Domestic violence advocacy services are on the rise in Connecticut for the third straight year according to the most recent statewide service statistics released by the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV). The number of survivors in need of 1:1 counseling increased 7% during fiscal year 2018. More survivors in need of this type of assistance resulted in the provision of far more services by domestic violence advocates, services that have not been met with additional funding.

“Survivors come to us with increasingly complex issues that require more and more time spent with a domestic violence advocate,” said Karen Jarmoc, CCADV chief executive officer. “It may be issues related to trauma, substance use, housing, all of which they struggle to have met by other areas of the human services safety net that have been cut in recent years. This means that our advocates spend a great deal more time advocating on their behalf.”

DVAM 2019 Activities

DVAM CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Each year, SBAP celebrates survivors of domestic violence and honors community members who collaborate and support our work at our annual candlelight vigil. Please join us on Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:00 pm at Coe Memorial Park in Torrington.

NATIONALLY

• More than 1 in 4 women and more than 1 in 10 men in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime. (The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey 2015 Summary Report)
• Crisis Calls On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive over 20,000 calls. (National Network to End Domestic Violence 2017 domestic violence counts national summary)

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• 2,023 victims of domestic violence were helped last year.
• SBAP sheltered 56 women and 46 children from July 2018 to June 2019.
• Education prevention programs were presented to 4,449 school aged children and to 1,524 adult community members.

On Tuesday, October 1st at 9:00 am a commemorative wreath was hung at Torrington City Hall in honor of victims and survivors of domestic violence.

“Kisses for Cops” and “Hugs for Healthcare” campaigns thank all area police departments and healthcare workers for being on the frontline and helping to prevent and end domestic violence.

The Clothesline Project, a collection of T-shirts designed by survivors of domestic violence, will be on display at the Thomaston Public Library and The Beardsley and Memorial Library in Winsted throughout the month of October. Visit the collection on our website at www.sbaproject.org and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sbaproject.
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Our Mission
Susan B. Anthony Project promotes safety, healing and growth for all survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and advocates for the autonomy of women and the end of interpersonal violence.

Meet Our Board

JESSICA WRIGHT-MCGURK

My Susan B. Anthony Project journey started in 2007 when I was hired as a Community Educator. In this position I traveled throughout Litchfield County proudly representing the agency and implementing prevention programs to youth and beyond. It was in this role that I found my true calling; to become a social worker.

I reluctantly left SBAP in 2010 to pursue my Masters in social work but I never strayed far. SBAP was forever in my heart; I continued to visit and volunteer when I could. My most recent adventure with SBAP started last year when I was asked to become a Board member. Being in this role has strengthened my passion for the work the staff does at SBAP and the need for prevention. If we can educate our youth about healthy relationships and warning signs, my hope is we can help play a role in ending the cycle of violence.

KIRSTIN ETELA

I was first introduced to Susan B. Anthony Project in 2015 when a former Board member invited me to tour the Water Street facility. Having represented children in neglect proceedings as a pro bono attorney, I was always struck by the number of my child clients who came from a background of domestic violence, and I was interested to learn how I could help to break the cycle. After being a member of the Advisory Council for three years, I am now honored to be a member of the Board.

I am a senior vice president, assistant general counsel, and chief compliance officer for FactSet Research Systems Inc., a financial data analytics software firm headquartered in Norwalk, Connecticut. I received my Bachelor’s degree from Tulane University, Masters of Science and Business Diploma from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and law degree from Pace University with a certificate in Environmental Law. Born in Cleveland and raised in St. Louis, I worked and studied in London for three years, and moved to Connecticut in 1994 where I have happily resided ever since.

The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) honored survivor Tracey Motuzick at the 8th annual First 100 Breakfast & Award Ceremony with the 2018 Coalition Crusader Award for her “experience and action (which) forever changed the landscape of domestic violence laws in Connecticut and the nation.”

Pictured (from L to R): Maria Salomone, SBAP Vice Chair; Nancy Boland, SBAP Treasurer; Michael Motuzick; award recipient Tracey Motuzick; Mark Famiglietti, SBAP Board Chair; Cheryl Wallace, SBAP Director of Finance; Gina Devaux, SBAP Director of Development; Jeanne Fusco, SBAP Executive Director.
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behalf to help them access services that contribute to their overall safety and stability.”

   Through one-on-one counseling survivors receive a number of services, all of which have increased:
   • Counseling/Support — 9% increase from previous year; includes both individual and group counseling
   • Advocacy — 38% increase from previous year includes calls, emails, etc. on behalf of the victim/survivor to help them access various resources such as TANF, SNAP, housing vouchers, behavioral health services, etc.
   • Safety Planning — 22% increase from previous year including discussions and planning to address immediate safety concerns
   • Information & Referral — 26% increase from previous year includes referrals to other service providers.

