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Kelli's Executive Director Report

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Kelli Robinson

Executive Director

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Kye and I joined community partners for local proclamations and attended the YWCA's breakfast. I also joined the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center and YWCA Pierce County to present the opening Domestic Violence and the Workplace webinar. We reached 29 attendees with information about resources and how employers can support survivors.

Thank you to everyone who came out for our 70's Bingo Night! We enjoyed spending time with friends and supporters while raising funds for OSH.

We began conversations with Doris O'Neal and YWCA Pierce County about bringing Survivors First to our community and reached out to legislators for support. Our trafficking outreach also led to an invitation from MultiCare's Forensics Program to collaborate on future forensic nurse training.

We are excited that Cheer Tacoma selected OSH as its Season 9 beneficiary! We look forward to building this partnership through fundraising, volunteering, and community activities.

Planning also continued for the Passages third-floor purchase and our Purple Reign Gala on December 6. We are still welcoming sponsors, with gala proceeds supporting our direct programs and services. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Until Next Time!

Kelli Robinson

Executive Director

EVERY CONNECTION MATTERS

October Community Statistics

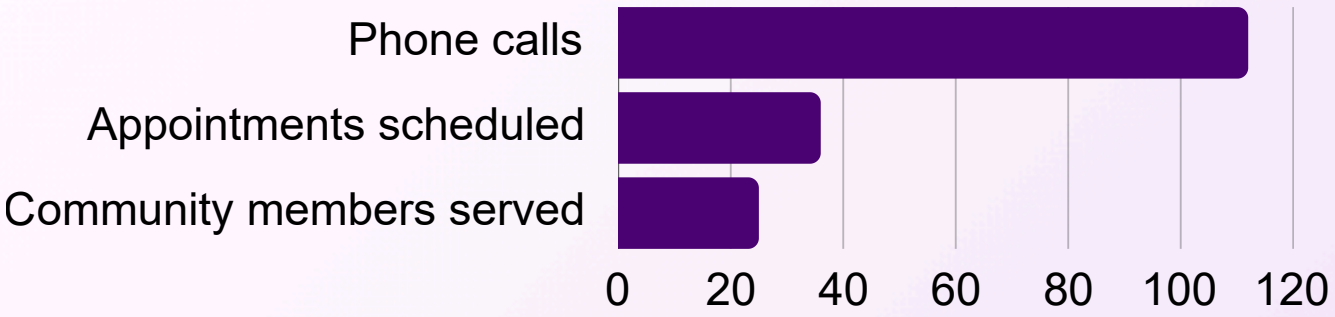
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25 COMMUNITY MEMBERS SERVED

112 Phone calls

36 Appointments scheduled

October service activity



Appointments Scheduled: 36
Phone Calls: 112
Community members Served in total: 25

Kye Robinson

OUR THIRD ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER

Purple Reign Gala

A Night of Hope. A Future Without Violence.

DECEMBER

06

SUNDAY / 3:00–6:00 PM

Pioneer Park Pavilion
330 S Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371



Join us in support of OSH's direct programs and services. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

TICKETS & SUPPORT → givebutter.com/c/PurpleReign2026

A NIGHT FOR OSH

'70s Bingo Night Fundraiser

Friends, supporters, and a shared purpose







Thank you TCC!

Tacoma COMEDY Club





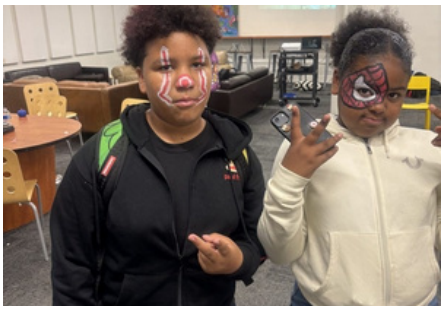
Thank you to everyone who came out for our 70's Bingo Night! We enjoyed spending time with friends and supporters while raising funds for OSH. And a HUGE thank you to the Tacoma Comedy Club for hosting us!

