



Photo, left to right: Rita Smith, Gael Strack, and Casey Gwinn celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act

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### Dear Friends,

**2024 was an exciting year for us at the Alliance.** We launched *The Justice Project* and fully integrated *DomesticShelters.org* into our organization. We hosted our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual International Family Justice Center Conference and celebrated a new partnership with Verizon–*Verizon Skill Forward*, an upskilling program supporting survivors and professionals. We now see 3 million visitors accessing our websites and benefiting from our diverse services.

Over the year, we gathered at *H7 at Hope Mountain* and continued hosting survivor and professional retreats in Colorado. We helped solve multiple staged crime scene homicides and hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> *Hidden Homicides Course* in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina.

In September, we celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act in Washington, D.C. where we joined friends and allies from across the country to reaffirm our commitment to collaboration with local, state, and national organizations.

We remain inspired by the global growth of the Family Justice Center movement. Today, over 300 Centers operate worldwide, with many communities establishing second and third Centers to meet growing needs. Even as domestic violence-related deaths rise–including the tragic loss of law enforcement officers–we see the life-saving power of *Family Justice Centers*. High-risk survivors don't die when they are wrapped in safety and support, **and** abusers are held accountable.

*Camp HOPE America* grew in 2024, serving thousands of child and adult survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and child abuse–now expanding to 30 states.

The Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention advanced its mission with new research, legislative advocacy, an expanded digital presence, and training over 50,000 professionals to recognize and respond to strangulation assaults. We launched VOICES for Victims of Hidden Homicides, with whom we researched, wrote, and passed the first Suspicious Death statute in America–Joanna's Law (SB 989) in California.

We encourage you to review this annual report to learn more about our work. We owe our success to YOU-survivors, funders, donors, sponsors, clients, and volunteers. We are grateful to our team and board members for their support and hard work. The best is yet to come, and the future has never been brighter as we save lives and break cycles of violence and abuse.

On behalf of our amazing team, with great HOPE,

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Gael Shack

Casey Gwinn, President &

Gael Strack, CEO

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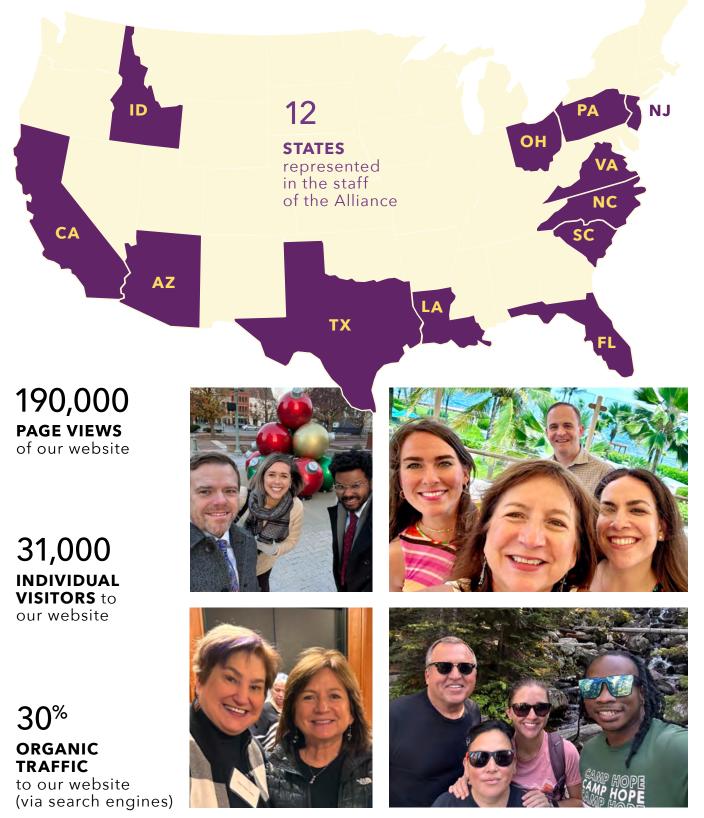


Alliance for HOPE International is the umbrella organization for six programs working toward a shared mission of supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence. These include the Family Justice Center Alliance, the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, Camp HOPE America, the National VOICES Survivor Advocacy Network, DomesticShelters.org, and the Justice Project. Together, our programs provide trauma-informed training and services to promote hope, healing, and justice.

