

Happy Summer!

Summer in the Pacific Northwest is magnificent – I certainly hope you have time to relax, go to the beach and just enjoy the bounty that Mother Nature gives us! The warm weather months provide us with amazing weather and opportunities to participate in lots of wonderful outdoor activities, however, it can also be a disconcerting time of instability, uncertainty and challenges for survivors of domestic violence and their children.

This past fiscal year (2018-19) was extremely successful for the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) of Washington County. The Board of Directors and staff at DVRC thank you for supporting our efforts to provide a full continuum of programs and services to survivors of domestic violence. DVRC has been able to provide these free and confidential services for almost 44 years thanks to the generosity and kindness of our community - again, I thank you.

Lastly, I am happy to announce that we have made some big changes in DVRC's Leadership Team. Gayle Sheller, who was DVRC's Counseling Services Director for 9 years, is now our full-time Housing Director, overseeing our three housing programs—Monika's House, Mary Mac House, and Sojourner's House. We are also excited to announce that Evanna Bradley-Tschirgi has taken over as DVRC's Counseling Services Director. Evanna previously worked in our Counseling Department as the Child & Youth Counselor.

Please read through this newsletter and check out what is currently happening at DVRC. I hope that you, your family, and your friends are able to enjoy the rest of this magnificent summer.

Peace..

*Rowie Taylor*  
Executive Director

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### Immediate Needs:

- Twin-Size Sheet Sets (new)
- Pillows (new)
- Towel Sets (new)
- Bath Mats (new)
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Fred Meyer Gift Cards
- Bookstore Gift Cards
- Target Gift Cards
- Visa Gift Cards

### Amazon Wish Lists:

- [Mary Mac House](#)
- [Monika's House](#)

\*\*If purchasing from our wish lists, make sure to add a note with your name & address so we can send you a thank you!

### Employment Openings:

- [Sojourner's House Case Manager/Advocate](#)

Extra special thank you to our outgoing 2018/2019 Graduate Interns! We are so appreciative of the work you have done for DVRC. Good luck on your next adventures!

## Monika's House Kitchen Update

We are excited to report that we are getting to the final stages of our remodel at Monika's House, DVRC's emergency shelter.

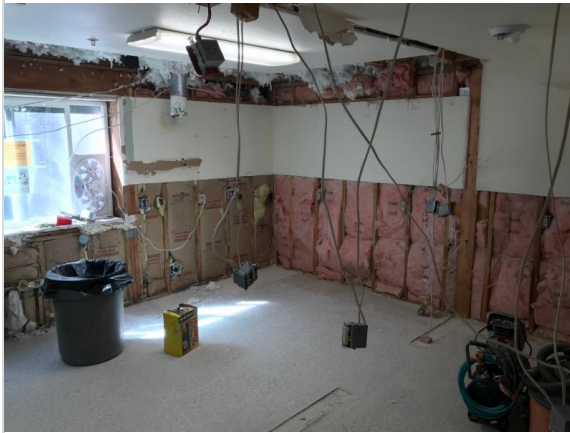
After completion, Monika's House will have brand new floors, a completely remodeled kitchen, fresh paint through out the home, and new lighting fixtures! This remodel will



make Monika's House a much brighter, safer, and functional environment for the families living there.

We have to give an extra big thank you and shout out to In Your Home, our contractors on the project. They have been so gracious to our clients and sensitive to our Housing programs needs. We also want to thank Sam Vause, our IT Consultant/Project Manager, for making sure this project has been smooth every step of the way.

Stay up to date on the project by following our social media profiles.



## Expanding Our Reach

DVRC is continually working to meet the needs of our community. In the past few months, we have grown our partnerships and expanded our services to reach survivors in need.

DVRC's Counseling Program has expanded its work with Boys & Girls Aid and will now be offering Healthy Relationship Skills Groups for their transitional housing program, in addition to the groups we currently offer in their shelter.

DVRC's Advocacy Program is now operating in locations all over Washington County. DVRC Advocates are available at DHS offices in Beaverton, Hillsboro, and Tigard 5 days a week and at the Washington County Courthouse 4 days a week.

## New Housing Program!

DVRC is excited to announce a new venture under our Shelter Services Program! We have partnered with Washington County to operate





## Sojourner's House.

The Sojourner's House program allows us to help domestic violence survivors stabilize their lives in independent living apartments scattered through out Washington County. DVRC will provide wrap-around case management services to clients settling into their own apartments to further their path to complete self-sufficiency.

We look forward to welcoming our first families and single adults fleeing violence in early August!



## Sponsor a Room!

As we finish up the remodel at Monika's House, we want to begin welcoming partnerships to "sponsor a room" at our shelters.

Sponsoring a room is a great way for the community to get involved with creating a comfortable and inviting space for our shelter clients to live in. As a room sponsor, you (and your group) would give one of the bedrooms at Monika's House and/or Mary Mac House an entire make over, which could include cleaning, painting, decor, etc..

If you are interested or want to learn more about sponsoring a room, please contact our shelter business line at (503)469-4580 or send an e-mail to [dvrc@dvrc-or.org](mailto:dvrc@dvrc-or.org).



## Survivor Quotes

DVRC collects feedback forms from our clients to ensure that we are offering the best support and service possible. The following are a few quotes from the past few months.

"You have done an excellent job of providing me with resource lists that could be of great help to me. Thank you."

"Thank you for being so kind, helpful, and respectful."

"You have helped our family through a hard time and we thank you. DVRC is great!"

"I came here such a broken person and with the respect and counseling services, I found myself again. Thank you so much for the help. Without you, I don't think I would have survived."

If you are a survivor who has used DVRC services and would like to tell your story, send us an e-mail and it could be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

\*\*All names and identifying situations have been modified

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