October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

A very busy year!

In 2019 DVSBF has extended its outreach.
Adding a Juvenile Deferment and Juvenile Detention Program.
The Youth Prevention Programs have increased from serving 70 youths to over a total of 240.
Our Shelter experienced increased demand with the growth of the bi-county area, from 1,779 adult nights to 1,976. The average stay is 21 days. Unfortunately, we faced 106 unmet needs for shelter.
Domestic violence is the number one reason for homelessness among women and children.

Any amount provides support. Donate online at: www.dvsbf.org

In the United States only 10% of all domestic violence shelters provide for pets. DVSBF is proud to be in that 10%. To abandon a beloved pet, that provides comfort can mean the difference between leaving and staying in an abusive situation.

“We can all take responsibility for helping to bring about change, and keeping our friends and colleagues safe from domestic violence.” – Charles Clarke, White Mountain SAFE House
Men can be victims of domestic violence, too, and it’s time we recognized it.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) reports that one in three women will be a victim of some sort, and that one in four men will also be a victim of domestic violence.

Why don’t we hear more about this?

Domestic violence against men can take many forms, including emotional, sexual and physical abuse and threats of abuse, “the Mayo Clinic says. “It can happen in heterosexual or same-sex relationships.”

The late singer Whitney Houston once told The Associated Press that she beat her husband, Bobby Brown. “Contrary to belief, I do the hitting, he doesn’t,” she said.

Male victims can feel ashamed, just like female victims, like it is somehow their fault or they have failed as a man. There is no shame in seeking help and no shame in reporting it.

We are doing much better at shining a light on domestic violence, but we have a long way to go.

We wish to recognize and thank the following organizations for their events benefitting DVSBF!

Burlesque Co. Dance Company
Tri-Cities, Chivers’ Masquerade Ball
Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXIV
HOG’s Poker Run Iron Bloods, Clubs Ride
Pumped4Purple MixxedFit®

DVSBF provides a 24/7 Crisis Line 800-648-1277 DVSBF does not discriminate on any basis. DVSBF also provides literature, and information if you suspect or know of someone impacted by domestic violence.