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CVAC QUARTERLY

WHAT'S NEW AT CVAC

Just as summer is quickly making its way towards fall, CVAC is quickly growing its programs, departments, and staff. CVAC was recently awarded a grant from the Office of Victim Services to hire three new Case Workers. Each of these new staff members will be based in one of our three locations; Binghamton, Endicott, and Norwich. We have also secured a grant through the United Way that will allow us to bring aboard a case manager specifically to work within Binghamton High School. This will bring our total case worker count

to seven by the end of the summer!

As a result of all of this growth, we are thrilled to announce the expansion of our services at our newest location in Endicott, CVAC West. Formally home to solely our Safe Harbor and Education departments, we will now be opening a satellite Child Advocacy Center! This additional site will have an important and beneficial impact on preventing and responding to crimes against children in both Broome and Tioga Counties. To accommodate our new staff and services,

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we are in the process of making some drastic renovations to our space within the St. Ambrose School. Two new offices, a private interview room and a fully functional bathroom with a shower, clothes washer and dryer will be constructed in hopes of someday having a drop-in center for at-risk youth. Stay tuned to see where we go next!

**Haley Murphy, SART &
Enough is Enough Coordinator**

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: Krista Kelsey

How long have you been volunteering for CVAC?

"I've volunteered with CVAC since the early 2000's! I took some time off from volunteering after my son was born in 2010, but I've been back with CVAC for over two years now. Goodness -- in total, it's been nearly two decades that I've worked with CVAC! And I wouldn't change a moment of how I've spent that time!"

What made you want to volunteer?

"It was CVAC's mission and the team's dedication to carrying out that mission that drew me in from the beginning. CVAC is a truly unique organization with its victim-focused approach to crime. Too often victims of crimes become forgotten statistics, but CVAC -- each worker and volunteer who help bring the vision to life -- genuinely cares about every individual as the person they are. We care to hear their stories and help them where we're able. I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of that."

What are your best qualities that help you with volunteering?

"When I was very young, my grandparents would sit me down and tell me old stories about their youth and various life experiences. I remember my grandfather often telling me during such stories that I had a gift for listening to people and making them feel like they were truly heard. One of the first things I learned when I began volunteering with CVAC is the value of listening to those who need us and making sure that they know their voice is being heard. If any quality of mine helps me to be the best volunteer I can be, I'd hope it's that 'gift' my grandfather spoke of!"



INSPIRED TO VOLUNTEER?

Our next volunteer training begins in September! Apply today at www.cvac.us/volunteer



STAYING SAFE DURING SUMMER FUN

- Drink water and stay hydrated
- Always wear sunscreen, even if you aren't planning to be out in the sun all day
- Always wear your helmet while riding a bike
- Never leave children or pets in the car - not even for 60 seconds
- Don't forget bug spray, especially when planning for a hike
- Use extra caution and supervision near the pool and other bodies of water



Interviewed by Kayla Heath, Intern

Upcoming Events

Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally - August 3-5

With endless food, vendors, and entertainment, you'll never be bored at Spiedie Fest. Don't forget to stop at our table to chat with us!

National Night Out - August 8th, 5pm

Every summer, we come together for National Night Out to increase community awareness and safety. Whether you find yourself at Fairview Park, Columbus Park, or the Target Plaza, you will find our CVAC staff with activities and outreach materials. Come say hello!

Family Fun Night in the Park

hosted by Promise Zone and Drug Free Communities

Join us on four August nights for games, snacks and giveaways!

8/8 - Otsiningo Park, Binghamton at 5pm

8/15 - CFJ Park, Johnson City at 5pm

8/22 - Northside Park, Endicott at 5pm

8/29 - Klumpp Park, Windsor at 5pm

10th Annual Ugly Iron Golf Tournament September 8th

Join us for our annual FUN-draiser! Keep an eye out for details on our website and Facebook page!

- SAVE THE DATE! -

Paint the Town Purple

October 5th, 7pm