

Did You Know?

In the US

- One in three women and one in four men are affected by domestic violence in their lifetime.
- A woman is abused *every three seconds*.
- Three women are killed *each day* by their husband or boyfriend.
- 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year – 90% being eyewitness to the violence.

In Central Ohio

- Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, there were 20 homicides related to domestic violence in Franklin County, including three strangulations. Police departments in the county responded to 11,135 incidences of domestic violence in 2021
- Columbus police made 4,064 domestic violence arrests 2021.
- In May of 2023, Columbus police reported 12 domestic violence related homicides since the beginning of the year- an increase of 20% from the same time frame the year before.

At CHOICES

- CHOICES is the only domestic violence focused shelter in Franklin County.
- Last year, CHOICES sheltered 944 people escaping a domestic violence situation, *more than half* of those were children.
- CHOICES staff also assisted more than 3,400 people in crisis through the 24-hour hotline, served 281 people through the community advocate program and provided counseling services to 105 people who were not in shelter.
- CHOICES has a kennel to house the family pet, so they do not have to be left behind when a family seeks safety in the shelter.