Fond Farewells to Cheryl Wallace
After More Than Two Decades of Service

Knowing Cheryl before her employment at SBAP, I knew she embodied the professionalism, dedication and loyalty which has always been a marker of excellence at SBAP. During her more than 20 years at SBAP, she has devoted countless hours in the service of her position as Director of Finance and Operations, where her legacy of impeccable systems, policies and focus to the financial stability of the organization have combined with her focus upon preserving the building assets of SBAP.

As well, Cheryl has supported the organization’s mission goals as a true ambassador of SBAP in our community and across the state. Words fall short in expressing our organization’s gratitude for her long and loyal service. May the next chapter be fulfilling and filled with as many fond memories as you leave with us.

~ Jeanne Fusco, Executive Director

I have had the pleasure and joy of working with Cheryl for almost 17 years and if I do say so myself, we have made a great team. Very early on we became close friends as well. You meet certain people in your life that you know almost immediately will leave a lasting impact on you. Cheryl has been one of those people for me. Advice, guidance and support no matter what the topic or issue, I knew I could always count on her to be a steady and constant presence. I have learned so much from her over the years and most importantly I have admired her loyalty, dedication, and her deep sense of caring that she has brought to all she has done in both her work and her personal life. It is impossible for me to sum up in words what Cheryl has meant to me and SBAP all these years and I cannot imagine Susan B. Anthony Project without her, but I am thankful that as one chapter ends and a new one begins for her, I know she will always be my friend.

~ Christine Motasky, Finance Assistant

For the past nine years Cheryl has been my supervisor. But she is much more than that to me; she has been my cheerleader, my confidant but most importantly my friend. I can’t imagine being at SBAP and not having her here guiding me. I have learned so much from her and I hope that what she has taught me over these past years will continue to guide me in the future. I will miss her compassion, strength and smiling face every day but I am so happy for her and what lies ahead for my friend.

~ Siobhain Craemer, Administrative Assistant
Meet Our Newest Board Member

MEGAN KOWALCHIK

After years of working in public accounting in both Boston and Washington, D.C., I’m currently the financial controller at Twenty2 Wallpaper + Textiles in Bantam, and living in Litchfield with my husband and two children. As a Susan B. Anthony Project Agency Sponsor, Twenty2 Wallpaper + Textiles has become increasingly involved with the agency via volunteer opportunities, event participation, and general support over the past several years, so my presence on the Board of Directors as of July 2021 was a natural fit for all of us. Growing up near Akron, Ohio, I recall many trips with my mom to volunteer at the local women’s shelter. For this reason, I’m excited to become more involved with Susan B. Anthony Project as a member of its Board of Directors, as we work together to create a community free of interpersonal violence.

Honoring Community Supporters

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Every year SBAP celebrates survivors of domestic violence and honors community partners who collaborate and support our work at our annual Candlelight Vigil.

2021 Honorees:

**KidsPlay Children’s Museum**, led by Executive Director Eileen Marriot, have organized many educational events with Susan B. Anthony Project’s Community Educators and have also given shelter residents access to the museum in a safe and welcoming way.

**Heather Rems Korwin**, owner of Sanctuary Power Yoga, has volunteered her time as a yoga instructor through the years and has donated class passes so clients can continue to use yoga to heal and recover.

**Anthony Roldan**, Housing Coordinator from New Opportunities, has been instrumental in assisting our clients navigate the rapid re-housing program in order to find safe housing and serving as an advocate when working with landlords on our clients’ behalf.

**Sergeant Brandon Kelly** and **Officer Robert Simon**, of the Torrington Police Department, collaborated to ensure our shelter families were able to enjoy the Police Athletic League’s (PAL’s) 2021 Summer Fest and coordinated with our Community Educators to provide prevention education programs at the PAL summer camp.

Thank you to **Steve Zarrella Photography** for photographing our event!
Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® is an international march where men and boys lead the way on the road to end sexual and domestic violence, and gives participants the opportunity to get their communities talking about a difficult subject while increasing awareness of the problem, offering opportunities for healing and demonstrating men’s willingness to walk with women and children as allies, advocates and survivors.

