

October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Did you know?

In Yankton, in the past year...

- 193 individuals were impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.
- The River City Domestic Violence Center provided 822 shelter nights.
- The Yankton Police Department has responded to 62 domestic violence calls.



THAT'S WHY WE PARTNER WITH...

The River City Domestic Violence Center provides a safe haven to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. River City exists to break the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community through empowerment, advocacy, education, awareness and social change.

THE CHALLENGE...

The Department of Social Services is highly underfunded and this has a direct impact on programs and services that help victims of domestic violence in South Dakota. United Way helps to fund non-profit programs like the River City Domestic Violence Center, so that Victims of domestic violence receive services.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE HELPING INDIVIDUALS LIKE...

A mother who was subject to years of verbal and physical abuse by her husband, found the strength to leave. Even now, 6 years later, this woman continues to struggle with finding her strength and has needed support from the River City Domestic Violence Center almost monthly since leaving her abuser. This once hopeless mother has slowly found her strength and confidence, and found a career where her warm heart helps others who are scared and hurting. Even in the face of helplessness, she found her inner strength to persevere and told the director of the River City Domestic Violence Center, "You ladies are my strength...you lead me down a path I would never have found on my own".



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