

### A place for safety, healing, and hope

Like many victims of domestic violence, Nicole stayed with her abuser because they had children together. And even though she thought about leaving him to escape the abuse, she was afriad. "I was scared that he would see me leave, and I wouldn't be able to get away, and it would be worse. I could lose my life."

At one point, Nicole's abuser repeatedly hit her in the head and knocked out a tooth. The next day when he was away, Nicole fled with her children and came to LSS CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, the only domestic violence focused shelter in Franklin County.

They arrived with so little, but CHOICES provided Nicole and her family with essential items, meals, and a safe place to stay while they regrouped and went to work, school, and daycare as usual. Nicole's case manager helped her find an apartment she could afford, and CHOICES provided the deposit, the first month's rent and basic household items.

"What makes me sleep at night, is that my kids are not worried about if I'm going to be okay." Nicole is pursuing counseling for herself and her children to continue their healing process.

The safety, healing and hope found at CHOICES is only possible because of generous donors and partners who support our important work. You can share in that hope today by supporting CHOICES as a 2022 Choose Hope sponsor!

"I got peace. I don't have to look over my shoulders. When I go home at night, I know my kids are safe. We're happier."





# The need is great

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 2020

\*Defined as violence against a family or household member.



## **4,184** arrests

made for charges of domestic violence by Columbus police in 2020



### **24** homicides

related to domestic violence in Franklin County in 2020

\*July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 (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.

### **Choose Hope for our community**

Choose Hope is one of our most important events to raise awareness about domestic violence in our community and raise critical funding for CHOICES. Throughout the month of October, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, volunteers from the community will raise funds for CHOICES through the Choose Hope peer-to-peer campaign and 10TV will air our half-hour Choose Hope special in early October.

## Will you join us as a Choose Hope sponsor?

#### FREEDOM SPONSOR—\$10,000+

- Recognition as Freedom Sponsor for 2022 Choose Hope, including a 30-minute television show airing on WBNS 10TV and a community-wide peer-to-peer fundraising campaign
- On-air name recognition during the 10TV show
- Company name included on lower third crawl displayed throughout the show
- Logo recognition during show credits
- Logo placement on Choose Hope peer-to-peer fundraising website shared throughout our community
- Logo recognition in all Choose Hope promotional emails
- Recognition of your company for an entire year at our **CHOICES** shelter

#### SPIRIT SPONSOR — \$5.000+

- Recognition as Spirit Sponsor for 2022 Choose Hope, including a 30-minute television show airing on WBNS 10TV and a community-wide peer-to-peer fundraising campaign
- Company name included on lower third crawl displayed throughout the show
- Name recognition during show credits

- Logo placement on Choose Hope peer-to-peer fundraising website shared throughout our community
- Name recognition in Choose Hope promotional emails
- Recognition of your company for an entire year at our **CHOICES** shelter

#### JOY SPONSOR -\$2,500+

- Recognition as Joy Sponsor for 2022 Choose Hope, including a 30-minute television show airing on WBNS 10TV and a community-wide peer-to-peer fundraising campaign
- Name recognition during show credits
- Name placement on Choose Hope peer-to-peer fundraising website shared throughout our community
- Recognition of your company for an entire year at our CHOICES shelter

#### GRACE SPONSOR -\$1,000+

- Recognition as Grace Sponsor for 2022 Choose Hope, including a 30-minute television show airing on WBNS 10TV and a community-wide peer-to-peer fundraising campaign
- Name recognition during show credits
- Name placement on Choose Hope peer-to-peer fundraising website shared throughout our community

All Levels: Create a Choose Hope Champion Team! Opportunity to engage your associates, increase awareness throughout your organization, and raise additional funds for CHOICES. Together, your company can make an even greater impact on CHOICES and those we serve! Contact me to learn more.

### **CHOICES' impact in our community**

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

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

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 us and become a Choose Hope sponsor today!

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