• Registration is now open — Individual or team
• Music, foot massages, treats, awards, and more
• Optional red high heels available for all local walkers
• Virtual events and private team events throughout May (can request toolkits online)
• Men, women, children, and pets invited to walk

NEW After-party at Litchfield Historical Society’s Meadows!

Get Involved and Spread the Word!

• Participate as a walker
• Attend in person
• Become an individual or corporate sponsor
• Place an ad in the event program
• Pledge walkers or make a gift in honor of the Walk
• Purchase Walk merchandise

Visit www.sbaproject.org/walkamile or contact Gina Devaux at gdevaux@sbaproject.org or 860-489-3798.
Our family of 2021-2022 Agency Sponsors is growing!
We’re thrilled to welcome **O & G Industries, Northwest Community Bank and Its Divisions**, and **twenty2 wallpaper + textiles**, to our incredible group of business donors who have chosen to support Susan B. Anthony Project at our highest sponsorship level. They join **Dymax Corporation, Thomaston Savings Bank** and **Webster Bank** in partnering with us all year long across all aspects of our work with those affected by domestic and sexual abuse. Their broad and generous annual support helps ensure that victims have access to services whenever and wherever they need them. We’re so grateful to all of our Agency Sponsors for their dedication to victims and commitment to addressing immediate client needs as well as long-term, forward-thinking solutions to bring an end to interpersonal violence.

Northwest Community Bank and Its Divisions awarded SBAP with a generous gift in support of the Neighborhood Assistance Program. With this contribution, we were thrilled to welcome them as an SBAP Agency Sponsor.

**Corporate matching gift programs** are a wonderful way for businesses to boost the impact of their employees’ donations. We provide a list of known companies who match gifts on our website, and encourage all donors to ask their employer if any such program is offered at their workplace. As Susan B. Anthony Project works to grow its relationship with companies offering matching gifts, we welcome feedback from both business owners and donors about existing programs, and how we can work together to maximize the impact of our supporters’ generosity and affect real change in our community.

Thank you to **Little Red Barn Brewers** and **Putnam Tennis Courts** — Bronze Sponsors of Susan B. Anthony Project’s Rebuilding Lives Program. These sponsorship gifts will provide a lifeline to women, men, and children who reach out to SBAP for help, by funding our 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, transitional living program, court and medical advocacy, support groups, and one-on-one counseling. These vital services for victims of domestic and sexual violence would not be available without the support of so many in our community, including our generous business donors. Cheers to you, Little Red Barn Brewers and Putnam Tennis Courts!

Find out more about how your business can support Susan B. Anthony Project, on our new Business Sponsorship page: [www.sbaproject.org/get-involved/business-sponsorship](http://www.sbaproject.org/get-involved/business-sponsorship)

Or contact Business Development Associate Ashley Cerruto at acerruto@sbaproject.org and 860-489-3798.

**Representative Jahana Hayes** met with survivors and members of CT domestic violence organizations to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing domestic violence survivors and service providers in Connecticut.
Thank you for helping to make this holiday season a bright one for our clients. **Our generous donors helped provide gifts for 64 families with 148 children and 19 single women.**

