



Center for Family Violence Prevention

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Center for Family Violence Prevention presents...

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Harley Davidson Bike Run Benefits C4FVP

On Saturday May 1, 2021, Boneyard Harley-Davidson hosted the Ride Like A Girl: A Celebration of Strong Women event benefitting the Center for Family Violence Prevention.

The Boneyard donated money from this event to the Center for Family Violence Prevention which will be used to fund community programs.

In addition to a group bike ride, the event hosted a vendor fair and had live music. The Center for Family Violence Prevention and My

Sister's Closet participated in the vendor fair. The Education and Outreach Coordinator, Kayla Green, stated, "The day was very successful. The weather was beautiful and there was a great turn out. We were able to speak to many people in the community about who we are."

Interested in having the C4FVP attend your upcoming event or give a presentation? Email Kayla Green at kgreen@c4fvp.org.



Bikers prepare for the ride.



C4FVP's booth at the event.

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Director's Corner

The last 14 months have been such a challenge for our country and no less so for domestic violence victims in our community. Unusually close confinement is a challenge for couples who are in loving healthy relationships. For those living in tense and abusive relationships, the close confinement can turn deadly.

The Center for Family Violence Prevention can proudly say that we have addressed these challenges head-on. We have continued our victim's court advocacy and counseling services via a virtual platform in most cases and via face-to-face conferences in emergency situations.

Our safe house has continued full operation and even expanded into the use of local hotels when our requests for help have exceeded our normal capacity and when we needed to quarantine victims because of Covid.

During the pandemic we have provided services and increased safety to over 1,000 victims and their children in Pitt, Martin, and Washington Counties.

As restrictions on isolation, social distancing and mask wearing are beginning to relax, we have now re-opened our services to face-to-face interviews, counseling services and court accompaniment.

We can now look forward to safe and healthy interaction with our clients, our store shoppers and our donors. We also look forward to once again providing information on domestic violence and our programs through presentations to local clubs and civic groups. If you would like to schedule a speaker for your group, please reach out to us at 758-4400. We want to share our story!

We have also committed to presenting our annual DV Impact luncheon as a live event this year. Our program "DV Impact Through a Child's Eyes" is scheduled for October 7, 2021. Please mark your calendars and watch for further details in the coming months.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to extend a huge "Thank you" to all of you who have supported us financially during this challenging time. Our agency lost significant revenue from our resale stores, My Sister's Attic, My Sister's Closet, and My Sister's Place, when we were forced to close due to Covid restrictions. Your generosity has been nothing short of amazing and has allowed us to continue to provide financial support for victims in need. We have given assistance for rent and utilities deposits, transportation, medical expenses and food to those who are working so hard to start a new life in peaceful safe homes. We are forever grateful to you for opening your hearts and sharing you own resources with us.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and the clients we serve, we thank you so very much. We couldn't have done it without you!

Laura King

Executive Director

Services Spotlight: The Family Center

One of the services provided to the community by the Center for Family Violence Prevention is the Family Center.

The Family Center's mission is to provide a safe and conflict-free space to allow children to have the best possible relationship with their parents.

The purpose of the Family Center is to provide parents with a safe way to visit with their children or exchange their children under supervision of the Family Center staff, to provide parents with systematic training for effective parenting as well as positive parenting principles, to assist parents with co-parenting and understanding how separation and divorce can affect children, to counsel children be-

tween the ages of 5 and 17, to teach victims about domestic violence in a counseling setting, to rehabilitate abusers of domestic violence and teach ways to manage anger.

The Family Center is open to anyone in the community, not just mandated clients. More information can be provided about all services including the fees associated by contacting the Family Center at 252-758-5021. Also, more information can be found in the Center's brochure.

When asked why the Family Center is important, Direct Services Coordinator Caitlyn Hannah said, "Many parents cannot have access to their children unsupervised, and at our facility they can have that in a neutral

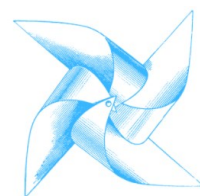


The front of the Family Center building.

setting. Our services are important to foster the parent-child relationship as well as to teach parents more skills to help them better themselves as a parent."

She elaborated, "Assisting with co-parenting can lessen the effects of separation and divorce on the children involved which is crucial to the child's well-being and development. Children's counseling can assist children in numerous ways and does not have to be limited to domestic violence. DV101 can teach victims about domestic violence and how to recognize that they are in a volatile relationship. DVIP is essential in

rehabilitation to prevent the offender from re-offending in the future to reduce domestic violence in our communities. Anger management classes are beneficial in the same way and to ways to our clients to prevent anger from getting to a level that could be volatile. All of our services also can include in-house to the other services our agency offers that is detrimental for our clients as well as providing referrals to other agencies for further help on issues that we cannot address in house."



The front of the Family Center building. Blue pinwheels line the sidewalk in honor of April being Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Local Author Diane Gray Hosts Pop-Up Book Signings to Benefit the C4FVP

Diane Gray, a local author, has been using her book, *Faith, Hope and Perseverance*, to give back to the community. Gray has hosted not one but two pop-up book signings where partial proceeds were donated to the Center for Family Violence Prevention.

