

Greetings...

I am counting the days till it is officially spring -- how about you? Overall, the winter months have been very kind to us this year... I do think that the past couple of weeks might have been a better fit in December or January instead of late February and early March.

In these winter months, the generosity and kindness of our community has been absolutely amazing. On behalf of the clients, Board of Directors, and staff at the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC), I thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and "gift plans" this past year. The people and businesses of Washington County, Oregon are incredible and we are so very grateful.

We look forward to the exciting changes that the new year brings and hope that you will continue supporting our mission and the work we do with survivors of domestic violence.

Peace..

*Rowie Taylor*  
Executive Director

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**Immediate Needs:**

- Twin-Sized Sheet Sets
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Fred Meyer Gift Cards
- Bookstore Gift Cards
- Target Gift Cards
- Visa Gift Cards
- Singing Bowls
- Meditation Bells
- [Therapy Pillows](#)
- 2 Toddler Beds
- 2 Dressers

**Amazon Wish Lists:**

- [Mary Mac House](#)
- [Monika's House](#)

**Employment Openings:**

- [Bilingual Community Advocate](#)
- [Children's Residential Advocate](#)



**Monika's House Kitchen Update**

Last year, DVRC was awarded \$112,500.00 through Washington County's Community Development Block Grant. The funds were awarded to assist with the completion of a kitchen remodel at Monika's House, DVRC's confidentially located shelter for those fleeing domestic violence.

DVRC is proud to announce that we have accepted a bid and are gearing up to begin the project soon. Make sure to check in on our social media pages to see the progress of the project and the finished product.



**A Partnership Begins**

DVRC's Counseling Department is partnering with Safe Place for Youth to provide Teen Healthy Relationship Groups to the teens there.

DVRC's Teen Healthy Relationship Group is a 12-week group for teens (ages 14-18) who have experienced and/or witnessed domestic violence. Topics include:

- Coping with trauma
- Healthy relationship skills
- Building healthy self-esteem
- Abusive family dynamics
- Teen dating violence

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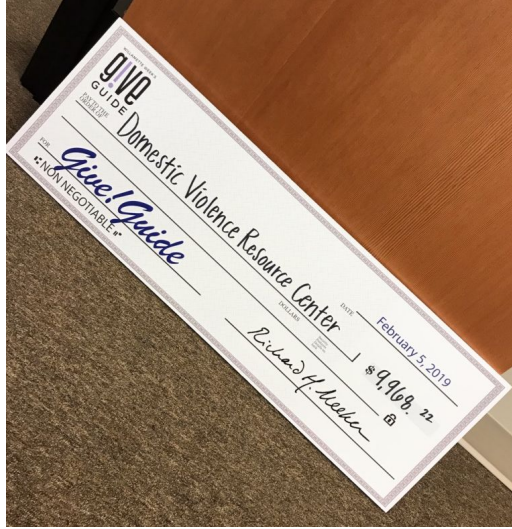


**New Interns Selected**

DVRC's Counseling Department has completed the interview process for counseling interns for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Beginning in May and continuing through the Summer, we are excited to welcome 13 new interns from 5 different graduate counseling programs. Interns will facilitate groups, provide individual counseling, conduct intakes and screenings, and more. Congratulations to our new group of incoming interns!

**Thank You!**



Everyone at DVRC is extremely grateful for the continued support of our community. The holiday season brought us, and our clients, so much joy! Some highlights:

- A large donation of toys allowed us to open our first "Holiday Shop," so our clients could pick up gifts for their children without stress!
- DVRC's Give!Guide campaign raised \$9,968.22!
- Local businesses put on giving drives for Monika's House & Mary Mac House that resulted in a HUGE amount of donations!
- A generous group of donors gifted Mary Mac House with a Suburban!

Thank you to all who make sure DVRC can continue to support survivors in our community!



### Stories of Empowerment

The following is an e-mail that we received from a survivor who used Advocacy services at the Domestic Violence Resource Center.

**"I just want to say THANK YOU with all my heart for your help and assistance making my rent payment. After picking up the check from DVRC I went to my car and just started crying- "happy tears." I am so grateful for this. My son and I can now continue to focus on what we need to do moving forward. Words can't describe how appreciative and thankful I am to you and the organizations that help."**

If you are a survivor who has used DVRC services and would like to tell your story, send us an e-mail and it could be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

\*\*All names and identifying situations have been modified to protect and ensure confidentiality.

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