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On the Frontlines Supporting Survivors Moving Beyond Abuse

Message from the CEO

As demand for services from survivors of domestic violence continues to surge in Middlesex County, the Women Aware team continues to be here, meeting individuals and families where they are, and moving them beyond abuse through emergency shelter, legal advocacy, support groups, children's trauma therapy, and permanent supportive housing services.

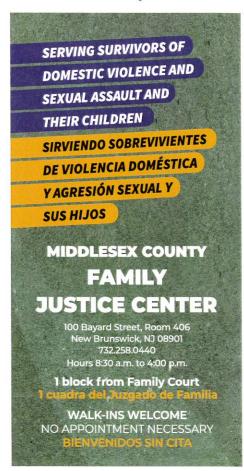
You help make free and confidential services possible by financially investing in our mission to promote the safety and self-sufficiency of individuals and families affected by domestic violence in our county.

While Women Aware is the expert on domestic violence in our community, we cannot respond to the diverse needs of survivors on our own. We are grateful for the collaborative relationships we enjoy with our community partners in county government, law enforcement, legal services, human services, immigration, housing, and more. Working together, we continue to serve survivors and children better.

Phyllis Yonta, MSW, MA, DVS



Middlesex County Family Justice Center Expands



Women Aware and our community partners continue to lay a strong foundation for the Middlesex County Family Justice Center. 2022 highlights included hiring Director of Legal Resources Ellen F. Schwartz, Esq. and Intake Specialist Damaris Ledesma; welcoming Central Jersey Legal Services Family Unit Paralegal Elsy Lugo on site one day a week; and making FJC resources available to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault via walk-in or appointment Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thanks to grant funding from the U. S. Department of Justice Office for Violence Against Women, design and development of the FJC website are underway with an anticipated launch in spring 2023.

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Moving Beyond Abuse 5K & Charity Walk

On a bright sunny October 15, 2022, runners and walkers laced up their sneakers to take part in Women Aware's Moving Beyond Abuse 5K & Charity Walk at Johnson Park, Piscataway, NJ. Enjoy more photos on Women Aware's website under News & Events. We are grateful to all who supported this special event and look forward to your joining us in 2023!



146 registrants 29 sponsors 35 volunteers \$20,000 raised

for free & confidential services for survivors of domestic violence

Participant comments

Looking forward to next year's run for this amazing cause

Thank you for doing good work in Middlesex County.

Very nice race

Allies in Hope

Women Aware celebrated the official start of our Allies in Hope giving club in September.

This special group of donors chooses to support survivors year-round by donating on a monthly or weekly basis. It is easier on their budgets and allows them to make larger gifts.

To join Allies in Hope, set up your recurring donation today at https://womenaware.net/donate/. Every donation counts.

