

TEAM CHOICES

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TOGETHER

The harsh realities of domestic violence

Strangulation. Rape. Beatings to the point of unconsciousness. Jessica didn't anticipate facing these violent realities as a newlywed with a child on the way, but the abuse began almost immediately and continued to escalate.

At one point, Jessica's husband had her committed when she was off her bipolar medication, so he could take full custody of their two children. After multiple attempts to leave, Jessica finally broke free from the relationship, and after a long, expensive court battle, she regained full custody of her children.

Therapy through **LSS CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence** has been critical to Jessica's recovery and stability. "CHOICES has been such a gift in my CHOICES, and I'm now more capable of dealing with life."

"I feel healthier than I've ever felt in my entire life, If I did not have those four years of therapy [at CHOICES] I would not be standing here today. That's just a fact."

- Jessica, LSS CHOICES client

Jessica's story illustrates the harsh realities of domestic violence and the toll it takes on victims and their children. CHOICES works to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing emergency shelter, critical support, counseling, and other services that help victims and their children find safety, heal from their trauma, and plan for a safer future.

The safety, healing and hope found at CHOICES helps victims of domestic violence like Jessica become survivors. There are so many more like her in our community that need your support. By joining Team CHOICES, you can help victims regain their freedom from domestic violence and rebuild their lives!

Domestic violence kills.

The toll of domestic violence is high -making CHOICES one of the most vital organizations in our community.

11,135 incidents*

of domestic violence were responded to by Franklin County police departments in 2021.



*Defined as violence against a family or household member.

4,064 arrests

made for charges of domestic violence by Columbus police in 2021.



20 homicides

related to domestic violence in Franklin County, including 3 by strangulation.*



*July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
(Ohio Domestic Violence Network)

Domestic violence cuts across all demographic and socio-economic levels. CHOICES' services are available to all victims of intimate partner violence, including men, members of the LGBTQ community, and those with limited English skills. Annually, about 50% of the shelter population is children and a substantial number of residents are pregnant. Typically, our shelter serves people who are low-income, such as the working poor or victims who have had access to their financial resources blocked by their abuser.

Bring healing. Give hope. Join Team CHOICES!

Team CHOICES is our annual fundraising and community awareness initiative that takes place in October, which is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The goal of Team CHOICES is to raise \$350,000 from corporate sponsorships and individuals who participate in our peer-to-peer campaign. Our ads on 10TV, 10TV.com, Connected TV and other platforms throughout October will educate our community about domestic violence and how CHOICES helps. **As a Team CHOICES sponsor, you can support this important initiative and the victims and children CHOICES serves every day.**

Freedom Sponsor—\$10,000+

- **Recognition as a Freedom Sponsor** of the 2023 Team CHOICES initiative.
- **Linked company logo on the homepage** of our Team CHOICES peer-to-peer fundraising website shared throughout our community.
- **Linked company logo on the Sponsors page** on our Team CHOICES peer-to-peer fundraising website shared throughout our community.
- **Logo recognition** in all Team CHOICES promotional emails.
- **Name recognition** in credits of CHOICES' domestic violence awareness ads on 10TV and 10TV+ during the month of October.
- **Recognition as part of our Full Plate Society** for one year at four LSS program sites, including the CHOICES shelter.
- **Opportunity to host a domestic violence educational session for your associates:** Work with LSS staff to host an in-person or virtual session to help educate your associates about the crime of domestic violence and how CHOICES helps. Speaker provided by LSS CHOICES. Please contact LSS to discuss if you are interested.

Spirit Sponsor— \$5,000+

- **Recognition as a Spirit Sponsor** of the 2023 Team CHOICES initiative.
- **Linked company logo on the Sponsors page** on our Team CHOICES peer-to-peer fundraising website shared throughout our community.
- **Logo recognition** in all Team CHOICES promotional emails.
- Recognition as part of our **Full Plate Society** for one year at four LSS program sites, including the CHOICES shelter.

Joy Sponsor —\$2,500+

- **Recognition as a Joy Sponsor** of the 2023 Team CHOICES initiative.
- **Linked company name on the Sponsors page** on our Team CHOICES peer-to-peer fundraising website shared throughout our community.
- **Recognition as part of our Full Plate Society** for one year at four LSS program sites, including the CHOICES shelter.

Grace Sponsor —\$1,000+

- **Recognition as a Grace Sponsor** of the 2023 Team CHOICES initiative.
- **Linked company name on the Sponsors page** on our Team CHOICES peer-to-peer fundraising website shared throughout our community.

ALL LEVELS: Opportunity to create a peer-to-peer fundraising team.

Engage your associates, increase awareness throughout your organization, and raise additional funds for CHOICES in your organization's name.

The need for CHOICES is great

CHOICES offers services that help victims recover from the trauma of their abuse and gain independence and self-sufficiency. Through our 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency shelter, counseling, personalized case management, housing and employment assistance, and legal and community advocates, CHOICES helps victims transform into survivors. During this fiscal year, we anticipate that ...

2,000

individuals will be served by CHOICES

885

victims and children will seek refuge in the shelter

50%

of the shelter's population will be children

4,000+

emergency hotline calls will be answered

Our community needs you

CHOICES relies on support from individuals and community partners who stand with us as we help domestic violence victims, and their children, find safety, healing and hope for a better future. Your generous investment will help LSS CHOICES interrupt the cycle of domestic violence by responding to those in need, educating our community and advocating for social change. Please join Team CHOICES and become a sponsor today!

For more information or to make your commitment, please contact:

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