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October First Friday: Building Community at Bryant Neighborhood Center

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October 2nd was a great day at the Bryant Neighborhood Center! We welcomed 52 youth for our October First Friday event, filling the space with creativity, laughter, and connection.

Throughout the afternoon, youth enjoyed face painting, watching Coraline, painting pumpkins, playing bingo, and participating in a large group game of Safe or Not Safe. We also made time for group activities and opportunities for everyone to connect.

First Fridays are about more than just activities. They give youth a place where they can feel welcome, spend time with friends, express themselves, build relationships, and create a sense of community. It was wonderful to see so many young people come together, make the space their own, and simply enjoy being together.

We are grateful for the continued opportunity to connect with youth and create spaces where they feel seen, welcomed, and supported. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next First Friday on November 6th!

Kye Robinson
First Fridays

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First Fridays in Photos

BRYANT NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

First Friday / 52 youth welcomed at BNC








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Kye Robinson

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Domestic Violence Action Month: Community Awareness and Connection

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Kye Robinson

Community Events

Domestic Violence Action Month was a busy and meaningful month for Our Sisters' House! We had several opportunities to connect with our community, raise awareness, and continue important conversations about domestic violence and the impact it has on individuals, families, and our community.

The CJFJC (Crystal Judson Family Justice Center) hosted an In Her Shoes event, which was a great opportunity to help participants better understand the challenges survivors may face when navigating the many barriers that can come with leaving an abusive relationship. Events like these help build empathy, increase awareness, and highlight the importance of having strong support systems in place for survivors.

We also had the opportunity to participate in a film screening at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU), where we watched Beyond Survival. Following the screening, we connected with students and had meaningful conversations about the film, survivor experiences, and the importance of continued advocacy and community involvement.

Both events gave us valuable opportunities to engage with others, share perspectives, and keep the conversation going. Domestic Violence Action Month is an important reminder that raising awareness is just one part of the work. Building connections, educating our communities, and making sure survivors know they are not alone are just as important.

Kye Robinson
Community Events

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Sisters Seeking Change- Recognizing the Work

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Sisters Seeking Change proudly held its 1st Certificate of Completion Graduation Ceremony for participants of the Healing and Peace Circle Cohort! This special occasion was about more than completing a cohort; it was an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the meaningful work these women have done within themselves, the progress they have made on their individual journeys toward healing, peace, and self-empowerment.

Each woman deserves to be celebrated for showing up, doing the work, and taking meaningful steps toward a healthier, more peaceful future.

Congratulations to our graduates! You have done the work, embraced your journey, and continue to show up for you! Job well done!

Beverley Thomas
Sisters Seeking Change

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DV Awareness In Faith-Based Spaces, The Work Continues

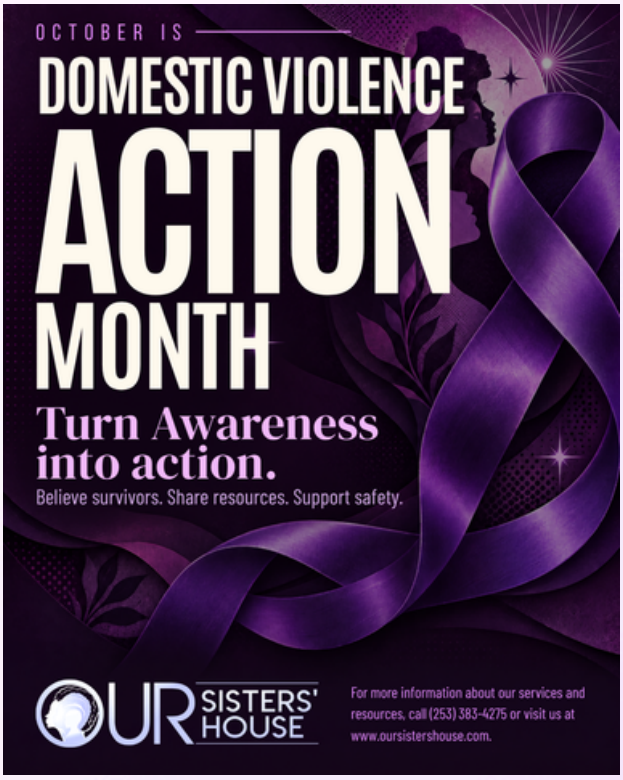
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Beverley Thomas

