareness activities in both Cumberland and Perry Counties, and our Medical Advocate conducted a total of 109 trainings. As you can see, it was a very busy year, and yet there is so much more that needs to be done.

People deserve a safe, violence-free place to heal. Your generous support will ensure that the individuals and families we serve receive the help they need to recover and thrive. We invite you to join us in making a difference in the lives we touch. You may respond by using the enclosed envelope or by donating online at www.dvscp.org/donate. Thank you so much in advance for your contribution.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Sadler".

Matthew Sadler, Board President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sonya Browne".

Sonya Browne, Executive Director