Welcome New Staff!

Laurel House is excited to welcome two new staff members to our team:

Erin Robert returns to Laurel House after the recent completion of her internship as the newest full time Domestic Abuse Response Team Advocate (DART).

Erin interned with DART during the 2017-2018 school year while completing her BSW program at Eastern University. When she’s not helping victims of domestic violence seek justice, Erin enjoys her part-time job at Starbucks, watching shows on Netflix, shopping, and her kitten Daisy.

Rachel Becker, Esq. joins Laurel House as a staff attorney. Rachel earned her J.D. at Villanova University School of Law where she served on the Moot Court Executive Board and earned a Dean’s Merit Scholarship.

Before coming to Laurel House, Rachel worked as an Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County’s Major Crimes Unit where she prosecuted cases including assaults, burglaries, and robberies against adult and child victims.

Working under Director of Legal Services and Laurel House Board Member, Colleen F. Coonelly, Esq., Rachel will assist clients in child support and custody matters, as well as with actions seeking orders of protection.

Joining Rachel will be our new paralegal, Ally Echevarria. Ally recently graduated from the University of Delaware with a dual degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice. She also completed a minor in Domestic Violence Prevention and Services.

As an undergrad, Ally completed an internship at Mission Kids where she learned how essential the work of nonprofits is to a community. She is excited to join the Laurel House staff!

Laurel House is sad to say goodbye to Jess Beers, one of our DART advocates, and Danette Cathcart, our Pottstown area counselor. Jess joined DART during a critical period of program growth, while Danette was integral to the establishment and on-going success of our Pottstown location.

We thank them both for all they have done and wish them luck on the exciting new adventures that await them!
Notes from Nicole’s Place

Hello from Nicole’s Place! It’s hard to believe that we have been open in Huntingdon Valley for nine months now. A great deal has happened, so we are going to keep you updated throughout the year about our events, programs, and projects!

Since our opening in November, the counseling department’s caseload has doubled and continues to grow. We have been able to provide immediate support to walk-ins, to answer general inquiries from community members, and more. We have hosted several community programs on-site and look forward to more projects in the fall. We held a program on teen dating violence in February, focusing on how parents can talk to their teens openly about healthy relationships. We also hosted a breakfast for faith leaders in our area to discuss responses to domestic violence in their congregations and plan to continue hosting this amazing group! Our new teen and pre-teen groups will begin in September, and we are excited about engaging allied professionals to enhance their capacity to support survivors of domestic violence.

Nicole’s Place has a small yet mighty staff. Sarah is our manager, Sam is our case manager, Shannon is our counselor, and Denise is our counseling intern. We work hard to make the office warm and inviting, a calming space for individuals and families in crisis, and a reliable source of information, resources, and support for the community. We also love visitors, so please stop by and get to know us!

Office Hours:
Mondays: 10 am – 3 pm
Tuesdays - Saturdays: 10 am – 6 pm
Counseling hours by appointment

The Marketplace at Huntingdon Valley
2064 County Line Rd. Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
Office: 267-699-0200
nicolesplace@laurel-house.org

Pottstown Updates

As our Pottstown area counselor departs, our Medical Advocate, Ashley Thompson will be stepping in to take over counseling in the Pottstown satellite office.

Ashley has a masters in social work degree and is nearing completion of her requirements to earn her Licensed Clinical Social Worker credentials. Ashley currently works with our Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) as the Medical Advocate. She will now split her time between the Pottstown office and her medical advocacy duties.

Former shelter legal advocate Anna Lower will be taking over several of Ashley’s medical advocate duties, as well as providing general advocacy support in the DART program. Prior to joining the staff at the shelter, Anna served as a DART intern. DART is excited to welcome Anna back to the team.
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*service numbers subject to slight change after year-end review*

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**Volunteer Voices**

Are you interested in lending a hand to help the clients of Laurel House? Volunteer opportunities include:

- Childcare
- Special events
- Representing Laurel House at fairs, community days, and other events
- Administrative tasks
- Thrift shops, and more!

If you’d like to volunteer at Laurel House, contact Sam at volunteers@laurel-house.org

A big **THANK YOU** to our volunteers who dedicated over 1200 hours of their time to Laurel House last year!
Lace up your running shoes!

5K DASH
Against Domestic Violence

Mark your calendar and come join us!
Upper Gwynedd Township Bldg, North Wales, PA
Sunday, October 21, 2018
5K Start Time: 8:30am
#LHDASH - Register at www.laurel-house.org

Honor someone you know who was impacted by domestic violence by joining us!

Did you know that counseling is available in 5 locations throughout Montgomery County?

Appointments can be made for our Pottstown, East Norriton, North Wales, and Bryn Mawr locations by calling 610.277.1860. For Huntingdon Valley appointments, please call 267.699.0200.

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2018
11AM - 1PM
JOIN ADVOCATES OF LAUREL HOUSE IN

“Breaking the Silence”

Lunch, learn and shop for a cause at Green Valley County Club! Meet representatives from Laurel House. "Shop" for life-saving gifts for families that have been impacted by violence. And learn about the legal aspects of domestic violence, as told first hand by District Attorney Kevin Steele and Attorney Kristen Feden.

Ticket & Sponsorship Information to Follow

For questions, please contact Betsy Kilkenny at Laurel House at 610.277.1860, ext. 122 or bkilkenny@laurel-house.org

Committee Chairs: Ilene Berman, Pam McKernan, Shawn McLaughlin & Tracy Steele

Laurel House
Working to End Domestic Violence

Reuse, Repurpose, Restore a Life
Fashion Show and Luncheon to Benefit Laurel House

Join us on the Runway
Saturday, September 29th
12:00–5:00pm
(Doors open at 11:00am)

Pine Crest Country Club
101 Country Club Drive, Lansdale
Purchase tickets ($40 each) at www.laurel-house.org

Fashions Featured by Laurel’s Loft
A Thrift Shop Supporting Laurel House
Cash Bar and RAFFLES!
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