Victim Support Program Manager

As Domestic Violence Awareness Month comes to a close, we are reminded that domestic violence does not end with the month of October. As advocates, we remain committed to educating our communities, raising awareness, and recognizing that domestic violence can occur anywhere—even within faith-based spaces.



On October 18, we were honored to be invited to King of Glory Pentecostal Assembly in Spanaway, Washington, to speak with congregants about domestic violence, recognizing red flags, and preventative measures. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue these important conversations and work together toward safer, more informed communities. Thank you, Bishop Kim Forest and the King of Glory Church for the opportunity to bring awareness to the faith-based community.

Peace--Beverley

Beverley Thomas

Victim Support Program Manager

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County Proclamation

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Lauren Ward

DV Advocate

The County Proclamation occurred on October 6th and was held at the new Pierce County Administrative Building. This proclamation brought Domestic Violence Awareness month into focus and several domestic violence agencies came together to make statements about the needs of their agencies moving forward. It was impactful to hear the thoughts and experiences of the council members and community members.



Lauren Ward
DV Advocate

• FEATURED CONVERSATION / EPISODE 11

Hey Sis, You Okay? Podcast

Human Trafficking Awareness with Andre'a and Dakota



In Episode 11 of Hey Sis, You Okay?, host Kye Robinson sits down with Andre'a Harttlet and Dakota Robinson to introduce their new roles in Our Sisters' House's Human Trafficking Outreach Program.

From building connections with local salons and barbershops to supporting youth in schools, Andre'a and Dakota share their vision for taking advocacy into the community. Together, they discuss recognizing signs of exploitation, building trust through consistent support, and creating spaces where people feel protected, empowered, and ready to thrive.

Sometimes, making a difference starts with showing one person that someone cares.

▶ **WATCH EPISODE 11**

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TCC Resource Fair

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Victoria Mukisa

DV Advocate

This month, Ms. Harriet and I attended a Tabling event at Tacoma Community College. We had the opportunity to interact with students, staff, and community members. We were able to inform people about the work we do at OSH and the programs we provide (Advocacy, Life Coaching, Legal Advocacy, Support Groups). Many were interested in the Advocacy, not only for themselves but for other people they knew who have experienced domestic violence. Parents who came to our table were interested in life coaching for their children to provide positive mentorship. Multiple vendors showed up, many of whom we are familiar with and are connected to. Very glad to have been part of the event supporting our community members.



Victoria Mukisa

DV Advocate

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Julius Mitchell

DV & CAB Advocate

Gray Middle School

Programming at Gray Middle School has continued to be a positive experience this month. A major success has been building strong relationships with students through games, conversations, and everyday interactions. These informal moments help create a sense of comfort and community where students feel safe being themselves. One student taught us a new card game, and through that experience I learned a great deal about her skills, interests, and values. Experiences like this show how meaningful connections can be built through simple activities.

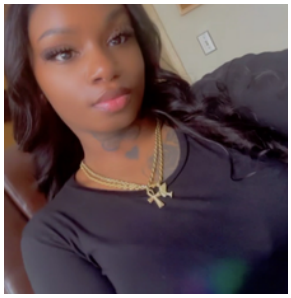
Through these relationships, we have opportunities to model positive behavior, share life lessons, and support students as they navigate challenges. As trust grows, students become more comfortable opening up, which also helps us recognize when something may be bothering them and provide support when needed.

