YOU are the network.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK
To Our Friends,

As we think back to the events of 2015, it’s easy to see the progress that has happened in domestic violence awareness and advocacy over the last year. From President Obama’s appeal to end violence against women during the Grammys to Major League Baseball’s adoption of zero tolerance policies for players who engage in abusive behavior, our culture is saying NO MORE to domestic violence and sexual assault in more powerful ways than ever before. Yet, even as the national conscience about domestic violence grows, we know there is still much more work to do.

By working together as a community to educate youth about healthy relationships, provide safe havens for survivors, and strengthen systems that hold abusers accountable, we have seen great strides in the prevention of and response to domestic violence in Central Indiana. We are proud to share that, as the community’s response has evolved, so has the Domestic Violence Network. In 2015, not only did the Network of partners and advocates increase, we also expanded our prevention work under the Community Wide Plan to reach more community members in schools, on college campuses, and in the work place. As these prevention efforts grew, we also supported Central Indiana’s direct service partners by providing more professional development opportunities for advocates and law enforcement than ever before while continuing to support survivors and their children with self sufficiency funds.

Although the Domestic Violence Network has played a key role in these efforts, we know progress does not rest on the shoulders of one person or one organization alone. Ending domestic violence takes a community, a network of individuals like you who are willing to stand up and work together to ensure that everyone can live without the threat of violence. Thank you for being a part of the Network and for making our voice so strong. We look forward to making much more progress together in 2016 and beyond.

Kelly McBride, Executive Director
Daniel Herndon, Board President

The Network Within the Network

2015 BOARD ROSTER
President: Daniel Herndon, Miles-Herndon
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Tanya Sovinski, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Chrysalis Struben, AYS, Inc.
Lee Wenninger, Express Employment Professionals

OUR STAFF
Kelly McBride, Executive Director
“I truly believe that domestic violence is 100% preventable. Each and every one of us has a role to play, and together we can change the culture that leads to domestic violence.”

Chris Handberg, Director of Programs and Research
“By working together as a community through collaboration and education, I truly believe we can end violence against all people.”

Natalie Phillips, Training Services Manager
“I have a life-long passion for advocacy work with women and children. As a volunteer, I started several community groups that work for justice, and my position at DVN allows me to continue the work to remove systematic barriers.”

Lindsay Hill Stawick, Youth Program Manager
“My goal as the Youth Program Manager is to cultivate and empower young culture changers in our community by modeling kindness, empathy, and compassion.”

Erica Smith, Events Coordinator
“We bring community members together to raise valuable funds and awareness so we can continue to strengthen our network toward ending domestic violence. I am grateful to make a difference as our events grow each year and to witness the awareness for this cause growing in our community.”
The Network at Work

The Domestic Violence Network conducts all of its work to address domestic violence in Central Indiana under the collaborative framework of the Community Wide Plan to End Domestic Violence.

ENGAGING YOUTH IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Trained 3,552 youth and 252 college students on how to recognize and respond to domestic violence and teen dating abuse.

Established a NO MORE Club at Crispus Attucks High School and the Youth Network, comprised of students from 12 different Central Indiana Middle and High Schools. These student-led groups seek to raise awareness about healthy relationships and create a culture of nonviolence in schools.

SUPPORTING ADVOCATES WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION

Trained 139 domestic violence advocates from 73 organizations.

Advocates Training Topics:
- Assisting victims with quality protective orders
- Strangulation in intimate partner violence
- Homicides and near homicides
- Serving male clients
- Working with LGBTQ+ individuals experiencing domestic violence
- Sexual assault
- Suicide prevention

CHANGING NORMS AT WORK

Trained over 40 businesses on how to recognize and respond to domestic violence in the workplace.

Provided $18,228 of Karen Dees Self Sufficiency Funds and Emergency Transportation funds to 150 survivors of domestic violence to help them get back on their feet after leaving an abusive situation.

INCREASING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

The Domestic Violence Network facilitated and supported events throughout the year to increase Central Indiana’s knowledge and awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault.
Throughout 2015, the Domestic Violence Network completed a highly collaborative and inclusive strategic planning process to guide the organization’s efforts for the next three years. Anchored by a vision to challenge cultural norms about domestic violence in Central Indiana, four key priorities emerged:

1. Strengthen a network that focuses on training, awareness, intervention support, and prevention education to challenge and change cultural norms.
2. Align the Domestic Violence Network’s staff and Board roles to strengthen, refine, and expand the Network.
3. Improve internal and external communication to increase understanding of what the Domestic Violence Network does and why it is important.
4. Develop a culture of relationship cultivation with the community to increase revenue and sustainability.