   “To put the complexities in context, we may have a survivor reach out for services who needs shelter, relocation to a different area of the state or out-of-state for safety, transportation to that new area because she doesn't have a car, connection to behavioral health services in the new location, and enrollment for SNAP & TANF,” said Lee Schlesinger, executive director of Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury and CCADV board member. With more survivors needing an increasing number of services, we worry about sustainability.”

   Survivors are also staying in shelter longer. The average length of time that survivors remained in shelter increased to 47.5 days during FY 2018. This represents the longest length of stay in the past 10 years, increasing 8% over the previous year and 83% since 2008 with statewide overcapacity reaching 123% this past year.

   “Access to safe, stable and affordable housing remains one of the greatest challenges facing survivors. It prolongs their stay in shelter, which is neither ideal for survivors and children nor the system overall.

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Making a Difference!

Judge Charles Gill had an exhibit at Five Points Gallery in June. Proceeds from his sales were donated to SBAP & Kids Play. Karina Presbie, SBAP Family Violence Victim Advocate is shown accepting the donation and an original painting from Judge Gill.

Mickie Ann Budny, President of the Litchfield-Morris Rotary Club delivered a collection the Club had done for SBAP of backpacks and beach bags filled with art and school supplies as well as new clothing and sheets for our clients. We are so appreciative!

Victoria’s Secret’s Beauty Manager Kelly Salcedo delivered gift bags filled with body spray and lotions for Mother’s Day. Our clients were so surprised to receive these. Thank you, Kelly for choosing SBAP for this donation!
Thank you to everyone who supported our second annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®! It was an incredibly successful day. Thanks to you, we welcomed the support of many friends, old and new, from all over the country and significantly surpassed our fundraising goal!

- 75 volunteers
- 117 registered participants
- 434 donors
- 12 sponsors
- Over $50,000 raised!!!

Thank you to all who participated, to the community members who came out to cheer on our walkers, and to those who graciously donated your products, time, and talents to make our second annual Walk an unforgettable day.

SAVE THE DATE: 3rd annual Walk a Mile – May 17th, 2020!
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2019 Sexual Violence Awareness Month

Each April, we hold our Sexual Assault Awareness Month Vigil to show community support for sexual assault survivors. This year, the following community members were recognized for collaborating and supporting our work throughout the year:

Priya Crum — SBAP volunteer since 2017.
Jill Davenport, Litchfield Hills Photography — in kind photographer for our events and vigils.
Don Jones — counselor from Trinity Glen’s men’s program.
Gail Manna — recently retired SBAP Manager, Community Outreach, Prevention and Special Projects.
DJ Murphy, Murphy Boyz Marketing — in kind contributions of printing and marketing materials.
Winchester Police Department — for their collaboration to help find justice for victims and their families.

Why become a monthly giver?

• Imagine if you could help provide reliable monthly revenue to guarantee services are always available for victims of abuse?
• Imagine if you were able to increase your annual gift to help even more victims?

By becoming a monthly donor, you can.

Please consider making your annual $50 gift a $5 monthly gift totaling $60. Or making your annual $250 gift a $25 monthly gift that will increase its value to $300.

Monthly gifts allow you to increase, and sometimes even double, your annual gift and provide a predictable stream of income that has incredible impact on the long-term financial health of SBAP.

Interested in Volunteering? SBAP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

There are many ways to volunteer at Susan B. Anthony Project
• Client Services
• General Office Help
• Fundraising & Special Events
• Community Education

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:
• Black Bear Americana Fest 2019: October 11 – 13 (varied hours), Goshen Fairgrounds
• Domestic Violence Month Awareness Vigil: October 23, Coe Memorial Park, Torrington
• Holiday Wreath Sale: November 15, November 22 & 23*, November 25 – 27, Susan B. Anthony Project, Torrington (*greatest need)

For more information, go to www.sbagproject.org and click on the community involvement link or call Siobhain at 860-489-3798. Our next volunteer certification training will be held after the holidays.

