

Dear COVE Supporters:

Ten years ago, COVE began to dream of a new building to replace the 100 year old shelter. In 2015 that dream became a reality thanks to everyone in our area who donated their time, support and money. I am proud to be part of the many hands that helped to make this dream come true, back then and now.

COVE has truly been a home to the victims who are forced to leave their own home because of violence. In the last year, we have had survivors use the shelter for 8,631 shelter nights. COVE clients stay from 1 night to 90 days, with the average stay being 34 days. For the last 6 months we have had from 35 to 41 people in the shelter, making it necessary to use couches and cots as sleeping options and an extra living area as sleeping quarters.

I recently toured COVE again and it was a wonderful experience for me to hear from Tracy Davis, our Executive Director, about the services provided. What made it so impactful for me was to see the building being used, hear the stories, and know that the dream came true. COVE is so vitally alive and serving many crucial needs for those who come to COVE in crisis. As we went through each area, all I could think was to thank everyone who contributed their time, talents and resources. The playroom and playground were full of toys and being used by COVE kids. The kid's library was up and available with wonderful books to take to their rooms. The great room had a group of adults & kids participating in fun activities, plus some TV. The computers were being used for job searches. The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Unit was available for use when needed. The pantry was stocked and the laundry was in full use. Over the last year alone, COVE has provided services to 410 clients from Mason, Lake and Oceana Counties.

I was so thankful, so blessed, the building is doing what it was designed to give survivors a safe place to begin healing and receive guidance and resources to help them break the cycle of violence. Their new journey begins at COVE, thanks to the support of individuals like you.

So this is a THANK YOU letter to ALL of YOU who made the dream a reality! Thank You so much. Each day, your generosity helps to protect, empower, and heal, those who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

As we begin the new year, I urge you to join me in continuing to support COVE. You may choose to give one time, annually or on a monthly basis and I assure you that any amount is greatly appreciated. For your convenience, you can make your donation by mailing a check, paying by credit card online or setting up automatic withdrawal. Contact COVE for more information by phone: 231-843-2541, ext. 8 or visit our website: www.callcove.com.

Thank You,



Sandy Gibbs
COVE Volunteer & Donor



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