



# FCC FRONTLINE

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## PEOPLE ARE HURTING; THEY NEED YOU

In the 30 seconds it will take to complete this sentence, an average of 12 people will have been raped, physically assaulted or stalked by an intimate partner. Let that sink in for a moment. When you wake up and brush your teeth (dentists recommend 2 minutes), that's another 48 people. When you spend 15 minutes eating breakfast before work, that's another 360 people. If you work a standard 8 hour day, than from the beginning to the end of your work day, that's another 11,520 people.

### **This is why we need you.**

Abuse by an intimate partner is widespread; and it's a serious problem. Not only is it happening in every community in the U.S., but it's happening right now in *your* community. It could be impacting *your* family, even if you don't know it. It's impacting *your* coworkers, *your* neighbors, *your* friends, children in *your* schools, and so on. The problem of domestic violence is vast; and the resources to combat it are limited.

### **We need you to donate.**

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There are not enough financial resources to reach and help everyone. If you can make a donation, we need you to give. Every gift - no matter the size - will have an impact on people in need. We need more financial assistance to continue fighting the good fight against domestic violence. And when finances aren't working against us, our time is.

### **We need you to volunteer.**

Our time needs to be spent helping people. To spend more time doing that, we

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need volunteers to help with a variety of other things that need to get done. Administrative tasks, cleaning, fundraising support, outreach – you name it, we could probably use you to do it. So if you don't have the means to give financially, you can give your time. Volunteers are the heart of our agency. We could not thrive without them.

The bottom line is this: **hurting people, many of whom you know, need you.** They need us too, and we're doing our part as best as we can. We can and will do more, though, when you step in where you can. Whether that's through financial gifts or the gift of your time. You may not see the direct impact of your gifts, but please know that we do and it's more meaningful than you could ever imagine.

It means SO MUCH to the mom and her three children who can finally sleep peacefully at night, without

threats and violent rampages lurking. Or the children who have found comfort and relief at their meetings with our child advocate at school. Or the family who is working to put the pieces back together after their son was killed mercilessly by an acquaintance.

We could go on and on with stories about the impact YOU have had with your gifts of money and time. But right now, we need to get back to doing what we do best – helping those who are wounded and broken find new hope.

**ARE YOU READY TO GIVE A GIFT? HERE'S HOW:**

- Write a check and send it to:  
Family Crisis Centers  
PO Box 295  
Sioux Center, IA 51250  
*(Why here? It's our main office!)*
- Visit our website and donate online.
- Contact Tammy, our Volunteer Coordinator, at [tammyle@familycrisiscenters.org](mailto:tammyle@familycrisiscenters.org) for available volunteer opportunities.



**Rapid Rehousing (Housing Program)**

We are seeking rental property owners to partner with our Rapid Rehousing program. The program provides support services to program participants as well as landlords to ensure a positive tenancy for both parties. Some benefits include:

- decreased vacancy rate
- lower advertising costs for vacancy
- accelerated turnover time
- decreased risk of evictions
- immediate point of contact for assistance with tenant concerns
- timely rent payments

If you are a property owner and interested in more information, please contact our office at 712.722.4404 or [fcc@familycrisiscenters.org](mailto:fcc@familycrisiscenters.org).

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



## Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking

Reaching people who need us is not a small task. Sometimes people hear about what we can do for them from concerned family and friends. Other times, they learn our information from law enforcement following an escalated incident of violence. It could be the phone number we placed in public places, another community resource and so on. We know, though, that we're only reaching the tip of the iceberg. So we challenged our staff to come up with innovative ways to reach more people. They have started partnering with schools, local businesses, and others. If we can partner with you in some way to help others, please reach us at 712.722.4404 or [fcc@familycrisiscenters.org](mailto:fcc@familycrisiscenters.org).



## Homicide & Violent Crimes (WISH Unit)

This last quarter, we added 76 new clients to our homicide and violent crimes program. We have been working hard to reach people impacted by violent crimes in populations we have not served before. In order to do this, we have converted ALL of our materials to Spanish as well as hired bilingual staff.

While we added new clients to the program this last quarter, we actually worked with a total of **351 survivors**. As we continue to see new clients, our previous clients still need us. We work with clients for as long as they need, sometimes spanning years.

If you or someone you know needs us, please call.



## Iowa Victim Service Call Center

Our best resource in sharing the Call Center is YOU. We need people to know that we can help them. Whether the cops were involved or they've never told anyone, we can help. Regardless of the type of abuse or unfair treatment they endured (or are enduring), we can help.

One way we like to get the word out is by attending special events with booths and presentations. Earlier this year we were at a Gridshock Documentary showing, Trauma Informed School Conference, and the 14th Annual Iowa Governor's Conference on LGBTQ Youth.

Do you have an upcoming event or conference? We can participate with a booth or presentation - contact us!



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Join us as we bring all the Cyclone and Hawkeye fans together right before the big game. Not a fan of either? No problem - you can still support a great cause and enjoy a day on the course! Details below:

- **4 person best ball**
- **\$380 per team**
- **at The Ridge in Sioux Center**
- **Shotgun at 12pm**
- **Registration opens 11am**

What's included?

**Golf, cart, chances at {flag prizes, door prizes, flight prizes}, lunch from Jimmy John's, and supper from Famous Dave's!**

Ready to register? Contact Tara at [fcc@familycrisiscenters.org](mailto:fcc@familycrisiscenters.org). **Sponsorship opportunities available!**

## GIVE THE GIFT OF TIME

Why are volunteers **SO** important to us? They help us accomplish things that we could not do with staff alone. They are at the heart of our organization and we could not thrive without them! Last year, we had a total of 6,297.50 volunteer hours. **YOU can help us reach more hours this year!**

These are some of the opportunities that are more urgent to fill; consider signing up to join us as a volunteer. We need them in **ALL** of our counties. If you're interested in learning more, just reach out to Tammy at [tammyl@familycrisiscenters.org](mailto:tammyl@familycrisiscenters.org). We'll provide all necessary training!

- **Office assistance:** answering phones, administrative tasks, filing
- **Weekend on-call:** responding to crisis situations
- **Direct Service:** working with clients (maybe you have special skills to teach!)

## Favored FIVE

A list of our top 5 needs this quarter! You can find a full list of needs on our website or reach us at [fcc@familycrisiscenters.org](mailto:fcc@familycrisiscenters.org)

1. Financial Donations
2. \$10 Gas or Grocery Cards
3. Dish Soap/Cleaning Supplies
4. Non-perishable Food
5. Shampoo/Conditioner

## Hope IN REVIEW

Hope in numbers from last quarter. These numbers represent **ALL** the clients we provided ongoing services to this past quarter.

Rapid Rehousing Nights.....	1,891
Call Center Calls.....	8,344
DV/Human Trafficking Clients....	266
WISH Clients.....	351
Clinic Outreach Clients.....	86