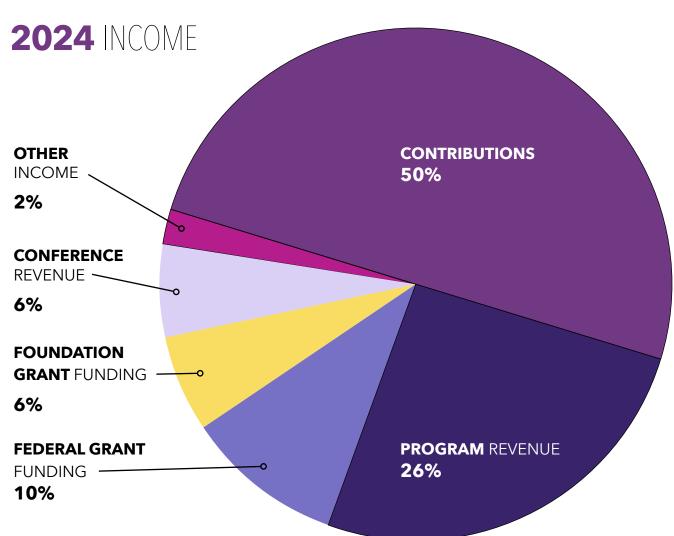




Creating innovative, collaborative, and hope-centered solutions to support survivors of domestic and sexual violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking.



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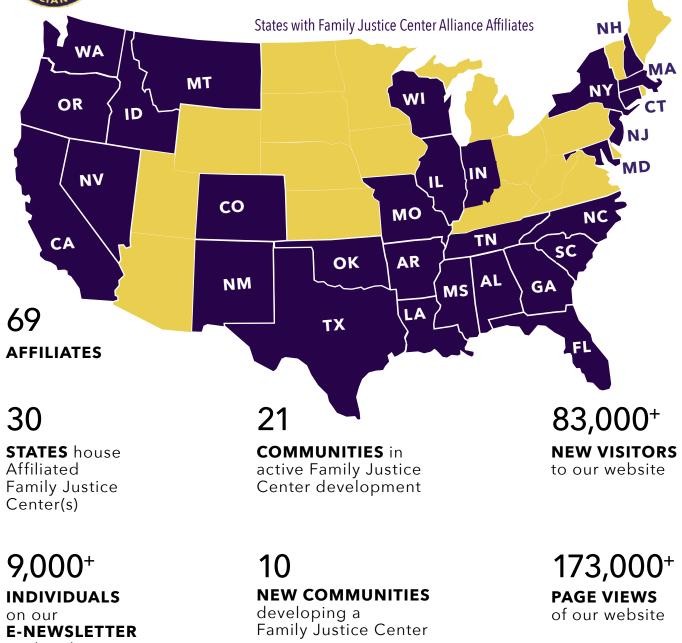




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Developing and supporting Family Justice Centers across the world to provide accessible services for survivors - all under one roof.



E-NEWSLETTE mailing list



NATIONAL NETWORKING CALLS for professionals and survivors 4,300<sup>+</sup> Facebook Followers **57**%

ORGANIC TRAFFIC to our website (via search engines)

## 4 NATIONAL WEBINARS

- 1. <u>The Use of Danger</u> <u>Assessments in Family Justice</u> <u>Centers: The Nashville Model</u>
- 2. <u>What Survivors Want You to</u> <u>Know: Talking to Survivors</u> <u>About Their Kids</u>
- 3. <u>The New York City Model</u> for Economic Empowerment
- 4. <u>Survivors Perspective:</u> <u>The Impact of Strangulation</u> <u>During Sex/ "Sexual Choking"</u>

\* In collaboration with the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention 6,000+ webinar registrants

FAMILY

JUSTICE

**CENTERS** 

info sheet

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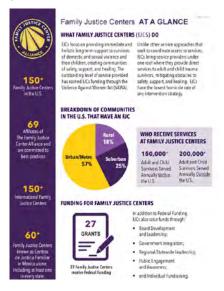
movement

Justice Center

AT A GLANCE

### 15,000<sup>+</sup> multi-disciplinary professionals trained

#### Click to download





A network of domestic and sexual violence survivors who advocate for abuse victims in crisis, educate the public about family violence and sexual assault, and support Family Justice Centers.



