HOPE LIVES HERE

The Center for Family Justice
Hope Starts Here

Serving Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull
The Center for Family Justice breaks the cycle of abuse and violence – domestic, sexual and child – by providing services that create hope, restore lives and drive social change through education and community collaboration.

“CFJ has been a bright light through a dark period of my life; a light that I never imagined I could see at the end of the tunnel.”

.....Janie, Domestic Violence Survivor Support Group Member
Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we mark our third anniversary of becoming Connecticut’s first Family Justice Center, it’s the perfect time to express our profound gratitude for the role so many of you have played in helping us to grow our commitment to provide hope and healing to victims of domestic and sexual violence in the six communities we serve.

This Annual Report is a celebration of all we’ve accomplished together. You are proof positive that the POWER OF WE is changing and saving lives and making CFJ a place where hope lives and thrives for impacted adults and children.

An important example of that collective spirit are CFJ’s 2019 outstanding employee, volunteer, partner and community outreach organizations of the year. Each of these individuals and organizations are a powerful reflection of the collaborative approach CFJ takes to transform victims into survivors, helping to create hope at a particularly important moment in our history.

This year, CFJ experienced unprecedented growth in the demands for its life-saving services, by more than 12 percent. We continue to believe the #MeToo movement has encouraged many more courageous victims of both domestic and sexual violence to seek the services they need and deserve to become survivors.

This influx of clients put increased demands on our dedicated Direct Services staff and the entire team here at CFJ to work tirelessly to make sure our free, confidential services are available to those in crisis. This includes our Kathie’s Place safe house, domestic and sexual violence hotlines, civil legal services, court advocacy, Rise & Thrive Self-Sufficiency Series, campus advocacy, Training Institute and Camp Hope America-Connecticut, our summer camp and year-long mentoring program for children and teens impacted by abuse. Maintaining these vital programs is why your continued support is so critical and appreciated.

While the work we do with those who have experienced domestic and sexual violence can be incredibly challenging, it is also tremendously meaningful and rewarding. Our report includes the testimonials of some of the thousands of adults and children we’ve provided services to during the last year. We think their insightful and poignant commentary about the impact CFJ has had on their lives is a wonderful way to pay tribute to the many benefactors, dedicated volunteers and staff who have helped us offer them hope, healing, safety and security.

Thank you for supporting our clients, believing in our mission and sharing in our accomplishments.

With warmest regards,

Debra A. Greenwood
President/CEO

Valerie A. Foster
Board Chair
"If it wasn’t for the support group meetings, I would be lost."

...Patricia, Domestic Violence Support Group Member

"CFJ has been an incredible resource and a place where I’ve received help, comfort and support within a safe and confidential environment."

...Jose, Sexual Abuse Survivor
“I get bullied every day for being myself and Camp HOPE is for people like me.”

....J.I, 11

- **Multidisciplinary Investigative Team Clients**: 222
- **Transitional Housing Bed Nights**: 4,638 nights
- **Civil Legal Services**: 31% increase
- **Hotline Calls**: 1,716 calls, 28% increase
- **LGBTQ Services**: 46% increase
- **Veterans’ Services**: 24% increase

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2018-2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

CFJ Golf Classic at Mill River Country Club

Trumbull Resident Pamela Schmitt named Beatrice Boucher Volunteer of the Year
Char Nolan named Carol Roberto Employee of the Year
Victim Rights Center of Connecticut named Partner with Purpose
The Binky Patrol/Madison Middle School Honored for Community Outreach to CFJ

Trumbull resident Valerie Foster ends her tenure as CFJ Board Chair
Monroe resident Kathy Maiolo becomes CFJ Board Chair

CFJ Golf Classic held at Mill River Country Club

CFJ Annual Meeting

JUN '18
CFJ Golf Classic at Mill River Country Club

JUL & AUG '18
Talking About Tommies Hall Hall
Spreading Awareness of Men's Violence Against Women

SEP '18
Lola Lappertsmith receives 2018 Friend of the Center Award

NOV '18
JAN '19
Trumbull resident Kim Ayers receives 2019 Volunteer of the Year

MAR '19
2019 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes brought to downtown Fairfield

APR '19
Walk a Mile in Her Shoes brought to downtown Fairfield

MAY '19
WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES BRINGS 1500 PEOPLE TO DOWNTOWN FAIRFIELD

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CFJ Annual Meeting

“I get a chance to be a kid, not a mom, not a big sister, not a shoulder to lean on, just a kid.” - P.A.
The Center for Family Justice is pleased to honor the Victims Rights Center of Connecticut as its 2019 Partner with Purpose award recipient. VRCCT, which provides free legal services to victims of sexual violence and other violence crimes, is part of the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

VRCCT, through its partnership with CFJ, has provided hundreds of hours of Pro Bono trauma-informed, holistic legal services to our clients impacted by the trauma of gender-based violence in the state’s criminal, civil and family courts. This important, collaborative relationship has helped CFJ advance its goal of bridging the justice gap for its clients, who often lack access to the justice they deserve, because they cannot afford legal counsel on their own. Through its presence on site at our Bridgeport headquarters, VRCCT has also helped CFJ fulfill its mission of offering comprehensive services to our impacted clients in one safe place.

