

Year in Review

2022



SANCTUARY WON A NATIONAL AWARD

In September, Sanctuary, Inc. received a 2022 Purple Ribbon Award in the Outstanding Documentary or Film category for its documentary titled "Eugenia." The documentary can be viewed online at www.thesanctuaryinc.com.

ART & HEALING: AGENCY DEBUTED NEW ART ROOM

Sanctuary's Art Room opened this past summer. Many thanks to community grants from Martinrea and the Kentucky Foundation for Women. The grant allows space for an art instructor to lead weekly art support groups.



WE CELEBRATED OUR 40-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

This past year, Sanctuary, Inc. commemorated its 40th year of services to the Pennyriple Area Development District. The October 6th date of celebration began with the reading of a proclamation signed by Judge Steve Tribble and Mayor Wendell Lynch, proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The evening also included remarks made by board chair Jordan Talley, executive director Heather Lancaster and victims advocate Kenyata Simmons.



Sanctuary's executive director said, "40 years is a long time, and if one thing has remained unchanged in the last 40 years, it is that Sanctuary is made up of an incredible and dedicated team providing a space for individuals to receive safety, therapy, legal advocacy, housing supports and much more."

Agency officials applauded Sanctuary for its' 40-year history of services in the nine communities it serves and are moving full steam ahead in planning and vision casting for the next 40 years. Among one of the plans announced is that Sanctuary's board of directors has formed a facilities committee with the goal in mind to assist in securing a future location providing an expansion of green space, increased safety and confidentiality: all factors which contribute to the healing and positive transformation for victims and survivors.



SANCTUARY WELCOMED NEW STAFF TO AGENCY

In 2022, Sanctuary welcomed and onboarded new staff in roles of case manager, crisis advocate and the assistant to our grants and finance department. Staff are the heartbeat of the agency!

Zirconia Vansauwa (*pictured above*) will serve as the new communications and community engagement coordinator.

Sanctuary's executive director Heather Lancaster said, "We're excited to welcome Zirconia to the team. Her skillsets to promote the agency and connect with members of the community will support Sanctuary's mission while providing much needed awareness that services exist and are available to those in need." Zirconia began her position in December 2022.

CONTINUED MEETING NEEDS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Sanctuary is grateful to the community for the generous support they've shown for Sanctuary's mission. In August, 20 students were treated with a Back-to-School Bash, and more than 50 families were sponsored through a "Sanctuary Christmas." Donations of supplies, toys, clothing and non-perishable food items brought many smiles to faces, both adults and children!

Individuals and families facing hardships were blessed by the kindness and thoughtfulness of our donors..

Fortera Credit Union Staff are pictured below proudly displaying donations from this year's annual coat drive for families at Sanctuary.



OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE AND USER-FRIENDLY

Be sure to visit our new website which launched last January and includes a comprehensive listing of services, options to contact a crisis advocate, connect with us through social media outlets and utilize our newest donation portal!

WWW.THESANCTUARYINC.COM

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GREEN DOT TRAININGS PROVIDED TO LOCAL SCHOOLS



Last fall, Sanctuary partnered with two local high schools in Christian County to train students on intervention strategies to becoming a positive bystander.

The Green Dot program engages witnesses to interrupt situations that are imminently or potentially high-risk for violence, increases self-efficacy and provides skill building and specific strategies to increase the likelihood that trained individuals will actually intervene. By expanding the role of bystanders beyond reactive, the Green Dot program trains participants to engage in proactive behaviors that model and endorse norms that are incompatible with violence. Plans to also train students from University Heights Academy (Hopkinsville) and Crittenden County High School will occur in 2023.

To schedule a Green Dot training for your school or organization, please call 270-885-4572 and ask to speak with Kenya.

Pictured left are students posed with the Green Dot Mural which was designed by local students last April. The mural was mounted on the outside brick wall of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library. The mural depicts change, positivity and transformation.

THANK YOU SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

Sanctuary appreciates the support for its biennial Dancing With Our Stars event, which raised more than \$70,000 last March. Monies raised from the event, including Sanctuary's Friends of Sanctuary sponsorship program provided supportive services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Become a sponsor today, by calling (270) 885-4572. Your sponsorship could provide families with haircuts, hygiene and toiletry items, a dress for a student attending her high school prom and much more!

Pictured right are the 2022 Dancing With Our Stars Grand Champions, Brandon Garnett and Ellery Naghtin.



A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dearest Supporters and Community Members,

Another year has come and gone, but we couldn't miss the opportunity to share with you what a remarkable year it's been. This year marked a great milestone for Sanctuary, as we celebrated the 40th anniversary year of services to the Pennyriple Area Development District. Many of you have witnessed the incredible transformations in our agency over the years. These strides within the agency have allowed us to serve hundreds of families each year through legal and medical advocacy, emergency shelter, therapy, re-housing assistance and much more. Your support and dedication to Sanctuary provides access to these options for healing.

As we lean into a new year and cast our vision for the next 40 years out, we know we can count on you for your support of Sanctuary's goal to relocate its emergency shelter in the coming year. Sanctuary's new location for its emergency shelter would lend opportunities to enhance and expand Sanctuary's services. We are pleased to share with you plans and updates related to our progress in accomplishing this goal.

Last spring, the Sanctuary Board of Directors formed a facilities committee tasked with researching and securing land and building options for relocation. In the last year, our agency underwent processes to complete an appraisal of our current facility, the selection of a realtor and then the official listing of the property. When sold, the sales of Sanctuary's current facility will be put towards the purchase of land and/or design and construction phases of the new emergency shelter. Through a potential leaseback agreement with the future buyer, Sanctuary will remain in its current location until the new site is ready.

While Sanctuary's current location has served us well over the last 20+ years, we believe the new location will create a space where survivors can receive enhanced security and confidential services, along with the incorporation of green space for children's play areas and an animal-friendly environment for pets who have been affected by abuse and may retreat to Sanctuary with their owners. These new plans create excitement for the opportunities that will soon be available, and we look forward to sharing our progress with our friends and supporters.

We want to thank you for your commitment to Sanctuary and support of our new plans. We look forward to keeping you updated as progress unfolds.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful and safe new year in 2023,

Heather Lancaster

Please text LOTUS23 to 44-321 to make a monetary donation today.



SANCTUARY BY THE NUMBERS

In 2022, 161 adults and children were served in emergency shelter. 3,673 counseling and/or therapy sessions were provided across the 9 counties served and more than 1,032 court accompaniments were provided. In addition, Sanctuary provided 27 medical accompaniments in the past year. Through the agency's pet protection program, 6 pets were sheltered, groomed, immunized and reunited with their owners.

Thank You Board of Directors

- Jordan Talley, President
- Tami Taylor, Vice President
- Sandy Grogan, Secretary
- Mary Beth Baker, Treasurer
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