Nancy Adams Taylor
Altek Electronics, Inc. and their employees
Alternative Employment, Inc.
Caroline Amrich
Caroline & Dyckman Andrus
Anonymous (10)
Barbara Ball
Charlene Barbacci
Pinky Bazzano
Bob Berson
Mary Boland
The Boland Family
Kathleen & Aaron Borkowski
Ann & Thomas Bott
Joyce Briggs
Brooks, Todd & McNeil and their employees
Christina Brown
Denise & John Buchanan
The Budny Family
The Calcinari Family
Steve Caruso
Trish & Brian Cerruto
Charym Yoga & Fitness
Hope Childs
Mary Clancy
Jean Clarkson & Jonathon Stutz
Christine & Jon Concilio
Connecticut Community Foundation
Irene & Roger Dietlin
Billy Dobbins & Tom Burr
Claire & Robert Dombi
Diane & Daniel Domonell
Dymax Corporation
Eckert/Fahy/Nelson Families
Barbara & Joseph Ellis
Saun Ellis Drohojowska
Bella & Mark Erder
Lorraine Falero
Nancy & Mark Famiglietti
Connie Fischer
Vanessa Flint
Fuel Cell Energy and their employees
Linda Garrettson
Marilyn Goens
Patricia & Arnold Goldstein
Martha Green & Alan Cohen
Doreen & Jack Hampton
Tracey & Eli Hattem
Highview Valley Neighborhood
Siri Hoffman
The Hogan Family
Barbara & John Howard
Laurie & Jay Hubelbank
Carol Iannuzzi
Paul Jagger
Phil Karmens
Deborah & Gregg Kelly
Doreen & Mike Kelly
Sue Kendall
Kathy Kincane
Karen Koberg
Corky & John Lavieri
Kathy Lepp
Carol & Bob Linden
Litchfield County Women’s Network
Betsy & Chris Little
Little Red Barn Brewers LLC
Little Red Barn Collection
Love is in the Hair
Mick Maher
Susan Matz
Christine & Stephen McGrath
Catherine & John McMahon
Edith Milton
Cheryl Moretti
Kristin & Grant Mudge
Joanne Munch
Murphy Boyz Printing
Nancy & John Newton
Patricia Noyee & Roger Miller
Norcom CT
Norfolk Friends
NWR7 Social Justice Club
O & G Industries, Inc.
Catherine Oneglia
Katherine Oneglia
Patricia O’Reilly & James Huffstetler Jr.
Crelea & Anthony Pangaro
Susan Payne
Susan Rea
Chelsea Reynolds Riverton Congregational Church
Kathy & Curtis Robb
Karen Roberg
Turi Rostad & Ashley Rowe
Round Table Ladies
Philip G. Samponaro
Ellen Schroeder
Lois M. Schroeder
Jay E. Selman
Lois Shafir
Susan & Gordon Smith
Megan Stock
Sandra & Thomas Swoyer
Carol M. Symonds
Tammy Tecklenberg Living Trust
Eileen Tedesco
Trinity College Nest Artist Group
Tracey Tucker & Joel Howard
The Vasko Family
Lorraine Velush
Vinnie’s Restaurant
Nancy Wadhams
Sukey Wagner
Pat Werner
Winchester Center Congregational Church
Wittmann Battenfield and its employees
The Worden Family
Xylem FLDP

**Making a Difference!**

**McKenna Orthodontics** in Torrington and Winsted collected stocking stuffers for our Adopt-a-Family program this past December. Such a wide variety of items that put a smile on the faces of our youngest clients! Thank you for your generosity!

Some of the members in attendance at our **Advisory Council** breakfast in September were (L-R) Beth McCabe, Barbara Spiegel, Turi Rostad, Saun Ellis, Board President Maria Salomone, and Cathy Oneglia.

SBAP was one of the recipients of funds raised by the **BLN Charity Golf Tournament** held last fall. Back row: Stephen Todd, President, Burns, Todd & McNeil; Marisa Mittelstaedt; The McCall Center for Behavioral Health; Gina Devaux, SBAP Director of Development and Paul McLaughlin, Senior Vice President, Litchfield Bancorp. Front row: Deirdre DiCara, Executive Director, FISH; Laura Lemieux, The Community Kitchen of Torrington and Carrie Delaney, The Open Door of Winsted.
Happening Now

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. And every 9 minutes, that victim is a child. Meanwhile, only 25 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison. Throughout April, Susan B. Anthony Project will be raising awareness through programs about sexual abuse. Tune into our Facebook throughout the month to learn ways to get involved in preventing sexual violence.

Please join us Thursday, April 28th - SBAP will be hosting our SAAM vigil in Coe Park in Torrington at 6:30 pm. Our annual vigil recognizes community members who are crucial to our work and honors victims and survivors of sexual abuse.

• One in five women in the United States experienced completed or attempted rape during their lifetime.
• 47% of transgender people have suffered sexual assault.
• Nearly a quarter (24.8%) of men in the U.S. experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime.

Victims of Sexual Violence Statistics:
www.rainn.org/statistics/victims-sexual-violence

Sexual Assault Statistics:
www.nsvrc.org/statistics

Sunday, April 3rd – SBAP will be hosting a screening of “The Tale” at the Bantam Cinema at 6:00 pm. The screening is free and open to the public.

