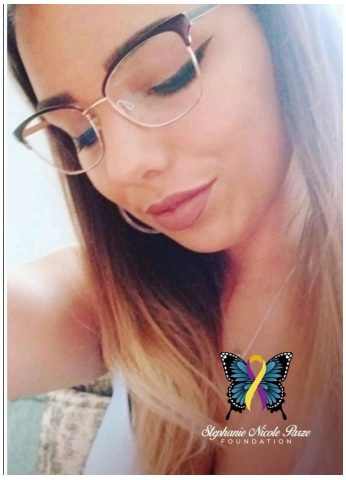

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SNPF First Quarter Newsletter 2024

“It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you, It's what you leave behind you when you go.” (Randy Travis)

From the President’s Desk

Good day!

The first quarter of 2024 has come and gone. It seems like time just keeps moving faster and faster. I hope everyone is doing well.

For the most part the first quarter was relatively quiet. We received 571 calls from the public and other agencies for general information, events, services and assistance. Our website was been visited 3342 times.

Currently we have 11 active DV clients. We also currently have 3 missing persons cases open and working. Layla Santanello missing since June 27th (Tennessee), one open in Louisiana missing since Dec. 28, 2023, and Yasin Barrett 22 y/o missing since 05/19/2021 from Howell Twp Still Missing. Reported 03/01/24 to SNPF 21 year old Donn Meharg Autistic & Bi Poloar Last contacted his mother from PennStation NJ in a manic state. SNPF was able to notify NJ/NY PAP and NYPD who issued a BOLO Immediately. The boy was found 11 hours later in NY Penn Station. The Family thanked us immensely. We assisted in locating 4 other missing persons: Carlos Julio Chacha Gunsha (R.I.P.), Lara Emmanuelle (R.I.P.), Joseph Simonson (Live & Well) and Noha Legaspi (R.I.P.) We successfully placed 3 families in temporary emergency shelter at no cost to the foundation, Two of which are now living with family members and doing better. The establishments donated 15 nights as donations to us for the victims. I personally was shocked that this has happened on 3 separate occasions. Although I can not recognize the fine establishments or their locations, hopefully they will see this newsletter. We Thank You Sincerely!

I am also happy to welcome 9 new Steph's Angels to our foundation family!

Member - Courtney Gilmartin
Approved Volunteer - Barbara Zyhajlo
Approved Volunteer - Lily Abbadessa
Approved Volunteer - Kayla Handwacker
Approved Volunteer - Mike Miller
Approved Volunteer - Anaya Mueller
Approved Volunteer - Christine Mullen
Approved Volunteer - Alicia Murphy
Approved Volunteer - Kelli Tanner

We are glad to have you with us and we look forward to working together with all of you!

February 20th marked the 5 year anniversary of Stephanie's Foundation, WOW, how fast the time has gone by. It feels like only yesterday. Thank You to all you that have supported us throughout our journey. And to all of our Angels for doing what you do! Keep Up The Fight!

RECAP OF THE MONTHS' ACTIVITIES - IN NO SET ORDER:

On January 16th. New 12 Crime Series moderator & show producers started the process of interviews with the Parze family and others who were involved in Stephanie's case. There will be a 30 minute segment dedicated to Stephanie coming out in April or May 2024. If you follow the SNPF's Facebook site the date and time of its airing will be posted as soon as we are notified of it.

Ed was a guest speaker on the PODCast "Unsilenced, Unashamed, Unstoppable" Hosted by our own Member and C.O.A.P. Program Director Maureen Spataro on January 29th. You can view and hear the interview in its entirety by going to the SNPF website home page.



Wide Awake Presentations - The Wide Awake educational program is making its way " FINALLY" through the NJ High Schools - SNFP's Outreach Coordinator Maureen Fichten has been working tirelessly to reach out and contact as many high schools as possible and I believe we are scheduled every week until the end of this school year and through September of next year. Great work! To date this year, we have reached over 1,400 students already. The locations we have presented at during the first

quarter were; Howell Twp HS, Asbury Park HS, Asbury Park Vocational School, Manalapan HS, Neptune HS, Marlboro HS and Carteret HS. which was filmed by AVP Studios for foundation promotional purposes as well as by News 12 as a part of Stephanie's Crime Series documentary.