In nominating VRCCT for this honor, CFJ team members noted how the agency and its team of five attorneys, led by Maura Crossin, Esq., have consistently gone above and beyond what's expected of our partners to make sure CFJ’s clients have experienced and skilled counsel to represent them in our court system. It is with great pleasure that CFJ presents this honor to this most deserving partner in our efforts to break the cycles of domestic and sexual violence and child abuse in the six communities we serve.

For the past five years, clients of The Center for Family Justice has been the recipient of multiple acts of generosity from the students and faculty of Trumbull’s Madison Middle School and the Trumbull/Monroe-based Binky Patrol, a nonprofit which provides handmade, cozy blankets to children in need.

Under the direction of Madison Middle School language arts teacher Jeanne Malgioglio and her friend, Joanne Zimmerman, the Binky Patrol has provided blankets to CFJ’s Camp HOPE America-Connecticut campers and beginning this year, purple shawls for adult clients living in our Kathie’s Place safe house.

Five years ago, student members of Madison’s KARE club, led by faculty advisors Jeanne Malgioglio and Nancy Yarmosh, began making Binky Patrol blankets as part of an annual “binkathon.”

The relationship between CFJ and the school grew as the KARE Club began adopting our Kathie’s Place clients as beneficiaries. Soon, with the support of school Principal Peter Sullivan, Madison Middle School’s faculty got involved. Their collective acts of kindness have included stuffing holiday-themed bags with pajamas, books and Binky Patrol blankets for safe house clients on special occasions including Christmas, Halloween and Valentine’s Day.

This year, Madison’s faculty pitched in to adopt 14 safe house client children at the holidays, providing them with gifts to celebrate the season.

This collaborative and ongoing generosity shown by the Madison Middle School community and the Binky Patrol has earned them the honor of being CFJ’s 2019 Community Outreach Award Winner.
Trumbull resident Pam Schmitt has been named CFJ’s 2019 Beatrice Boucher Volunteer of the Year for her extraordinary dedication and commitment to serving our clients impacted by domestic and sexual violence and child abuse.

Pam is the rare CFJ volunteer who contributes her time and energy to CFJ by working directly with clients who have experienced domestic and sexual violence and also by supporting a number of CFJ’s fundraising events. She was a member of CFJ’s Events Committee and its Speaking of Women planning committees and was also part of the volunteer committee that planned the first Festival of HOPE at the Westfield/Trumbull shopping park in May. She is also the co-chair CFJ’s new Circle of HOPE Task Force, that is working to expand volunteer engagement throughout the agency.

Pam has worked tirelessly to pilot a new Crisis Navigator role at CFJ that is providing valuable support to clients in crisis as well as needed support to our Direct Services team. One of her nominator’s for this prestigious honor wrote, “Pam stands out among the most dedicated members of CFJ’s volunteer family. She has become indispensable to our team. Her boundless energy, incredible kindness and devotion to our clients lets them know from the minute they walk in our door that this is a caring place.”

CFJ’s Crisis Intervention Receptionist, Char Nolan, is CFJ’s 2019 Carol Roberto Employee of the Year. Char began supporting CFJ’s staff and clients twelve years ago as a volunteer. She quickly immersed herself in the agency’s mission of supporting victims of domestic and sexual violence and proved herself so indispensable she was asked to become an employee. Char is often the first person CFJ’s clients and visitors meet when they come to CFJ’s Bridgeport headquarters. She is known for her warmth, graciousness, compassion and good humor during her frequent interactions with clients, who often arrive at our door having recently experienced significant trauma. In her role, she also supports CFJ’s entire Direct Services team, as they welcome walk-in and scheduled clients for appointments.

Char is also a tireless and wonderful ambassador for the agency, frequently representing CFJ at community events to educate the public about our mission and services. For many years, she has also lent her talents as a photographer to capture important CFJ milestones and events. She stands out as an employee who consistently goes above and beyond what is required in her role to help support the agency and its mission. The entire CFJ team is grateful she is part of our employee family and receiving this honor she truly deserves.
Financial Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30

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“I’m very grateful for the services offered by The Center for Family Justice. It has had a positive impact on my life; enabling me to move forward from an abusive relationship.”

....Joseph, Domestic Violence Survivor

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“I started coming to The Center for Family Justice because I had to, but then I kept my appointments because I wanted to. Speaking with my advocate has helped me release a lot of stress and anxiety and helped me stay calm at home. I’ve received coping skills that actually make sense to me. And I can be myself here.”

.....Isabella, Sexual Assault Survivor

“I didn’t know there was this beacon of hope for what I’ve been through, but CFJ has had a significant impact on my life and my daughter’s life. The staff is so warm, kindhearted, encouraging and motivating. I’ve gained inner strength and also realized that I’m truly not alone.”

.....Miriam, Domestic Violence Support Group Member