The Founders Society of Susan B. Anthony Project celebrates our founders, Polly Doremus & Gillian Hanna, and recognizes all of our donors who have also made a promise to help create a better tomorrow by providing a legacy gift. When you become a member of the Founders Society of Susan B. Anthony Project, you will help ensure the perpetuity of SBAP’s mission and role in our community. No matter the amount, you are making a gift of hope to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

If you are interested in learning more about the Founders Society of Susan B. Anthony Project call Gina Devaux at 860-489-3798 to R.S.V.P. or for more information about planned gifts.
Happening Now:

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE
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Small Wreath (20") – $20  Taper Centerpiece – $25
Medium Wreath (28") – $35  Pillar Centerpiece – $30
Large Wreath (38") – $50  Grave Blanket (36” x 24”) – $50

To become a Wreath Friend, please contact Denise at dtorson@sbaproject.org or 860-489-3798.

Phone Orders: 860-489-3798
Fax Orders: 860-482-6268
Online: http://sbaproject.org/get-involved/holiday-wreath-sales/

ORDERS DUE: November 11, 2019
PICK UP HOURS:
Saturday, November 23rd: 9 AM – 12 NOON
Monday, November 25th – Wednesday, November 27th: 9 AM – 4 PM

Adopt a Family for the Holidays!
Please help make the season brighter by adopting a family for the holidays! Email Siobhain at scraemer@sbaproject.org by Monday, November 4th.
• You will receive your shopping list as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday, November 27th.
• You may drop off your gifts as soon as your shopping is complete but no later than Friday, December 12th.

Old Navy – Game Stop – Local Restaurants – Grocery Stores
Gas Cards – Ocean State Job Lots – Kohl’s – Sally Beauty Supply
Bed, Bath & Beyond – JC Penney – Nail Salons – Big Lots

Cash Gifts: To purchase holiday gifts for teenagers and adult women.

Coming Up:

Susan B. Anthony Project's Authors Luncheon

Saturday, April 25th, 2020
12:00 - 2:30 PM
Fairview Farm Golf Course, Harwinton

Please call Gina Devaux for more information about any of our events at 860-489-3798.

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Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®

Sunday, May 17th, 2020
9:00 - 11:30 AM
Center of Litchfield

Making a Difference!

Anna Szymanski, left, organized a Neighborhood Collection for us again this year. She collected items from our wish list, along with gift cards. She began attending college this fall and has recruited Lara Bowers, right, to continue their neighborhood collection.

The Jewish Federation Foundation of Western CT awarded us with a grant to be used for our Community Education program. Shown accepting the award is: Lois Shafir, SBAP Board member, Jade Stoltz, Director of Communications & Marketing at The Jewish Federation Foundation, Jeanne S. Fusco, SBAP Executive Director, Roy Walzer, Grants & Allocations Chairman at The Jewish Federation of Western CT and Gail Manna, SBAP Manager of Community Education, Outreach & Special Projects.

We were touched by the number of handmade slippers and wash clothes sent from all over the country from members of the Pink Slipper Project. Your generosity was so appreciated by our clients!
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WE’RE HERE TO HELP

Free and confidential services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence include:

- Counseling for adults and children
- Support Groups
- Medical and Court Advocacy

For more information, please call (860) 489-3798.

24-Hour Crisis Line: 860-482-7133

Statewide Toll Free Hotlines:
Domestic Violence: 1-888-744-2900
Sexual Assault: 1-888-999-5545
En Español: 1-888-568-8332

My journey at Susan B. Anthony project began in 2003 when I started as a volunteer. I wasn’t here long before I knew that I felt extremely passionate about this work and wanted to continue doing it. I had the opportunity to join the team as a staff member in 2004 and have held a variety of roles over the years. From providing community education and court advocacy to working in our shelter and then with transitional housing, I found that every position I held was equally important and a vital part of our mission. In 2010 I left to continue this work at the national level, which would not have been possible without the exceptional experience and mentoring I had gained at SBAP. I am thrilled to be back at SBAP in a role that I feel sums up my background here well.

There are many rewarding aspects to the work I do here including supporting a team of passionate advocates who care deeply about providing a safe and welcoming space for all survivors to receive services; and being a part of an organization that supports the community I live in and am raising my children in. Both of these things give me a great sense of pride and combined fill me with hope for all that we can achieve.

I look forward to continuing to collaborate and strengthen relationships with other service providers in order to create a more seamless approach to serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence. I hope to see more funding in the future to assist individuals and families that have a need for safe and permanent housing options. I have seen SBAP continue to nourish the survivor-driven and trauma informed approach to serving survivors by truly partnering with them and empowering them to lead their journey to healing. Clients we work with often share that they feel supported, free to make choices without judgement, and for the first time many of them feel in control of their own lives.

If you, or someone you know, has been a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault and is in need of help or support please call our 24/7 hotline or stop into our office M-F between 8:30am and 4:30pm. We are here for you.