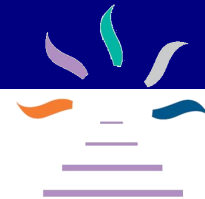
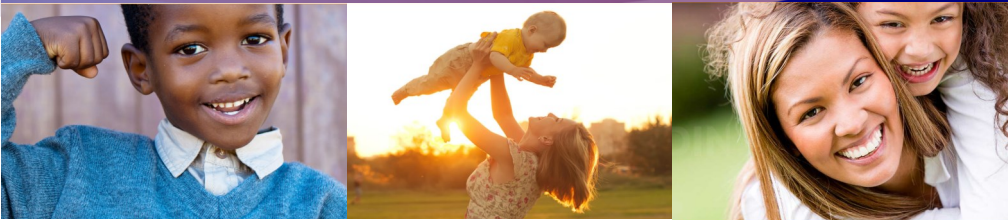


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Empower survivors and
create a culture of
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As the 2017/2018 school year comes to a close, over 3,000 area students will start the summer knowing more about their rights and responsibilities in a relationship, and what a healthy relationship looks like! Here's some of the feedback our Prevention Educators received this year from middle and high schoolers around Saginaw County:

"I saw how my classmates' responses changed over 5 sessions. They started to recognize abusive behaviors better, and started to care about victims more. It feels good being in a class of people who want to make a difference." - Freeland High School

"I realize now I've been telling my friends all the wrong things about relationships. I've never been taught what's healthy or unhealthy before now. I feel like I'll be able to help my friends better after these presentations." - Carrollton High School

"Your presentations were interesting and entertaining. You were the only speaker who made health class fun, and I learned a lot about social justice." - SASA

SAVE THE DATE



OCTOBER 3rd

5:30PM - 9PM, Bavarian Inn Lodge

The 2018 Empowerment Dinner and Celebration honors Judy Zehnder on her own turf in beautiful Frankenmuth. Join us to celebrate her community leadership and commitment to helping others. Enjoy cocktails, fine dining, and a behind-the-scenes look at our mission and work.



NOVEMBER 17th

Downtown Saginaw

The Girls on the Run 5K will once again lead the annual Holiday Parade! The run is open to the community. It begins at the Castle Museum and finishes at the Andersen Enrichment Center with hot chocolate, cookies, and the annual winter market. Register at www.gotrsaginawbay.org



Dear Friends,

Father's Day is just around the corner - a day where we honor and celebrate the invaluable role that fathers and father-figures play in the lives of their children and our world as a whole. While abuse is

often seen as a women's issue, men play a crucial part in ending it. This month, and always, we honor those men whose everyday behaviors can make big change.

We celebrate the men who work hard, promote shared respect in their families, and demonstrate great love for their children.

We celebrate the men who actively help raise children, share family chores, and model that it takes everybody's hard work to make a home.

We celebrate the men who love and value their partners and work consciously to maintain equality in their relationship.

We celebrate the men who balance family and career, and make difficult choices in order to maintain both.

We celebrate the men who encourage their children to be proud of who they are, and who promote understanding and respect between boys and girls.

We celebrate the men who place their children's need for love, safety, and support first, whether they live with them every day or some days.

We celebrate men who speak out against prejudice that demeans not just their sons and daughters but everyone else's, too.

We celebrate the men who advance the idea that peace and harmony in the home are preconditions for peace and harmony in the world.

On behalf of our clients, staff, and supporters, thank you for all you do.

Executive Director



COMMUNITY CORNER

Parent Highlight

Lisa

Kayla is more outgoing and confident because of Girls on the Run. The program taught her skills to manage herself and others in the many situations that she will encounter throughout life. This program is not just about running. The lessons they learn make them more self-aware and better communicators. Learning these skills early in life builds a strong foundation to the well-rounded leaders and mentors they will someday become. They learn to believe in themselves and build up others. Kayla was really inspired by the mentors that were a few grades ahead of her. She thought it was really great to have older friends that cheered her on. I really enjoyed hearing about the weekly lessons and the friendships she made. Finishing the 5K was not only a personal goal, but a team goal. They accomplished it together.

Runner Highlight

Kayla

Girls on the Run taught me how to always stay strong. You meet new friends from all grade levels that are there to support you. I loved running the 5K with my friends, and felt proud of all of us when we finished it. If I could teach a Girls on the Run lesson to every girl, I would teach them about STAR power. Everyone has this power inside of them and it helps you to shine.





FAMILY VOLUNTEERING REWARD PROGRAM

Disney Parks and Points of Light are celebrating family volunteerism by rewarding nonprofits with Disney Parks tickets for hosting family volunteering activities!

All families who volunteer at least 4 hours to eligible projects with Underground Railroad will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win Disney Park Passes.

For more information on the projects available, please contact Crystal Sanders, Volunteer Coordinator, at (989) 399-0007 ext. 105, or check out www.allforgood.org

The drawing for Disney passes will be held December 28, 2018.





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SALES EVENT
JUNE 15

Food, Fun & Sun!

& Savings!

\$1 clothes, shoes
 - and - accessories
 (jewelry not included)

\$50 **GIFT CARD**
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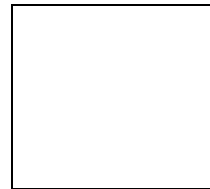
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Here's how
You Make A
Difference

- \$75 answers our crisis helpline for 24 hours, allowing survivors access to the support they need no matter the time of day
- \$100 offers a safe night in emergency shelter and nourishment for a family of four who is fleeing abuse
- \$150 provides the vaccines, preventative treatments, food and supplies needed to house a pet with its family for 30 days
- \$185 inspires one girl to be joyful, healthy and confident through our 10-week Girls on the Run program
- \$200 teaches healthy relationship curriculum to 100 area students
- \$250 feeds all our shelter resident families for one week
- \$300 cleans 200 loads of laundry (2 weeks of laundry services) for shelter resident families
- \$350 cares for two children for one week in our free, on-site daycare
- \$440 provides one month of utility expenses for our 9 offsite Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing units

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