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Family Justice Center Sonoma County Spring/Summer 2017 Newsletter

Shannon Cresci



Letter From the Foundation Board President, Shannon Cresci

The 2016/2017 fiscal year has been a good one for the Family Justice Center Sonoma County. We continue to see increased numbers in the people that we serve and due to dedicated outreach and increasing word of mouth, news of the Family Justice Center is getting out. Just this year we have assisted over 1600 victims break free from living in fear and violence to live again in peace and purpose.

The "You Are not Alone" breakfast was held in February where Bob Padecky, Sportswriter for the Press Democrat, was our Keynote Speaker. The focus this year was on children who have been exposed to family violence. Bob's personal story of childhood abuse, and his journey to end the cycle of family violence was raw and inspiring.



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The breakfast got us off to a good start, but there is a lot more still to come this year, and we are very excited to share it. Currently, we are working closely with a local advertising company, Zentiv, on a new re-branding effort. It's about time we lighten our look and our logo to exhibit clearly the kind work we do at the FJC. We are anxious to roll it out in the coming months.

Also in the works, is a special recognition event for our donors. It is not lost on us at the FJCSC that we wouldn't be where we are today were it not for their generosity. It is time we express our gratitude with a little something special to focus just on you.

We are so proud of the work we have done to date at the Family Justice Center and we look forward to so much more.

Camp Hope

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With the arrival of summer we begin looking forward to our annual sojourn to Camp Hope. This is an opportunity for children, ages 7 – 11, who have been living in homes affected by domestic violence, to

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participate in a summer camp experience in northeastern California.

Camp Hope creates a safe environment for children to express themselves and explore the camp in a safe and secure setting amongst their peers. They will river raft, engage in summer theater, participate in arts and crafts, and all sorts of other activities – all designed to help heal and bring hope to their lives while being supported by a positive group of counselors and campers.



Moving Forward

We are working to design services to meet victims where they need us most. Whether they need legal assistance with restraining orders, referrals to medical providers, child care, chaplaincy or simply clean clothes and healthy food, we provide a welcoming and safe environment where positive change can begin. To realize this goal we have been able to secure some amazing grants this year. All funds received will go to direct services for our clients.

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women awarded a three-year grant that will support the heart of the essential work we do, helping women. Our clients come to us at the most difficult and challenging times in their lives and our advocacy and support helps them find a safe path from domestic violence, dating violence, elder abuse, child abuse, stalking or sexual assault.

Another DOJ grant, from the Office for Victims of Crime, is funding a three-year effort to create a special intake procedure directed toward those who have experienced multiple crimes in their lifetimes. These repeat victims have harrowing stories and special needs, and we are working to help them effectively and compassionately.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Maureen



Maureen Middlebrook moved from Oakland to Sonoma County in 1970. She was a single Mom who raised two children and now has four grandchildren, whom she adores. Maureen has an MA in Political Science from SSU and a TESOL Certificate from UC Davis. She considers

The California Office of Emergency Services has awarded funds to help us reach out to an extremely vulnerable population, homeless victims of crime, those who have the fewest resources in our communities.

“You are not alone” – for victims of family violence, these four simple words – and the support they describe – have the potential to change lives. While we celebrate our successes, we do so with the knowledge that the need is always there.



Elder Abuse Awareness

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On June 15th the world recognized International Elder Abuse Awareness Day by wearing purple. In California we've declared it a whole month.

Locally, all our senior centers display purple flags in June representing each case of elder abuse in their communities. This year the number of case has increased, yet again, from 2015 to 2016 by 7%.

Learn about the services & programs for victims of elder abuse at the FJCSC:

- **Elder Advocacy:** Our Elder Advocate provides case management services for seniors who may be homeless or victims of violence or elder abuse. The focus is to empower the senior to change their circumstances, stabilize their lives, deal with the criminal justice system and have the support and protection necessary to achieve these goals.
- **Care Coordination:** The FJC Care Coordination Program is for seniors, 65 and older, who have had a history of abuse. The Care Coordinator visits individuals anywhere in Sonoma County, helping them get connected to supportive services including help with finding affordable housing, hiring a caregiver, accessing senior benefits and participating in a support group.

herself “semi-retired” as she continues to do some political work and teaches English as a Second Language for Santa Rosa Junior College. Maureen started volunteering at the FJCSC in the spring of 2016 and is loved by staff, partners and other volunteers.

Maureen was referred to the FJCSC by a good friend, a former FJCSC volunteer. She thinks we are blessed to have such a center where individuals who have experienced violence in their lives can come, that is safe, and has the resources that are needed to help them move on in their lives.

The mission and model at the FJCSC motivates Maureen to continue on as a volunteer, however, she says it's also the staff and clients who make her feel so appreciated. “I am grateful for the opportunity to help” – Maureen.



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- **Circle of Hope Support Group:** Circle of Hope is a support group for victims of abuse who are 50 or older. Weekly meetings are open to new members regardless of ethnicity, race, faith, tradition, sexual orientation, or lifestyle choice and provide a place for you to share your story in a safe, confidential setting. You'll also hear about others' experiences and explore ways to move forward in your life.

Tell your friends, family and learn about abuse prevention, protecting yourself, and keeping an eye out for red flags. To learn more about elder abuse click [HERE](#). **The more we all know about elder abuse, the closer we are to no elder abuse.**

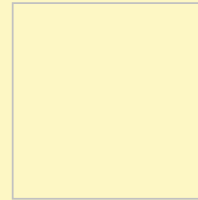


“You Are Not Alone” Annual Breakfast 2017

YANA 2017



Earlier this year the FJC held its fourth annual YANA Breakfast, recognizing survivors of interpersonal violence and supporting their efforts to heal and move forward. Bob Padecky, well known sports writer and community member, was our guest of honor, sharing his experience as a child with the 250 guests in attendance and validating our mission at the FJCSC.



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