One challenge is ensuring that all students remain engaged, as each young person has different interests and needs. However, continuing to build genuine relationships has helped address these challenges and has strengthened the overall sense of community within the program. Overall, the month has gone well, and it has been rewarding to see students become more comfortable, engaged, and connected.

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Beyond the bell

This month, I've had the opportunity to be with the kids over at Grey middle school. Although it's been a small group we've been able to find new activities and games for the kids . Getting to see their personalities come out a little more each time we have a session has been nothing short of hilarious . Can't wait to see what the rest of the month brings.

Andre'a Harttlet

Human Trafficking Outreach
Program Manager



Gray Middle School

In addition to the Fife Schools, I've had the opportunity to serve the youth at Gray Middle School in Tacoma. The youth have been engaged; they have enjoyed the activities and lessons we have offered. We, as facilitators, take part in the games, and we have lost at times, so I can truly say they challenge us. I mean, who doesn't want to win? They are a pleasure to serve.

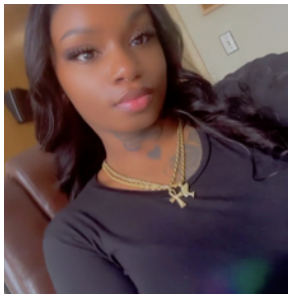
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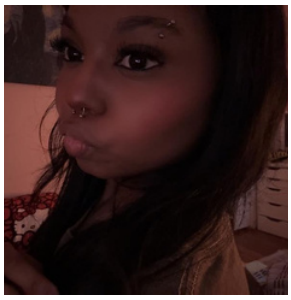


Andre'a Harttlet

Human Trafficking Outreach
Program Manager

Remann Hall

Exciting things happening ! Currently in the process of coordinating with the Principle of Remman Hall to implement a schedule where I'll be able to meet with the youth for a few hours to get them participating in athletic activities at the same time also being able to meet with young girls who are currently going through the judicial system that may feel the need to have a listening ear.



Dakota Robinson

Human Trafficking Outreach
Program Manager

Human Trafficking Outreach

The outreach has been going well, My team has been talking to girls at the Juvenile court, and on mondays we will be out in the community spreading our flyers to community spaces so that we reach more people

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Malik McHayle

Life Coaching Program Manager

Life Coaching

This month, our Life Coaching Program continued to focus on helping youth grow, build confidence, and make positive choices. Throughout October, coaches worked with youth on important life skills such as decision-making, communication, and self-awareness. With the school year in full swing, conversations also focused on staying on track academically, building good habits, and setting goals for the future.

Through regular check-ins and meaningful discussion, coaches give youth the opportunity to talk through challenges, reflect on their choices, and recognize their progress. These continued efforts help youth build confidence, develop better decision-making skills, and take positive steps toward their personal goals.



Victoria Mukisa

DV Advocate

Fife School District

This school year, I have been serving the Fife School District on Thursdays. I have been serving the youth at Surprise Lake Jr. High, Columbia Jr. High, and Fife HS. Most of the youth I meet are familiar to me. At my first meeting with each young person during the school year, they were very excited to have me there; this goes to show how important life coaching and mentorship are. They have carried over last year's tips, and I am glad to see that. I can say that they have stood on the business (as the youth say). I look forward to seeing their continued growth this school year!

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Lauren Ward

DV Advocate

Domestic Violence Advocacy Report

The Domestic Violence Advocacy program has been an important resource for survivors who are traversing complex systems while also navigating abuse. While we work to provide survivors with the resources that they need to find safety, we also work hard to ensure that we are providing a non-judgmental space where our community members can find community and healing. This is arguably one of the most important aspects of this program. Allowing survivors to find a space that doesn't ask "Why?" and instead asks "What can I do to support you?", ensures that we are creating opportunities that support survivors' autonomy and highlight their strengths.



