



Look What We Did Together!

With a new year and so much hope on the horizon, we want to take a moment to look back at the impactful year we had together.

In 2018, you've helped us give safety and support to nearly 20,000 children, teens and adults—creating healthier families and a stronger community in the process! In addition to the daily work of providing safe shelter, healing trauma and supporting recovery, we also kicked off some exciting new initiatives...



DVC Gets a Makeover: For the last 32 years, Synergy's domestic violence center (DVC) has provided emergency shelter for hundreds of victims and their children who are escaping violence each year, while many more utilize our crisis hotline, counseling and support groups, and legal advocacy services. Yet for all the people we are able to help, we must turn hundreds more away because we do not have the space to serve them. Earlier this year, we began a renovation of the DVC that will enable us to both increase the number of families we can

serve and improve the way we provide services. When finished, the DVC will have a new roof and new windows, new paint and flooring, and a reconfiguration of the space that allows for more families to be sheltered and more effective service delivery.

Taking Trauma Informed Care to the Classroom: The passage of the Children's Services Fund in Jackson and Clay counties made it possible to launch school-based programs in both counties and take needed services directly to children in schools. The impact of childhood trauma is one of the most pressing issues facing educators and our society, since young children who have experienced trauma often lack the foundation they need to be successful in school. By meeting children where they are, we can break down barriers that many face to accessing the care they need to overcome adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).





Safety Starts at Home: Safe and stable housing continues to be a major obstacle for survivors of family violence. In 2018, we completed a comprehensive long-range plan for the expansion of transitional and rapid rehousing apartments with support services for homeless youth and families impacted by domestic violence. The result includes 20 more apartment units in 2019.

These highlights were made possible only as a direct result of your support. More exciting accomplishments on the path toward a community free from family violence are in our reach thanks to great supporters like you. We hope you'll continue your involvement in the coming year. Thank you for being part of our community. Happy New Year!

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