WEBINAR COLLABORATION of the VOICES Survivor

Network with the Family Justice Center Alliance

725 webinar registrants



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THE ADVOCACY TOOLKIT FOR SURVIVORS OF STRANGULATION/SUFFOCATION

Providing training and technical assistance on Strangulation and Suffocation crimes to violence prevention professionals throughout the world.

States with Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention Committee Members

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THE ADVOCACY TOOLKIT FOR SURVIVORS OF STRANGULATION/ SUFFOCATION which was released in collaboration with the Institute's Advocacy Committee 5,500<sup>+</sup> INDIVIDUALS on our E-NEWSLETTER mailing list

33,000+ DOWNLOADS to our website

5,000<sup>+</sup> facebook followers 57%

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### ORGANIC TRAFFIC

to our website (via search engines)

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83,000+ NEW VISITORS to our website

173,000+ PAGE VIEWS of our website

### NATIONAL WEBINARS

- 1. <u>What We Learned in 2023:</u> <u>Updates from the Institute</u>
- 2. <u>How To Implement a Strangulation Protocol</u> in Less Than Six Months
- 3. Elder Strangulation and Abuse
- 4. <u>Critical Conversations: Emerging Issues</u> <u>That Arise from Strangulation in Civil Cases,</u> <u>Including Choking During Sex</u>
- 5. <u>Recantation, Domestic Violence,</u> and Strangulation
- 6. <u>Survivors Perspective: The Impact of</u> <u>Strangulation During Sex/"Sexual Choking"</u> In collaboration with the Family Justice Center Alliance



Supporting the families of victims by discovering and shining a light on injustices in domestic violence homicides.

#### **VOICES FOR VICTIMS OF HIDDEN HOMICIDES** was officially established



Left to right: Cindy C., Robin A., Susan A., Mary Beth S., and Tracy D.

### 3 advanced course trainings

### 10,500+ webinar registrants

21 in-person trainings

# 48,000+

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROFESSIONALS TRAINED

### JOANNA'S LAW

known as SB 989 was passed on September 27, 2024; strengthening investigations potentially linked to domestic violence



Left to right: Joyce Bilyeu, David Cropp, Senator Angelique Ashby, Casey Gwinn, Patricia Hunter, Joe Hunter, and Faith Whitmore

' VIRTUAL TRAININGS

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Providing pathways to hope and healing for children impacted by domestic and sexual violence.

States with Camp HOPE America Affiliates NΗ NY W١ OR ID MD OH IL NV VA UT CO NC CA TN AR OK AL GA LA ТΧ FL **CAMP HOPE AMERICA AWARD RECIPIENTS** 

### EDWARD C. PARTICIPANT OF THE YEAR

The Center for Family Justice in Connecticut

NADIA A. COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

The Center for Family Justice in Connecticut

SUSAN W. **VOLUNTEER** OF THE YEAR

Cuyahoga County Family Justice Center in Ohio

CAMP FAIRY GODMOTHERS VISIONARY TRAILBLAZER

Crisis Line & Safe House of Central GA, Inc. in Georgia 24 STATES with Affiliated CHA Sites

49 affiliates

### 3 AFFILIATES

celebrated 10 years of CHA Affiliation: Clackamas Women's Services, Nampa Family Justice Center, and One Safe Place Ft. Worth