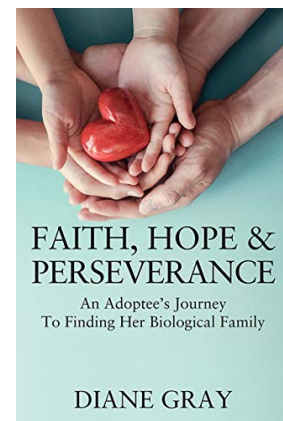
Gray's debut book is the story of her 50 year journey to find her biological family. *Faith, Hope and Perseverance* is an amazing story of how science and technology were key ingredients in helping Diane find her biological family. Gray elaborated, "As adoptees, it is our human right to know who we are and why we are here. In January of 2019, all of these questions were finally answered."

The Center for Family Violence Prevention Executive Director Laura King stated that *Faith, Hope and Perseverance* "is a fascinating and encouraging story for adoptees

who wish to seek their birth families."

Both the pop-up book signing at My Sister's Closet on March 27 and at My Sister's Place on May 8 were successful.

Gray is available to speak at your organization. Please reach out to her via email at fhpspeak-er@yahoo.com or phone at 252-367-5787.



Top: Gray's book cover. Bottom: Gray's pop-up book signing set-up.

Center For Family Violence Prevention Updates

The Center for Family Violence Prevention is active on Facebook, Instagram (@C4FVP), and Twitter (@C4FVP)! Be sure to follow us for frequent updates!

If you already follow us on social media, you have probably seen us wear our purple on the last Friday of each month. Why do we wear purple on the last Friday of each month? We wear purple to

raise awareness and continue discussion about domestic violence and support survivors of domestic violence.

You can wear purple, too! If you do, be sure to tag us using [#c4fvpcommunityday](https://www.instagram.com/c4fvpcommunityday) so we can see you in your purple!

Also, be sure to enter our virtual art shows happening NOW on our Facebook and on Instagram!



MSA Hosts 6th Annual Plant & Garden Sale



On Saturday May 8, My Sister's Attic hosted the 6th annual Plant and Garden Sale. The kind folks at Carolina Seasons Nursery once again donated gorgeous plants for the sale. The Center for Family Violence Prevention is grateful for their partnership!

Money was raised for the Center for Family Violence Prevention, aiding the many programs provided for the community.



Supervised Visitation Awareness Month



On May 14th, staff wore orange in recognition of Supervised Visitation Awareness Month. For the month of May, the Family Center offered special discounts for SV Awareness.

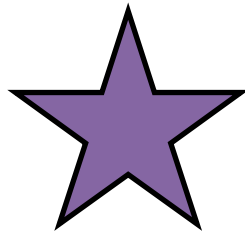
J. H. Rose FBLA Holds Donation Drive

In May, the J. H. Rose FBLA hosted a donation drive for the Center for Family Violence Prevention. Many items from the Center's wishlist were donated. Special thanks to FBLA co-president Brena Gauland for reaching out to the C4FVP!



Employee Shoutouts

Shaniece always has a smile for everyone (even with the facemask on) and she is always welcoming and willing to help. My clients have always spoken highly of the care and kindness with which Shaniece receives them, especially in Spanish!. Shaniece makes sure that from the moment they arrive, they feel that they are well cared for and that we genuinely care about them. Thanks for all that you do!

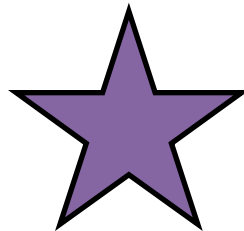


Shout-out to the Family Center staff as a whole for always working so hard to help each other out, pick up where ever they're needed, and always having each other's back in every situation. We truly are a team here and that's so hard to come by!



Shoutout to Kayla G. for volunteering and helping out at the MSA plant sale. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

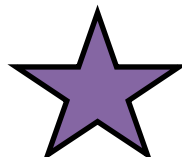
Shout out to Melissa Lebo for her hard work and creativity during her time working as co-manager of My Sister's Attic. Melissa also supported our cause by regularly volunteering to sort donations of women's clothing at My Sister's Closet and by assisting the store manager at My Sister's Place in Farmville with setting up store displays. Melissa is leaving us and moving to follow her husband who will be coaching UNC basketball. Chapel Hill will be blessed to have her. She made a difference here and will surely be missed!



Wendi quietly works behind her closed door, loyally focused on her computer. Because her role is not directly with clients or the community, she's not always front and center. Her behind the scenes work, however, is crucial in accurately computing figures and data. Her role is not one that day-to-day garners lot of glory, but it should. It requires a meticulous commitment to getting things done exactly right. And Wendi does. She definitely deserves recognition!

Shoutout to Laura C. for taking on the Supervisor training, developing & facilitating it; your plate is already full and you took on more, thank you!

Shoutout to Panthea for always giving her all!



Shoutout to Sandy R for taking on additional clients, working in the administrative office; these clients wouldn't have had counseling services if it hadn't been for you and you helped pull it together!