



SHELTER FROM THE STORM

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

Winter Newsletter

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*"No matter how hard the past,
you can always begin again."*

-Buddha

Happy New Year!

The Shelter From the Storm staff and board would like to wish you all a happy new year filled with joy, happiness, health, and prosperity.

Reflecting on 2019

2019 has been a year of transition and transformation for Shelter From the Storm. We have gained new staff and board members as well as a new Executive Director. We hosted our first Pancake Palooza fundraiser and received so much support from our community. We have continued to work with our clients and foster relationships with community partners. We are so thankful for the continued support from the community members of Union County. Looking ahead, we are hopeful that SFS and staff will maintain momentum in providing services for our community.

JANUARY is National Stalking Awareness Month!

Though millions of men and women are stalked every year in the United States, the crime of stalking is often misunderstood, minimized and/or ignored.

Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that causes fear. Many stalking victims experience being followed, approached and/or threatened - including through technology. Stalking is a terrifying and psychologically harmful crime in its own right as well as a predictor of serious violence. In 85% of cases where an intimate partner (i.e., boyfriend or husband) attempted to murder his partner, stalking preceded the attack. We all have a role to play in identifying stalking and supporting victims and survivors.

Stalking Statistics

- Approximately 15% of women and 6% of men in the US have experienced stalking. (CDC, 2014)
- More than 50% of female stalking survivors and more than 30% of male stalking survivors were first stalked before they were 25 years old (CDC, 2010).
- More than 80% of survivors reported this person stalking them known to them in some way (CDC, 2014)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MLK Jr. Food Drive

January 20th-24th

Annual Soup Supper

March 7th

The Vagina Monologues

February 28th & 29th

No More Violence Week

March 8th-14th

Find more information about these events on our website or follow us on Facebook!

Words from a survivor...

Hello, I just wanted to reach out and say: Thank You! Several years ago this month Shelter From the Storm gave me and my children enough gas money to get out of town and disappear. My husband was trying to kill me, and had kidnapped my kids. The second the police got them back we left. It wasn't easy, in fact it was so HARD at times! But I am SO VERY thankful that your organization was there for us! I don't know WHAT we would have done without you! We stayed in the safe house for a month, then transitioned into our own apartment. That lasted barely a month with him causing problems the whole time. But the shelter was with me every step of the way! Even after I moved away you were there to help me find an attorney, among other things. I am forever grateful for what you did for us! I just wanted you to know that we're still out here, living, growing, dreaming... and the sun IS always shining - even if there are clouds in the way.

--Anonymous

From Our Staff To You!

Shelter From the Storm would like to say thank you to our donors, sponsors, supporters and volunteers that contributed to our organization this past year. We could not do the work we do without the generosity and dedication that you provide! !



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