



Supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, elder abuse and human trafficking

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Stretch Your Dollar to DVACK!

When you donate to DVACK during the Greater Salina Community Foundation's Match Madness event on March 19, 2020, your gift will be matched (up to 50%) to make an even BIGGER impact! Your donation will help us make a difference today and long into the future.

Join us from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Salina Fieldhouse to donate or contribute online at www.matchmadnessgscf.org!

If you're able to make it to the Fieldhouse, you'll have the opportunity to meet over 50 of the participating charities during the nonprofit booth fair from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Your favorite local food trucks will be on-site, and there will be free snacks to munch on while you enjoy the first round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament, which will air on TV throughout the Fieldhouse. Plus, watch your favorite nonprofits compete in a free-throw and half-court contests to win more money!

Support for Pets

Thank you to Bayer Animal Health for awarding DVACK funds to support its new safe pet program called Peaceful Paws Sanctuary. Funds are used to cover day-to-day expenses for DVACK's shelter client's pets, including veterinary fees, vaccinations, flea and tick prevention, and pet food. Because of Bayer's support, DVACK is better able to provide victims with a safe space to escape from their abuser, heal, and get back on their feet. To many victims, their animals are their family. To be torn from your home in order to escape abuse is one thing, but being torn apart and having to leave a furry family member behind, with the risk of the pet being abused or killed, is horrifying to victims and oftentimes is a reason they stay. Peaceful Paws Sanctuary allows victims to bring their pets with them, strengthening the human/pet bond as they go through the healing process. Pictured to the right is a sweet pup who recently benefited from Bayer's support and is showcasing some of DVACK's pet-friendly areas!



Meet DVACK's Housing Specialist!



Kristine Peterson

Leaping DVACK into March is our very own Kristine Peterson. Kristine has been with us for a year now. She started as DVACK's Hotline Intake Advocate and was recently promoted to the Housing Specialist, a position she has excelled in and continues to impress!

In the role of Housing Specialist, Kristine oversees DVACK's Rapid-Rehousing Program. This program allows our clients who are fleeing domestic violence to move into a safer situation in a place that they can call their own. Another program Kristine works hard on is the Pilot Housing Program, a program we partner with another agency in our community to run.

Upon reflecting on her role, Kristine explains, "This job has affected me in a way I never thought possible. I'm so thankful for DVACK, my co-workers and our clients. Taking this job was way out of my comfort zone, but I absolutely have fallen in love with it! Our agency is able to provide such amazing services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking."

The biggest lesson Kristine has learned from working at DVACK is that survivors are strong—they show determination and resilience every day. She learned a lot of what she knows from working on-the-job and understanding that "it takes a village" to prevent abuse and ensure survivors' safety and independence. Kristine hopes to get DVACK's message of who we are, what we do, and what we believe in out to the community so our resources can be utilized by all in need.



Send your resume to erinl@dvack.org to become a residential advocate.

DVACK Youth Advocate Mentor Courtney Train presented on a panel with Homestead Ministries' Tanya Penn and Saint Francis Ministries' Trish Bryant to discuss human trafficking prevalence and intervention efforts in Salina. This event was hosted by the Greater Salina Community Foundation.

DVACK Donation Requests

- Body Wash
- Toilet Paper
- Lotion
- Diaper Wipes
- Nail Clippers
- Planners
- Journals
- Craft Supplies
- Packaged Snacks



Community Engagement during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



DVACK staff wore orange to promote healthy relationships and dating violence awareness!



DVACK advocate Andrew Lagerman presented the National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation to the City of Salina Board of Commissioners.

Salina Central High School students participating in DVACK and Community in School's Safe Dates program made posters to promote Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and to educate their peers on healthy versus unhealthy relationships, the warning signs of abuse, and where to turn for help.