### 5 READINESS SITES from CA, WA, WI, and Ireland

began their journey to affiliation

### 4 readiness

**SITES** from NY, VA, WV, and CA completed their journey to affiliation 33 WEBINARS for our affiliated sites

### 7,000+ PARTICIPANTS in Pathways Programming

700+ ATTENDEES to our webinars

### 1,300+ CAMPERS attended camp

## 860+

INDIVIDUALS on our E-NEWSLETTER mailing list

# 1,000+

**HOURS** spent by our CHA team supporting overnight camp with our affiliates





### 2024 SUMMER CURRICULUM:

"Find Your Spark"

### **HOPE HEROES:**

Amanda Gorman, William Kellibrew, Rosie Flores, and Jarrett Krosoczka

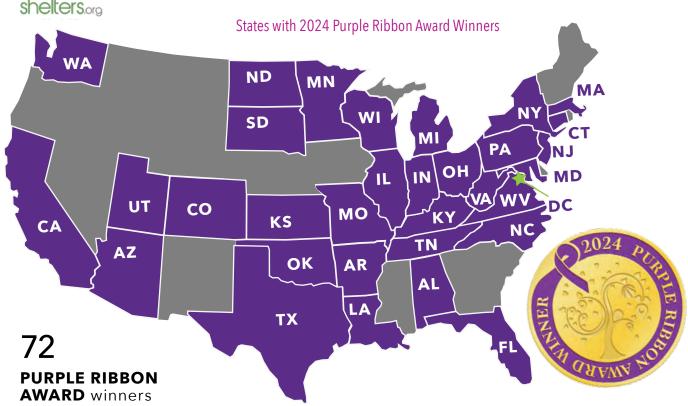
### **OUR IMPACT EVALUATION**

for the summer of 2023 highlighted increased Hope and Resilience in Camp HOPE America campers

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Helping survivors find safety and support + a network of resources for professionals.



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### COUNTRIES REPRESENTED in

the Purple Ribbon Award winners: US, CAN, and UK

34 STATES AND PROVINCES REPRESENTED in the Purple Ribbon Award winners

# \$30,000

**AWARDED** to the Purple Ribbon Award Grant winners:

### OPEN CLASP

#### THEATRE COMPANY OUTSTANDING AWARENESS EVENT OR CAMPAIGN

Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom

#### **SAFE FUTURES, INC.** OUTSTANDING PET PROGRAM

New London, Connecticut

#### **DR. MARIA TURKSON**

PENN STATE HARRISBURG YOUTH INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

### NATALIE GUINTO

RAINBOW SERVICES LTD. LEGAL ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

San Pedro, California

#### HUMAIRA JALEELA HEALTHY MUSLIM FAMILIES EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Winnipeg, Melbourne, Canada



Left to right: Susanne Post and Sharon Roberson from Shear Haven at YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee, winner of the Purple Ribbon Award for Most Innovative Service

### 1,000<sup>+</sup> items ordered

## 209 Amazon

through our website's wishlist platform **WISHLIST** orders through our website 10

YEARS OF DOMESTICSHELTERS.ORG

# DOMESTICSHELTERS.ORG proudly celebrated its **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

as the leading online resource for survivors of domestic violence and the professionals who support them. Since its launch in 2014, the platform has connected millions of individuals to critical resources, including shelter support programs, educational content, and tools to navigate the path toward safety, hope and healing. Over the past decade, DomesticShelters.org has grown into a trusted source for empowerment, awareness, and hope, reflecting our unwavering commitment to ending domestic violence and supporting those impacted by it.

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### MOST VIEWED ARTICLES

- 1. <u>What Is Narcissistic</u> <u>Personality Disorder?</u>
- 2. <u>What To Do If Your Teen</u> or Adult Child is Abusive
- 3. <u>A Guide to Gaslighting</u>
- 4. What Is The Cycle of Abuse?
- 5. <u>Profile Of An Abuser</u>

4.47 M PAGE VIEWS of our website

# 52,500+

INDIVIDUALS on our E-NEWSLETTER mailing list

182,000+ facebook followers 2.75 M INDIVIDUAL VISITORS to our website

## **68**%

#### ORGANIC TRAFFIC

to our website (via search engines)

5,500<sup>+</sup> facebook community members

## Thank You to Our Supporters



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