



## August Newsletter 2020

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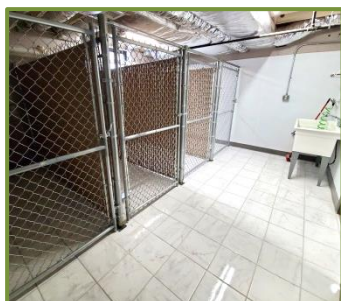
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### The Paw-sibilities are Endless!



Thanks to generous funding and labor by Greater Good, DVACK is finally able to serve survivors' pets in our emergency safe shelter! Since opening our pet services in October 2019, DVACK has housed 11 pets. Members of Greater Good's Rescue Rebuild team built our pet facility in October 2019, and last month they came back to finish installing new floors, shelving, and a grooming tub to benefit survivors' pets.

To learn more about the amazing work Greater Good does, visit <http://rescuerebuild.greatergood.org/>.



### Join DVACK for a Two-Part Webinar on Childhood Trauma & Recovery



**Part One: Impacts of Childhood Trauma**  
Friday, August 28 • 2:00-3:00 P.M.

Learn about adverse childhood experiences, the use of children as an abuse tactic, and the short and long-term effects of exposure to domestic violence on children.

**Part Two: Strengthening Children's Resilience**  
Wednesday, September 16  
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Learn about the keys to building resilience in youth who have been exposed to trauma as well as explore a variety of activities to promote resilience and healing.

This webinar series is presented by DVACK's Youth Advocate Mentor. The series is free and open to anyone interested in learning about abuse, healing, mentoring, and promoting childhood resilience.

To register for either event, email [courtneyt@dvack.org](mailto:courtneyt@dvack.org) or click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/childhood-trauma-recovery-two-part-webinar-tickets-115099172724>

## COVID-19 UPDATE

At this time, DVACK's outreach services remain over the phone and video. Our shelter is available for those in imminent danger. Thank you for your patience while we install PPE and sanitizing equipment in our facility.

### Looking for a way to make a difference? Join DVACK's team!

DVACK is searching for a Volunteer Coordinator and a Parent/Child Advocate. These are full-time, salaried positions with benefits. For job descriptions, visit our [Facebook page](#) or contact Brandi Bohm at 785-827-5869 or the email below. To apply, email a cover letter and resume to [brandib@dvack.org](mailto:brandib@dvack.org).



### Meet DVACK's Shelter Supervisor, Angie Sanders!



Angie is approaching her one year with DVACK as the Shelter Supervisor! Before coming to DVACK, Angie worked at OCCK for 30 years. While she loves the work she's done in social services, the job she holds near and dear to her heart is motherhood. Angie was brought to us by her good friend, Kay Thompson, who has been with DVACK for over 20 years.

Ready for a change in pace, Angie has been thrilled to begin a new journey with DVACK, which has now given her the work-life balance she's needed in order to spend more time with her family. Because of this perk, she plans on DVACK being her work-home until retirement!

As a survivor herself, this work has been more than just a job. Being an advocate has allowed Angie to help others and let them know that healing is a journey that does not need to be taken alone. Angie believes everyone should know that abuse has no boundaries—it doesn't matter what your gender is, what race you are, if you are wealthy or poor, or highly educated or not, anyone can experience domestic or sexual violence. Angie hopes to spread the word that our services are not just for women and that our advocates are not all women; our services are available to **any** survivor of domestic or sexual violence.

*Angie has a big heart. She thinks outside the box. She is a team player and always willing to help out co-workers with shift changes. She has life experiences that she can reflect on when working with clients. She is understanding but will call you out if she needs to. She is an awesome friend that I have been lucky to have in my life for 12 years.*

-Kay Thompson, Shelter Supervisor



Volunteers from The Ark Church spent their Service Day helping DVACK seal paintings for our playground and rearrange and organize our food /hygiene pantry for outreach clients. Thank you for your help!