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The Stephanie Nicole Parze 4th Quarterly Newsletter 2025





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The Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation (snpfoundation.org)

SNPF Community Awareness

Events we held over the last few months:

STEPHANIE'S SANTUARY

Wow! For 2025 we were able to get four Police Departments completed and our goal for 2026 is to get six completed!

This program has taken off with so many Police Departments onboard of what we are trying to accomplish...comfort for those victims when they need to report their abuse to law enforcement. We are thankful to the Departments who committed and partnered with the SNPF.

Upcoming and soon completed Police Departments:

Matawan is now open, Woodbridge is in progress, with Old Bridge soon to follow.

Check out our Preview Video...click button for video:

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS

The 2025 Merit Award was presented to President Ed Parze and Project Manager Maureen Spataro...

We are incredibly honored to share that The Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation has received the Monmouth County Planning Board's 2025 Merit Award for Stephanie's Sanctuary Program!

On December 15, 2025, Foundation President Ed Parze and Project Manager Maureen Spataro accepted this prestigious award at the Hall of Records Annex in Freehold Borough, NJ.

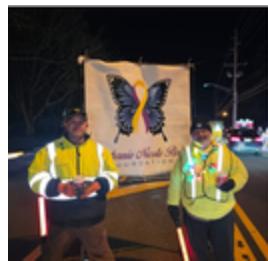
Stephanie's Sanctuary Program transforms cold, intimidating interview rooms in police departments into warm, comforting, and trauma-informed spaces for victims and survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse-providing a safe haven during some of their most difficult moments.

We hope this award inspires more police agencies to partner with us. Our ultimate goal is to place a Stephanie's Sanctuary in every police department throughout New Jersey-and eventually beyond.



SANTA DRIVE, STOP & DROP





Thank You to our sponsors for their support for our 2025 Santa Drive, Stop & Drop Event!

Howell-Jackson Columbian Ladies Auxiliary

Penn Family Foundation

South Amboy Columbiettes

Woodbridge Twp. DVRT

A special thank you for the toy donations!



As a result of the generous toy donations by so many of you who stopped by at The Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation's Santa Drive, Stop & Drop, we were able to brighten up the holidays for so many children in need. SNPF distributed hundreds of toys to several of our fellow advocacy organizations for distribution to the safe houses and shelters throughout New Jersey. SNPF who is committed and partners with all of these organizations, makes our efforts that much stronger because together we all can make a difference.

We thank you all for your continuous support.



The Freehold Boro Police Department PBA was gracious to extend their NO SHAVE NOVEMBER event through December for us and donated \$575.00 towards the Sanctuary project.



In addition, the Jackson and Sayreville Columbiettes and PBA # 575 also contributed over \$2,500.00 towards the Stephanie's Sanctuary project as well.

Thank you to all for believing in our mission.

Upcoming Community Events

💜 Join us for the Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation Birthday Tricky Tray Bash on February 19, 2026! 🎉

Enjoy an evening filled with music, a delicious buffet dinner, fun games, and incredible basket prizes that make the night even more exciting. 🎁🌟

Doors open at 5 PM at Battleground Country Club — a beautiful night for a beautiful cause. 🦋之心

 Get your tickets today!
www.snpfoundation.org/birthday-bash

#SupportSNPF #CommunityEventNJ #CharityNightOut
#RaiseAwareness #StephanieNicoleParzeFoundation
#SNPF #ItEndsWithUs #RememberMe





Education

Our Educational Programs have been taking off and well received by all!!

"Wide Awake" - Shedding light on Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse and Missing Person's has been seen by over 900+ students and over 1,000+ civilians, law enforcement and Military members throughout the state.

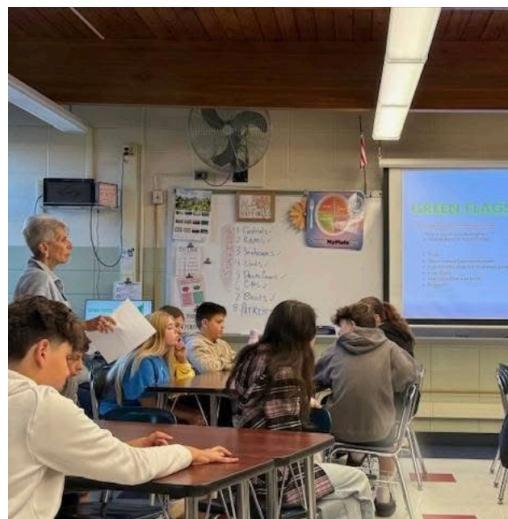
Our Wide Awake Presentations were held at:

YMCA at The Piscataway DVRT/Zion Hill Church
 East Brunswick Magnet School
 Highland Park High School
 Robbinsville Police Department
 Middlesex Community College - West Hall
 CASA Advocates
 Long Branch HS
 Communications HS
 Manchester High School

This year to date...the presentation has been seen by over 3,000 + students

In addition:

Middle School Presentation "Relationship Reality - A Handbook for healthy relationships and dating" completed and ready to go. First stop Barkalow Middle School in Freehold Township.



SNPF proudly hosted at our FIRST middle school presentation of "Relationship Reality: A Handbook for Healthy Relationships and Dating" at Barkalow Middle School in Freehold Township. This milestone event, attended by students, teachers, and administrators, marked the foundation's first step in bringing this impactful program to middle school audiences.

Led by Donna Zytko (pictured), the session provided essential guidance on building healthy relationships and navigating the complexities of dating. The SNPF is excited to continue offering this program throughout the school year semester.

We hope this initiative opens doors to bring "Relationship Reality" to middle schools across the state, empowering young students with the tools for safe and positive relationships. To learn more or to book a presentation for your school, visit our website or contact us at 732-462-5793.

