

Women's Resource Center  
of the New River Valley

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JOIN  
US

THURSDAY  
10.06.22  
4:30 PM-7 PM

Join us in celebrating 45 years of advocacy on October 6th! For more information and to RSVP, email [events@wrcnr.org](mailto:events@wrcnr.org) or call 540-639-9592

EVENT  
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Save The Date

Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month  
Candlelight Vigil

As we say goodbye to lengthened evenings, please join us to hold light and hope.

Among our communities, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men continue to experience intimate partner violence. Join us to honor the victims, support the survivors, and hold the light of hope for a future free of such violence.

Thursday, Oct. 20  
5-8 p.m.  
Bisset Park

NEW WAYS TO GIVE TO THE WRC

Local, un-restricted gifts are a vital part of the WRC's annual budget. Last year, these local contributions provided approximately 22% of our agency income. These funds allow us to be the best stewards possible of grant funds and support our best resource, our staff. This year, we are highlighting these new initiatives for unique ways the interests of our donors can align with our mission.

**Legacy Giving** is a wonderful way to ensure your resources support the WRC's mission for years. Legacy Gifts can be restricted or unrestricted and both forms have value to our continued mission.

**Garden Party Fundraisers** are inspired by table captains who missed our Incite Safety luncheon during COVID. These "Sparks" hosted 8-15 friends, and invited WRC staff to connect to and solicit donations from those in attendance. We found this to be a wonderful way to build community around this common cause and grow our annual giving.

**Program Gifts** are a new way to support specific programming for clients at the WRC. Some examples include Family Enrichment Program, The "Yes!" Fund, and Sponsor-An-Apartment.

For more information, visit [wrcnr.org/donate](http://wrcnr.org/donate), or contact our Executive Director, Laura Beth Weaver, at 540-639-9592 or [director@wrcnr.org](mailto:director@wrcnr.org) to set up a time to connect.





# PeaceWorks

## Fall 2022

News on the work of the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, Inc.

*Dear friends,*

While the staff and volunteers of the WRC never ceased services throughout the pandemic, some of our other rituals and practices were paused or overshadowed by the urgent need to prioritize health and wellness while providing those on-site, in-person, and safety-centered services to victims of sexual and domestic violence. Our large group in-person outreach efforts, newsletters, and donor events are just now beginning to re-emerge as this very season is seeing the return of many signs of normalcy. Fortunately, we have held relationship and community with you for 45 years and so our supporters granted us that pivot inward; we are looking forward to reconnecting with you through our calendar of upcoming outreach events, volunteer opportunities, and various donations drives. How we connect you with our mission is limited only by our imaginations!

As we look up from this critical work of advocacy for sexual and domestic violence survivors, we look forward to connecting more with you. Indeed, without you we could not do this work. While we serve over 3,000 people each year, we could not do it without the over 3,000 individuals who support our mission through the donation of time, talents, and resources. That the number of people we serve and the number of partners in this work is so similar is not lost on us; it is a reminder of the solidarity of our community around the WRC's mission and vision.

Each day, our staff and volunteers answer the 45-year old 24/7 hotline and provide advocacy. Each week, we participate in community outreach efforts. Each month, our volunteer Board meets to provide oversight and direction. Each quarter, we anticipate once again reporting our work to you through newsletters such as this. Each year, we will invite you to participate in awareness, stewardship, and fundraising events. This fall, we are hopeful that you'll join us for an evening of celebration on October 6th as we honor the first forty-five years of advocacy in the New River Valley.

As we move beyond the first 45 years, we hope you will join us for a Candlelight Vigil in October. We must remind ourselves and our neighbors that in the midst of so many things we can disagree over, we stand united in the belief that everyone deserves to be safe from sexual and domestic violence.

We are honored to count you among our partners in this work and look forward to seeing you soon.

Together toward peace,

*Laura Beth Weaver*  
director@wrcnr.org

### ANNUAL REPORT SNEAK PEEK | JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

**2,187**  
HOTLINE CRISIS CALLS

**433**  
EMERGENCY ADVOCACY  
DV & SA (ADULTS & CHILDREN  
SERVED AT LOCAL HOSPITALS)  
233 PRIMARY | 210 SECONDARY

**722**  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
VICTIMS SERVED  
453 ADULTS | 269 CHILDREN

### 9,983 NIGHTS OF SHELTER (EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING)

**612**  
SEXUAL ASSAULT  
VICTIMS SERVED  
455 ADULTS | 157 CHILDREN

**202**  
EDUCATIONAL  
PRESENTATIONS  
5,295 PEOPLE ATTENDING

**215**  
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS  
**5,329**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

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