Prudence Crandall Center, Inc.

New Beginnings

Fall 2018

Providing
Hope & Safety
to Victims of
Domestic Violence
Since 1973

In Times of Darkness, You Shine the Light of HOPE!

Always on eggshells, the sound of his car in the driveway sent the kids running to their rooms and Mandy into a panic. Every day it was the same, for over 18 years. Yet she saw no escape from the nightmare of violence that had somehow become their lives, that they had all endured for too long.

The couple had been high school sweethearts and Mandy's work had always been caring for her family and home. Her dreams of a loving family life had long since vanished, replaced by a sense of hopelessness and despair. But she loved her children above all else, and couldn't imagine how she would provide for them if she left with no job or financial resources of her own.

One night, the sound of furniture crashing in their parents' bedroom became too much for the children to bear and Mandy knew it was time. She fled to a neighbor's house and called the police. In that courageous moment, the overwhelming fear of "what's next" was finally put aside. Mandy knew the years of physical, emotional, and financial abuse, too often witnessed by her children, must somehow come to an end.

"When I went to court, a Prudence Crandall Center Victim Advocate reached out to me right there, and took me to safety."

Our Victim Advocate greeted Mandy the next morning in court, immediately offering help. Mandy was traumatized, exhausted, barely able to speak. Her abuser was in court and his anger palpable. His family surrounded him, yet she was alone. Our Victim Advocate never left Mandy's side, explaining her legal rights, helping secure a restraining order, working through custody arrangements, and connecting her to other resources through PCC.

According to Mandy, our Victim Advocate "empowered" her, helping her get her "voice back." She learned that what happened wasn't her fault, that she wasn't alone. And that hope and healing was available at PCC.

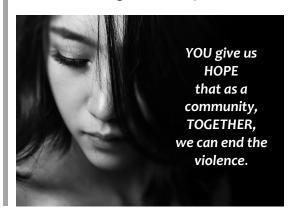
Mandy and her children are now "stronger, learning to do things on our own," and hopeful for their future. Their lives have been forever changed because of the support made possible by YOU, our caring community.

you are the heart of our community
by offering encouragement and support
to our families through your caring
donations and fundraising efforts
throughout the year.

YOU raise awareness and promote understanding

by bringing friends, family, co-workers, and civic groups to our Hope Tours, opening minds and hearts to the struggles survivors face.

YOU create a safe, affordable and comfortable home for our families by donating new household items to furnish our apartments, and volunteering your time on service projects, making Rose Hill a beautiful & welcoming community for all.



Healing, understanding & a peaceful home.

YOU Provide Safety, Healing & Hope

YOU raised over \$242,000 at our 3rd annual "Celebrating Hope" breakfast through donations, sponsorships and multi-year pledges, funding critically needed to strengthen and support our life-saving services. Thank you all!





Rathgeber, Kevin and Christine Bruemmer

"Listening to the survivors of domestic violence courageously telling their stories and how Prudence Crandall Center has provided them with guidance and support to get their lives back and to stay safe was truly inspiring. This Celebrating Hope breakfast demonstrated the true meaning of 'Rising Up'." —Virginia Nowakowski, Virginia & Andrew Nowakowski Charitable Trust





& representatives from Tokio Marine HCC



Rev. Hofmeister & members of the Caroline Aston Fund, First Church with PCC Pres. Claudia Barbieri



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Allison entered our emergency shelter badly bruised, and her son Andrew so severely traumatized that he was totally non-communicative after living with years of physical and emotional abuse.

When Allison first met her husband, Tom, she thought she had found the love of her life and a loving father for her son, Andrew. However, as time passed, Tom's abuse became intense and relentless.

Once safe in our shelter, our Children's Services Coordinator worked on a plan to help Andrew begin to heal while working with school services to help him succeed. In time, Andrew felt safe. Thankfully, he began speaking again, and he and his mother moved into our supportive housing program where he continued to improve, even participating in school programs and receiving awards for academic and character achievements.