Reminder of Past Episodes Must Watch TV Series:

The News 12 Crime Series Episode on Stephanie's Story aired on Friday May 3rd. See trailer below.

Link: <https://newjersey.news12.com/87-days-the-search-for-stephanie-parze-premieres-this-friday-at-930pm>

Deadly Influence - The Social Media Murders - A six-episode series began airing on June 3rd (Monday) and continued each Monday through July 8th. It aired on HBO-Max and Discovery ID. A different take on Stephanie's

story, coming from her social media presence and the dangers of social media. Each episode featured a different victim and are in no way related to one another with the exception of the social media presence. Stephanie's episode aired on 7/1 at 9 pm.

Stephanie's Law and the Danger Assessment Bills S2050 & S2051

Sadly, no new updates as we are in an election cycle. But please review the current Stephanie's Law and Danger Assessment:

The full text is here:

https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/S2500/2050_I1.PDF

The statement that provided an overview of the bill after it passed committee is here:

https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/S2500/2050_S1.PDF

Stephanie's Law update: Ed & Courtney met with Senator Vin Gopal and Monmouth County Prosecutor Raymond Santiago to discuss push back to Stephanie's Law (Bill S2050) from the State Coalition against Domestic Violence, Local police departments and some other State and local agencies. It's amazing how these agencies continue to put the abusers first instead of the victims. Prosecutor Santiago is assisting us with trying to find solutions to this push back by communicating with the NJ Prosecutors Association. Hopefully we can find common ground to move the bill forward as fast as possible.

The State Senate passed the Danger (Risk) Assessment Bill S2051 Unanimously with some amendments. We will be forming a committee to fine tune the bill before it goes to the Assembly. This will take a little while and now that the Legislation is on summer break and we have an election pending, it's likely to sit until they are back in session and the elections are over.

The Legislative Assembly is now back in session as of 9/20/2024. Please lobby your local politicians to move forward Bill # S2050 & S2051 Stephanie's Law. We need to get this passed through the States Assembly.

Previously Ed, Maureen Spataro, Courtney Gilmartin, Kelly Sutliff and Alla Kotinsky attended the NJ Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on June 13 to testify on behalf of the two proposed bills. The danger assessment passed with minimal opposition. Stephanie's Law (Bill S2050) was only supposed to come up for discussion, however after the powerful

testimonies from our group, the Senators decided to move the Bill to a vote. Believe it or not there was some opposition testimony as well from the NJ coalition to end Domestic Violence and the Office of the public defender starting in short term that it would make the offender out to be a pariah causing them to not be able to seek employment, housing, other relationships etc.. Again, looking to protect the animals and not the victims. Fortunately, the Senate Committee saw right through that and voted unanimously to pass the bill.

You can hear the entire testimonies by clicking the link below and scrolling to starting point 3:05.37.

<https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/archived-media/2024/SJU-meeting-list/media-player?committee=SJU&agendaDate=2024-06-13-10:00:00&agendaType=M&av=A>

Angel Alert Program

I am happy to see that The Angel Alert Program is currently giving survivors the peace of mind they need knowing that help is just a push button away. *In addition, we have updated our requirements for this program and that a restraining order is not required to apply for this program.*

If you are living in fear, this device could save your life. We urge anyone who may be in danger to apply, directly on our website (link below). Your local police department should also have information on the program as well in Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

Angel Alert Program

Accomplishments

The Foundation continues to take calls:

The calls consist of information/active cases:

General Information calls: 537

DV: 147

SA: 20

MP: 39

Note: Our Foundation's administration line is 732-462-5793. We DO NOT have an Emergency Hotline! However, we will do our best to assist those in need.

CALL9-1-1 if you are in immediate danger. The National Domestic Violence Hot Line is also available 24/7 365 at 800-799-7233.

Volunteers Needed!

Please see link below for details. Thank you.

Click for Information about the Membership Requirements

Welcome Our New Members

The SNPF welcomed several new volunteers last Quarter and we are grateful and extremely happy to have them become a part of Steph's Angels.

Auxiliary Angel - 2

New Members - 2

New Approved Volunteers - 5

Become A Full-Fledged Member

Become a Full-Fledged Member

First, complete the application by clicking the above link in purple.

Second: Upon receipt of your application, you will be notified via email to submit information for a criminal background check. This only takes a few moments to complete.

Membership Requirements:

- Must be 18 years or over.
- Must complete and pass a criminal background check.
- Must not violate any of the SNPF's Code of Conduct or Privacy Policy rules
- Must maintain good standings by completing the requirements as listed within the application "Regular Member Requirements".

Become an Approved Volunteer

Become an Approved Volunteer:**Requirements:**

- Must be 13 years or over.
- Must complete a membership application and submit it for review.
- Must complete and pass a criminal background check (18 years and older only) every (3) three years.
- Must not violate any of the SNPF's Code of Conduct or Privacy Policy Rules
- Must maintain good standings by completing the requirements as listed within the application "Approved Volunteer Requirements"
- We ask that if you volunteer to participate in a specific function, you commit to it and honor your commitment.

Any further questions contact our administration number at 732-462-5793.

We need people who can fill these volunteer positions as soon as possible:

Lectures and Public Speakers

Children's Program Developers

Coordinators

Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse Advocates

General, all-around team support members willing to lead and assist the foundation with an array of events, programs and projects.

Missing Persons Assistance Unit Teams

Team Leader/Family Liaison

Social Media/Media Officer

Logistics Officer

Search Team Advisor

Law Enforcement Liaison

If you think you have what it takes to fill one of these spots, WE NEED YOU!

Domestic Violence Resources

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1.800.799.SAFE (7233)

National Sexual Abuse Hotline

1.800.656.4673

NJ State Police Missing Person Unit 609-882-2000 ext 2554



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