Since 2000, the Domestic Violence Network has served as a connector, educator, and advocate to accelerate Central Indiana’s response to domestic violence by organizing the Community Wide Plan to End Domestic Violence. Building on the incredible progress that has happened because of the efforts of countless dedicated community members and organizations, the Domestic Violence Network looks forward to engaging the community to continue the Community Wide Plan in 2016.

To stay updated about the priorities taking shape in 2016 and get involved with the community’s efforts, visit www.dvnconnect.org, sign up for our newsletter or follow us on Facebook/DVNConnect.

#YOUARETHENETWORK

For more details or a copy of the Domestic Violence Network’s complete 2016-2018 Strategic Plan, contact Executive Director Kelly McBride at kmcbride@dvnconnect.org.

*In 2015, the Domestic Violence Network served as a fiscal sponsor for the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault (ICESA) to help re-establish a state-wide agency dedicated to addressing sexual assault. With this support from the Network, ICESA will obtain independent 501(c)(3) status in 2016.
Save The Dates

OUR SUPPORTERS

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$50,000+
The Indianapolis Foundation
Lilly Endowment, Inc.
Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust

$10,000 - $49,999
Marion County Public Health Department
Community Health Network
Tilson

$1,000 - $9,999
American Surety Company
Angie’s List Foundation
Belde Financial
Daniel Herndon
Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 86
The Glick Fund, a CICF Fund
IU Methodist Hospital
KSM Business Services, Inc
M. Nelson & Associates
Macy’s Foundation
Macy’s Inc.
MCR Charitable Foundation, Inc
Mike Edmondson
MilesHerndon
National Bank of Indianapolis
Nolan Security
TJX Foundation, Inc
Women’s Fund of Central Indiana, a CIFC Fund
Zink Distributing

IN-KIND
317Burger
Arn’s Pizza
Bragg’s Italian Restaurant
Bier Brewery
Boomerang BTO
Buca Di Beppo Restaurant
Cardinal Spirits
Cheesecake Factory
Cindy Sams
Circle City Beard Co
Comfort Inn & Suites
Conner Prairie
Conrad Indianapolis Hotel
Cork & Cracker
Crackers Comedy Club
Davines Sustainable Beauty
District Tap
Edible Arrangements
Eiteljorg Museum
Fia Brewhouse
Fountain Square Brewery
Gigi’s Cupcakes
Glazer’s Distributors of Indiana
Global Gifts (Nora)
Hilton Hotel
Holiday World
Hotel Tango Artisan Distillery
IMX Pilates Studio
Indiana Fever
Indiana Pacers
Indiana Reporatory Theatre
Indiana Children’s Museum
Indianapolis Colts
Indianapolis Indians
Indianapolis Museum of Art
Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Indianapolis Zoo
Indy Eleven
Indy Handlebar Pedal Pub

Jewish Community Center
Kahn’s Fine Wines
Kilroy’s Bar & Grill
Krescendo, LLC
L.E. Kincaid & Sons Meat Market
Le Peep Restaurants of Indianapolis
Mallow Run Winery
Mass Ave Animal Clinic
McAlister’s Deli
Merridian Dermatology
Monkey Joe’s
Morty’s Comedy Club
NCAA Hall of Champions
NCM Movie Networks
Petite Chou
Phoenix Theatre
Portrait Innovations
Royal Pin Bowling
Rub’s Chris Steakhouse
Sangiovese Italian Restaurant
Silver Linings Jewelry
Sinking Ship
SkyZone Indoor Trampoline Park
St. Elmo’s Steakhouse
Sun King Brewery
Tammy Austin (Thirty-One Consultant)
The Leffler Family
Thr3e Wise Men
Tinker Street
Triton Brewery
Two Deep Brewing
Upland Brewery
Usual Suspects

MAY 6, 2016
ART SPACE AT THE ATHENAEUM
A curated show of artwork inspired by the hope survivors sought in the face of violence.

OCTOBER 14, 2016
CRANE BAY EVENT CENTER
Honor community members who excel in violence intervention and prevention while bidding at the silent auction and enjoying tastings from our favorite local vendors.
The Domestic Violence Network has been an integral partner in helping my organization better serve survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and those fleeing human trafficking.
— Domestic Violence Network Advocates Group participant

The Domestic Violence Network has educated, informed, and guided myself and my co-workers with the key tools in working with those we serve. I am thankful for all the Domestic Violence Network does and has accomplished to better serve survivors of domestic violence and those who serve them.
— @ Work Program participant

The Domestic Violence Network is a leader in bringing together diverse groups for a common purpose.
— Domestic Violence Network Advocates Group participant