Revisiting a short story she wrote at thirteen, a documentary filmmaker (Laura Dern) faces life altering questions about her first sexual experience and the elusive nature of memory. THE TALE is director Jennifer Fox’s personal memoir examining the journey from denial to truth and the stories we tell ourselves to survive.

Give Local 2022 is coming April 26 - 27!
This annual 36-hour online giving challenge hosted by the Connecticut Community Foundation (CCF) puts the spotlight on so many amazing non-profits in Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills. Every dollar raised during the giving campaign is amplified by matching funds and prizes secured by CCF, so your donation through Give Local has the potential to make a huge impact!
www.givelocalCCF.org

Trunk or Treat held at Torrington Middle School in October. 1st place went to SBAP for our decorated van. Shown is our Community Educator, Matthias Ekstrand. Special thanks to Siobhain Craemer, SBAP Administrative Assistant for all your help!

Winners of the Ugly Sweater competition at this year’s staff holiday party: Alisha Donovan, Megan Smart, and Yachai Reilly.

SBAP Staff showing their support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
Making a Difference!

100% of Holiday Wreath Sale Proceeds Provide Shelter and Services to our Clients

Very special thanks to all who volunteered this past year. We raised over $16,000 to support our client services!

Judi Armstrong
Marge Beary
Martha Bernstein
Bob Berson & Barbara Putnam
The Binding Source – Mary Perry
Nancy Boland
Elizabeth Bourne
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital – Suzanne Fox
Church of Christ, Goshen – Janet Hooper
Church of Christ, Norfolk - Suzanne Hinman
Christine Concilio
Patience Deacon
Helen Donaher
Deborah Donne
Anne C. Dranginis
Saun Ellis
Nancy & Mark Famiglietti
First Congregational Church, Canton – Gina Magennis
First Congregational Church, Washington – Karen & Jim Esslinger
Forman School – Meredith Schafer
Anne Green
Harwinton Women’s Club – Pam Lazaroski

Judy Hayes
Theresa Lavoie
Litchfield High School – Dean Birdsall & Tammy Knox
Kathryn Litwin
Beth McCabe
Alitz McDonald
Jacqueline Miller
Effie Mwando
Matt Oneglia
Lynn & Bill Richmond
Allie Ritz
Tui Rostad
Diane Ryan
Rachel Sampson
Diane Salius
Diana Savory
Lois Shafrir

St. Anthony Church – Carol Iannuzzi
Thomaston High School – Janice Ellis
Thomaston Savings Bank “Can Do Crew”
Torrington High School ROTC Cadets – Charles Coulouras
Cara Torson
Trinity Episcopal Church, Torrington – Faye Tway & Gary Grant
Union Savings Bank – Karen Spencer
Bibby Veerman
Sarah Worden
Jessica Wright-McGurk
Elizabeth Wu
Nancy Young

A shout of gratitude to our wreath sponsors!

Dymax Corporation
Litchfield County Business Professionals
Northwest Community Bank and Its Divisions
Northwest Hills Credit Union
Quinoco Energy Services
Sterling Sintered Technologies
Thomaston Savings Bank
Law Offices of Wall, Wall & Frauenhofer
Webster Bank
A special thanks to Lily & Vine Floral Design – Tanya Dowd

Louis Donne, Peter Litwin, Paul Sweeney, Michael Kovalchik and Cliff Cooper, members of the Rhino Club, made a very generous donation of food for our shelter. We so appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

In attendance at our Cocktails & Jazz in the Barn event: (L-R) Robin Willink, Deborah Foor, Susan Rea, Anne Green. Thank you to Maggie Dwan and Bob Bombadieri for hosting us at the beautiful Inn at Mount Pleasant and to the gentlemen of South Lake Jazz for the incredible music.

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

We are extremely grateful to the many volunteers who have given their valuable time and plenty of effort in the past few months, as we readied several apartments at our Transitional Living Program to receive new families. A fresh coat of paint makes these units even more welcoming to families who are moving from our emergency shelter to these apartments, providing an opportunity for families to have a “fresh start” when moving into their new homes. Thank you to all the volunteers from Webster Bank, Thomaston Savings Bank, Twenty2 Wallpaper, Tind-All Creative Marketing, and Tia Fejzo LLC, for taking the time to help! (Pictured are volunteers from Webster Bank and Twenty2 Wallpaper.)