

Dear Friends,

Over the winter, we held a series of meetings with stakeholders to find out how our community feels about our mission. We found a lot of promise and inspiration. Overwhelmingly, our stakeholders felt that we must invest in the next generation.

What came out loud and clear is that we must continue to teach and lead our community's youth. But, it is not enough. We can teach our youth the skills, but the messaging must be reinforced by the adults in their lives: their parents, teachers, coaches, and others. We are excited to do more with our community members to support our youth.

In this issue, we are pleased to share with you news of the public launch of our campaign. As we enter our next phase, you will hear us talking about expanding our reach as we help create a wiser community. We can end gender-based violence. It is an ambitious mission, and it is achievable with all of us working together.

Warm regards,


Peggy



Save the Dates

Court Observers Training
Monday, June 4
9:00 am - 11:30 am

A WISE Breakfast
Wednesday, June 6
8:15 am - 9:30 am

Foundations of Gender-Based Violence
Saturdays, June 16 & June 23
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Hanover Rotary Auction
Thursday, November 8

For more information, please call 603-448-5922

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highlights

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“WISE helped everyone in the class look at the world in a new light. Looking at us all as equals and realizing how media portrays men and women differently. We're all in this together and there are not as many differences as we box each other off into.”

- high school student



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A wiser community campaign

We are very pleased to announce: “A Wiser Community: Campaign for Growth and Sustainability.” After beginning our quiet efforts in 2016, we are proud to report that we have raised 80% of our \$2 million goal. We need your support to reach our target!

Our campaign reflects the intention for growth through strategic partnerships and programming as well as our desire to strengthen resources available for the organization's annual operations and facilities. We must stabilize our annual cycle of fundraising so that the organization remains financially healthy. We must also secure an investment of capital for new ideas and opportunities.

Campaign Goal: \$2,000,000

Organizational Capacity and Growth \$1,300,000

Investment will allow us to expand our community-based prevention and education, develop an evaluation and thought leadership capability, and increase our community and survivor outreach.

Facilities Planning and Improvement \$460,000

We plan to retire mortgages on the Program Center and Safe Home, and fund a 20-year maintenance plan.

Endowment \$240,000

Our endowment was established in 2014 with a \$50,000 gift. We want to build the endowment to generate reliable annual operating income.

We cannot end gender-based violence alone. Our full community must participate if we are to change the culture which allows violence to persist. You can make a difference with a gift to the campaign.

Please donate at wiseuv.org or contact Laura Rice at 603-448-5922 x109 for more information.

New WISE schools

The Prevention and Education team was thrilled to add the Cardigan Mountain School and Crossroads Academy to the list of Upper Valley schools working with WISE to end gender-based violence. All students in grades 6-9 participated in a full prevention series at the Cardigan Mountain School as well as all 7th grade health students at Crossroads Academy.

We also added the Wilder school! Our team facilitated an extended, four-day program to meet the needs of the middle school students.

We are eager to continue building our relationship with these schools to ensure that all young people in the Upper Valley have access to information and skills necessary to prevent gender-based violence.

“I can prevent dating and sexual violence when I lead by example and influence people that look up to me to do the same.”
- Cardigan Mountain School student



DOVE Attorneys

We want to highlight the important work of local Upper Valley DOVE attorneys who help us in our mission to end gender-based violence. The DOVE project is a program run through the New Hampshire Bar Association which provides free legal representation for civil restraining order and stalking order cases. Many women are terrified going to court and facing their abuser. The legal process can be intimidating, overwhelming, and expensive.

DOVE attorneys help survivors prepare for court, draw out the elements of the case that demonstrate abuse according to statute, and assist with survivors' testimony. They help survivors get the best outcome to provide a sustainable life separated from the abuser.

We are grateful that we have access to local representation via the Dove Project. To learn more the program and how to participate, please call the Program Center.

Happy anniversaries

2018 is a big year for milestone anniversaries at WISE. Kate Rohdenburg, Program Director, has been with us for 10 years, Peggy O'Neil, Executive Director, has been with us for 15 years, and Abby Tassel, Assistant Director, has been with us for 20 years! We moved into our Program Center 10 years ago and purchased our safe home 5 years ago.

RVC Spinathon

The River Valley Club hosted its annual Spinathon on March 24, 2018. It is the 6th consecutive year that RVC has chosen WISE to be the beneficiary. We are honored by their continued support. More than 100 individuals participated in this four-hour spinning extravaganza, raising over \$33,000! Thank you to every spinner and donor, with a special shout-out to Jennifer Karr, who provides outstanding leadership for this event.

RVC's Alan Rose was the top fundraiser for the second consecutive year, raising over \$10,000 this year!



We are also grateful to the many volunteers who assisted with the event and to the generous corporate sponsors:

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Calling WISE

We are pleased to share that we recently upgraded our phone system. This may not seem newsworthy, but it reflects our priority to make sure that our advocacy and support is available every hour, every day. Our last system was almost 20 years old! Although our system is new, you will still hear the familiar warm welcome of Abby's voice when you call the Program Center.

Hanover Rotary Partnership

We are honored to have been selected as the 2018 Hanover Rotary Auction Partner. The Hanover Rotary Auction will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the Hanover Inn. Each year this event offers a wonderfully fun evening with outstanding prizes to bid on. All proceeds of this year's event will support the Rotary's tremendous good work in the community and WISE's prevention and education programs. Don't miss out, get this date on your calendar!