After spending almost two years in our supportive housing at Rose Hill, Allison and Andrev recently moved into their very own apartment where they report they are happy and enjoying their new life—thanks to the help, hope, and support they received from our PCC community.

You are our BEST Ambassador

YOU can help raise awareness about domestic violence & our services by inviting 10-15 guests to our 1 hour Hope Tour.

You & your guests will experience powerful stories of strength and survival, tour our unique facility, and be inspired!

Host your tour during one of our scheduled times or we can arrange a tour for a date/time convenient for your group.

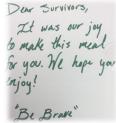
> To host a tour or to learn more, please call 860.225.5187, ext. 223

You can make a difference!

YOU Create a Caring Community

A Night Out of the Kitchen!

An idea, inspired by a Hope Tour guest, has become a much-anticipated gift for our shelter residents. "Supper Club" was launched in early spring and has had such a wonderful and positive impact on our clients and our staff!





Meals are prepared by generous community members like YOU, delivered to Rose Hill, and then taken to our shelter to be shared and enjoyed by our shelter residents and their families.

"It was so nice not to have the stress of cooking and to have all the shelter residents sit together at the table and visit.

Please let everyone know how thankful we are."

— PCC Shelter Resident

If you'd like to learn more about participating in our "Supper Club" please call 860-259-3820



A Garden for All

A portion of the backyard at Rose Hill has been transformed into a thriving vegetable garden by two dear friends of PCC, Ann Ducasse and Judy Robertson.

"It has been a joy to provide nourishment for the families at Rose Hill through a garden they can watch grow and help tend."

— PCC Volunteer Ann Ducasse

Through their efforts, we have had baskets full of fresh produce for our families every week!

"I know the families have gone through a lot of rough times in their lives. My hope is that the garden and fresh veggies from it will play a small part to give their lives a sense of normalcy and enjoyment."

— PCC Volunteer Judy Robertson



Our Services:

24-Hour Helpline: 888-774-2900 Crisis Counseling, Information & Referrals

Residential Services

Emergency Shelter, 28 Apartments of Supportive Housing, Case Management

Counseling

Individual & Groups, Adults & Childrer

Victim Advocacy
Civil & Criminal Court

Community Education & Prevention
Schools, colleges, service providers,
civic groups & the public

Towns We Serve Include:

Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Kensingtor New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth Southington, Terryville

Our services touch the lives of over 8,000 annually from across our region and our state.

HOPE... Begins with YOU

Every year, we must raise over one-quarter of our funding from YOU, our supporters & friends.

Here are a few ways YOU can help:

- ♦ Create/host a fundraiser with family, friends or co-workers
- ♦ Donate by mail or on-line
- ♦ Join our Bright Futures Giving Society
- ♦ Become a sponsor of "Celebrating Hope"
- ◆ Volunteer to help with our events & community outreach efforts
- ◆ Contact us or visit our website for our "Wish List" of current needs
- ♦ "Like" & follow us on Facebook
- ◆ Participate in Dress Down & Go Purple

For more ideas and information, please contact our Development Department at (860) 225-5187 ext. 218.

Thank you!



Dress Down and Go Purple!

YOU can help end the violence!

Join our "Dress Down and Go Purple" campaign and help raise awareness at your school, work, or place of worship. We'll provide you with all you need.



2017 Dress Down & Go Purple at Beacon Prescriptions, New Britain

You pick the day & encourage everyone to wear purple! Send us your pictures!

We'll share them on social media & give a shout-out to your awesome group.

Let's get talking and take a stand — together, let's end the violence!

For info, contact (860) 225-5187 ext. 223 or smayou@prudencecrandall.org

Save these Dates

Candlelight Vigil



Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Please see invitation enclosed

Prudence Crandall Center's 45th Annual Meeting

> Thursday, November 1, 2018 Reception & Buffet 5:30 pm Invitation to follow



Golf Tournament

To benefit Prudence Crandall Center!

Tuesday, October 11 at Lyman Orchards

Visit prudencecrandall.org "News" for registration & tournament details or call the Development Department at 860-225-5187 ext. 218



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