

Laurel House Happenings

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Pottstown Satellite Office

We are excited to announce that Laurel House now has a permanent office space in Pottstown! This location, much like our other satellite offices located strategically throughout the county, will be a place where individual and group counseling sessions will take place, DART advocates can meet with clients, and other meetings can take place as needed. Each of these services will be available by appointment only.

We are sincerely thankful to Community Health and Dental and Tri-County Network for their support as we worked to establish our presence in the Pottstown area as well as to the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation for their support of our Pottstown area services.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Each October, service providers across the country recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). DVAM is a time for us to remember those who have lost their lives to domestic violence, celebrate survivors, and raise awareness in an effort to prevent future violence.



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Laurel House concluded DVAM with our 5K DASH Against Domestic Violence. Each year, several teams form to remember loved ones who lost their lives at the hands of their abuser. This year, Laurel House remembered every life that has been lost to domestic violence over the last decade. Sixty two purple pinwheels were displayed in our remembrance garden to honor each life lost.



To begin the month, public officials, law enforcement, advocate, and survivors gathered at the Montgomery County Court House for a town hall meeting followed by a ceremony during which the Court House was lit in purple and luminaries were displayed on the Court House steps.

A Year in Review

From July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017, Laurel House:

- Responded to 1782 hotline callers
- Provided 5913 days of emergency shelter to 188 women and children
- Provided crisis response to 398 victims
- Provided 1241 hours of individual counseling
- Provided 259 "Healthy Dating Relationships" programs to 6894 students in 24 schools spanning 14 school districts

Without the support we receive from our community, none of this would be possible. For our complete Annual Report, including full service data and financials, please visit the newsletters section of our website at www-laurel-house.org

Nicole's Place at Laurel House

Following the murder of Nicole Rhoads Peppelman on March 31, 2015, Laurel House has been working with her family and friends to expand our services into eastern Montgomery County. We are pleased to announce that in November 2017, Nicole's Place at Laurel House will open its doors in Huntingdon Valley.

Nicole's Place will offer a valuable opportunity to raise awareness about domestic violence,

while providing immediate and on-going support services and resources for those in need, as well as the community at-large. Services offered will include: clinical counseling (individual and group), resources and referrals, educational trainings, volunteer opportunities and more.

More information will be provided as we continue to move forward with this project.

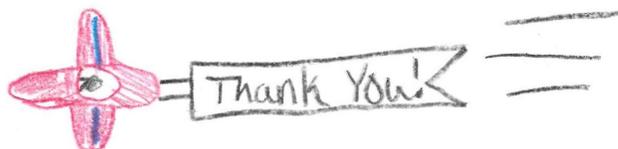


Laurel House Co-Presidents at official Nicole's Place launch event.

“To know that you care and want to help is powerful and an amazing gift...It does matter and it does make a difference in people's lives!” - a Laurel House client

When you donate to Laurel House, you're not just providing funds to keep our programs going, you're providing a vote of confidence for our clients. You're proving to them that there is a whole community surrounding them who believes in them and their strength to overcome all that they have been through. You're showing them that, though someone close to them betrayed their love and trust, there are people rooting for them who want them to succeed and thrive in life.

Please make your donation today and show victims of domestic violence that they matter to you.



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WORK TO END
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE

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LAUREL HOUSE
AN EVENING OF
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PINECREST COUNTRY CLUB
101 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE
LANSDALE, PA 19446 6:30 to 10:30 in the evening

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