

## This Month at WSS

### It's That Time Of Year!

Thanks to our incredible community of supporters, Women's Support Services has helped more clients this year than ever before! **Our Advocates answered nearly 1500 crisis calls, assisted 821 clients, and stood by 670 clients at court - a more than 20% increase in each of these areas over last year.** We have also expanded our options for emergency shelter and helped 10 adults and 6 children through our interim housing initiative that was launched last year. As we assist clients in finding permanent homes, your support - whether through direct donations, gas cards and gift cards from Stop n' Shop, Target and Wal-Mart, or our **Client Wish List** at Bed, Bath & Beyond - can make all the difference. **Thank you!**

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### Spotlight on WSS: Congratulations, New Volunteers!

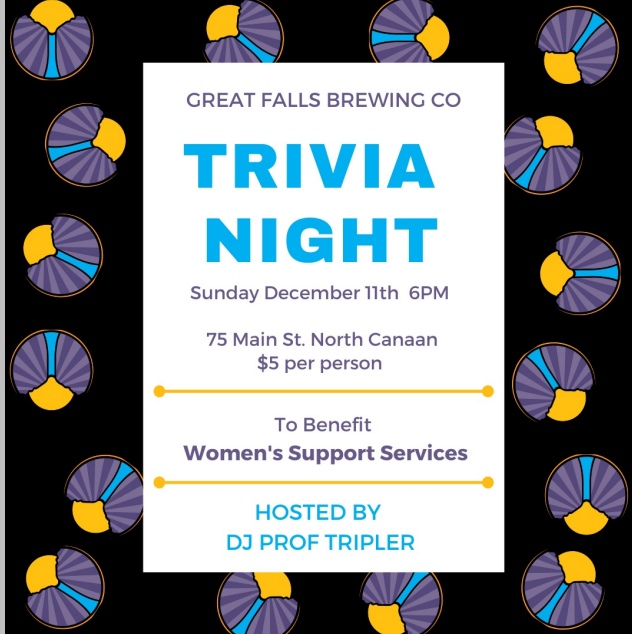
Our fall session of certification training wrapped up on November 17, and WSS is delighted to welcome 7 new volunteers to our ranks. Along with two long-standing volunteers who re-certified as part of the fall cohort, that brings the total number of active volunteers to more than 30 -- and we appreciate every single one! WSS volunteers contribute to our mission of ending interpersonal relationship violence in so many ways: driving clients to appointments, setting up shelter for new residents, reading in our Early Years PreK-Grade 2 program, staffing the crisis hotline, representing WSS at local fairs and events, assisting with outreach mailings, and much, much more. We truly could not do all that we do without the support of our dedicated volunteers.

Thinking about joining our ranks? We offer our 6-week certification training course twice a year, in spring and fall, and participants can attend face-to-face in Salisbury or remotely via Zoom. Those who complete the training become certified Domestic Violence Crisis Counselors under WSS supervision. Email Linda at [lciano@wssdv.org](mailto:lciano@wssdv.org) for more information and to be placed on the notification list for the spring 2023 training session.

- **Article:** Audrey Prosper, winner of the Domestic Shelter Purple Ribbon Award for Survivor of the Year 2022, talks about surviving being set on fire by her ex-husband and coming back stronger than ever. Read her powerful story here: [Survivor Audrey Prosper](#).
- **Article:** Most people are familiar with state Child Protective Services, the organization that investigate claims of child abuse, neglect and exploitation. Adult Protective Services does the same for vulnerable adults. These state-run agencies can be instrumental in assisting vulnerable adults escape domestic abuse. Find out more here: [What Does Adult Protective Services Do?](#)
- **Data:** School bus drivers and other school transportation professionals are uniquely positioned to recognize and report human trafficking. Did you know that 1 in 3 school transportation professionals has suspected that a student was at risk of being groomed and / or abused? Read more surprising results from Busing on the Lookout's [2022 School Bus Survey](#).
- **Quiz:** Whether you've just started dating someone or have been seeing your partner for a while, recognizing and understanding red flags in a relationship can help you determine your next steps. Learn more and take the quiz here: [Red Flags in a Relationship](#)
- **Report:** The Lethality Assessment Program is a specialized risk assessment tool utilized by police during incidents of intimate partner violence that determines the survivor's risk of fatal violence and immediately connects those in high danger situations with an advocate at one of CCADV's 18 member organizations, including WSS. In the 10 years since Connecticut's LAP rollout, over 75,000 screens have been conducted at the scene of an intimate partner violence incident, with 39,806 (53%) of those screens being deemed "high danger," and 23,154 survivors entering services. Read the full report on 10 years of LAP here: [Lethality Assessment Program 2020-2021 Update: Recognizing 10 Years of LAP](#)
- **Training:** On December 7 and again on December 10, Right to Be (formerly Hollaback!) in conjunction with the NYC Commission on Gender Equity and the NYC Mayor's Office to End Domestic Violence presents a free, one-hour training on reducing the prevalence of street harassment as part of the Stand Up program. Designed to help people safely intervene when they experience or witness harassment in public spaces, the goal of Stand Up is to ultimately build a culture where street harassment is seen as unacceptable behavior. Register for the [December 7 session here](#) and for the [December 10 session here](#).
- **Video:** Whether it's murder or sexual assault, it's never the victim's fault. Blue Seat Studios makes it clear in the two-minute animated short [James Is Dead](#).
- **Virtual Conference:** On December 6, Culture Reframed presents a virtual event to explore the inextricable link between pornography and prostitution and the harmful impacts they have on women and girls. Details and \$15 tickets are available here: [Pornography and Prostitution: Connecting the Dots](#)
- **Webinar:** The Internet is part of life, but it can also make kids more vulnerable to exploitation. Parents often have questions about when to introduce a new technology, how to monitor their child's online activity, and how to best protect their kids in the digital age. Watch as two parents working in child health and anti-trafficking examine these issues. [Raising Children Alongside Technology](#).

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**THANK YOU** to our friends at the [Great Falls Brewing Company](#) for once again choosing WSS as the beneficiary of their December fundraisers. Choose your challenge! The 5K Santa Chase on December 10th or Trivia Night on December 11th.



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**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
Sunday December 11th 6PM  
75 Main St. North Canaan  
\$5 per person  
To Benefit  
**Women's Support Services**  
HOSTED BY  
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# North Canaan Santa Chase 5k



A fundraising event for  
Women's Support Services  
December 10, 2022  
Race Starts at 10 AM,  
North Canaan Town Hall  
Parking Lot  
100 Pease St.



Are you a current WSS volunteer? Remember to record your volunteer hours [here](#).

Not a volunteer but interested in becoming one? Email Linda at [Lciano@wssdv.org](mailto:Lciano@wssdv.org) for more information.

## VOLUNTEER



Psst! Stay tuned for some BIG news next month....

24-hour Hotline 860-364-1900 [wssdv.org](http://wssdv.org)