Victoria Mukisa

DV Advocate

Domestic Violence Advocacy Report

This month, I would say advocacy has slowed down. However, the calls I have received have primarily been about Financial or rental assistance. As we know, funding has been limited by the current administration, which has hurt our community members by reducing the assistance we can provide. As advocates here at OSH, we have continued to provide resources to community members based on the assistance they request.

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David Byrne

Legal Advocate

Legal Program Update

This month also brought a particularly special milestone: I completed DVPO training with our new advocate, Benjamin. While every opportunity to assist with protection orders feels important, training a fellow advocate carries a deeper significance. It is my joy to be part of building the confidence they'll carry with them as they support victims of abuse.

Seeing Benjamin step into this work with dedication and compassion brings joy to my heart. Being part of building another advocate's confidence and skills means multiplying the difference we can make in our community.

There's something especially powerful about welcoming a male advocate into this field. Since men are statistically more often the perpetrators of abuse, having men step forward as advocates sends a vital message: that ending domestic violence is everyone's responsibility. Benjamin's growth represents hope, progress, and a broader vision for what advocacy can look like.



Benjamin Byrne

DV Advocate

DV Advocacy Report

This month I was able to get more comfortable and take on a bigger workload. I was able take my first client this month and it given me an amazing informative experience. I have been focusing on training for DVPO's, DV education and trauma informed care. I learned a great deal on how trauma effects the brain and how it can affect your daily life as well as how the use of substances is a result of a bigger problem which needs to be tackle first. Through all my training I have been able to establish closer connections with colleagues to make for a more collaborative environment. This has been a great opportunity that I hope to continue and keep learning in the future.

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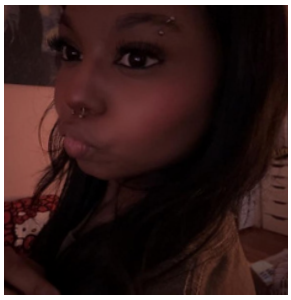


Michelle Camacho Estrada

Courthouse Navigator

CJFJC Courthouse Navigation Report

This month I had the opportunity to represent Our Sisters' House at the YWCA Breakfast and attend a Diversion training at Remann Hall. The training was very insightful and gave me a glimpse at the hard work and dedication of those that lead the Diversion program here. The courthouse has been consistent. I have been able to help navigate many community members through the court and the process of filing Civil Protection Orders.



Dakota Robinson

Human Trafficking Outreach Program Manager

Court Report

This month at the court has been relatively quiet. I watched a few DVPO cases and provided necessary outreach to those individuals to help them navigate their next steps. Additionally, there are new commissioners at the court, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to connect and work with them.

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Lauren Ward

DV Advocate

Digging into roots of Advocacy training

Digging Into the Roots of Advocacy is a training provided by the Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence (CEGV), an organization with a mission to enact social change by opposing the existing power imbalances and gender-roles that promote violence in our communities. This training seeks its participants to ask themselves, "How am I contributing to the violence that our community members are experiencing?". As advocates, we must always be aware that we hold positions of power, and with that, it is up to us to be sure we are challenging biases and beliefs that may influence our ability to build meaningful relationships with our community members. Part of the violence and coercive control that survivors experience is rooted in disturbing one's ability to choose, to make mistakes, and to learn and grow. This training asks, how do we as advocates support this process, and how do we hinder it?



Harriett Martin

DV Advocate

COS report

This month, we successfully completed two COS cohorts, both of which saw outstanding results and high engagement. We are thrilled with the progress made by all participants and look forward to building on this momentum in the coming months.

STAY CONNECTED

Until Next Time

Together, we're building a community where every community member feels seen, supported, and empowered. Thank you for showing up, standing with us, and being part of Our Sisters' House. Until next time, take care of yourself and one another. 💜



"If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else."

— Toni Morrison

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