Our Circle of Angels Program (C.O.A.P.) led by Maureen Spataro is gaining speed, gathering new clients each week, The C.O.A.P. Peer Led Support Groups are a perfect way to discuss, brainstorm, or just tell your story, in a casual, safe, and comfortable setting without any pressures or fears. Our moderators are domestic violence and/or sexual abuse survivors themselves so they understand and can relate to your situations. These sessions are extremely casual and can help you "COAP" with your individual situations, build self esteem and confidence to empower you to move on with your life. We now offer weekly evening and daytime 90 minute sessions. For more information about C.O.A.P. visit our website at www.snpfoundation.org. Or call 732-462-5793.


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Circle of Angels Program
C.O.A.P.
Circle of Angels Program
Weekly, peer led support groups for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse.
Separate male and female sessions available.
EMERGENCY HOTLINES
Domestic Violence:
1-800-799-7233
Sexual Abuse:
1-800-656-4673
Suicide and Crisis Lifeline:
988 or 1-800-273-8255
For information regarding times, days, and

EMAIL INFO@SNPFOUNDATION.ORG
OR CALL 732-462-5793

Good news for our T.A.P Classes (Training, Awareness & Protection) The word is finally spreading and the class attendance is beginning to grow. We have now added a section to our website where anyone interested in attending can let us know by clicking a box. This will help us plan the classes. Our Training, Awareness, & Protection Classes are held on the 3rd. Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Classes are held at the Independent Fire Company Annex building, 30 Siloam Road, Freehold, NJ. These T.A.P. classes are open to the public, however, not recommended for children under 12. For more information follow us on Facebook, visit our website at www.snpfoundation.org or call 732-462-5793



As the SNPF has started its fundraising efforts for 2024, we kicked it off in February with two wonderful events. Both events were in honor of what would have been Stephanie's 30th birthday and in true SNPF fashion both were a lot of fun and very successful for the foundation. The first one was Stephanie's 30th Birthday Bowling

Bash led by our foundation VP Paul Gollinge and his team of angels. Hosted by Howell Lanes on February 18th. From 4:00pm tp 7:00pm With over 150 participants this was a great and fun event for all who attended. Thank you to everyone who donated gift baskets and other items. Special thanks to Howell lanes, DJ Scotti for donating his musical talents, Steph's Angels and to all who attended.

The Second event was Stephanie's 30th Birthday Bling Bingo. On February 29th. Led & sponsored by member Joanne Gubatosi with Touchstone Crystal and her team. Also sponsored by Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ, The Ellis Law office of Freehold, The Freehold School District and Irwin Lincoln & Mazda of Freehold. This event was held at Our House Restaurant in Farmingdale NJ. and was a huge success. With 230 participants the venue was sold out. Good food, great entertainment by "Who Are You Guys" who donated their time and talents, we thank you! Thank you to all of Steph's Angels once again for all of their hard work as well as to Debbie Rosenstein with Bake Special for Stephanie's birthday cake and Janet Granata for donating bingo game 9's cash prize amount. Looks like we may have to do these again in the future…?











Preparations are now underway for the 3rd. Annual SNPF Vendor Fair which will take place on June 1, 2024, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The location, although still on the

Freehold Raceway Mall property, the actual parking lot location has changed. This year we will be located in the parking lot in the rear of the JCPenny store, lower level, by Winners Circle. Already Sharlene & Jinelle Campbell have secured over 65 vendors, 8 food/desert trucks, Entertainment from Acoustic 1 - Alex Chernick, The Phil Engel Band and The Eddie Testa Band. Live K9 lecture and demo from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department. The Freehold Township Police, Freehold Independent Fire Company will be on hand displaying their equipment for the kids and there will be two presentations of Domestic Violence and Missing Persons by the SNPF staff. 50/50 and prize basket raffle, face painting, bounce house, balloon art, sand art and more for the kids. Also, Nightmare Cornhole will be hosting our 3rd annual “Toss A Way The Violence” Cornhole tournament starting at 10:00 am. Bags flat 11:00 am. $40.00 pp ($80 per team) cash prizes. To register to participate or for more information visit our website at www.snpfoundation.org or call 732 462-5793.





Also in the planning stages is the SNPF 5th Annual Golf Outing. This year it will be held at Knob Hill Golf Club in Manalapan Twp. on Tuesday June 25th shotgun start at 8:30 am with Continental breakfast followed by Lunch. $200.00 per golfer or $750 per foursome. Registration is now open to all through our website at www.snpfoundation.org. There will be prizes for the winners, 50/50 and gift baskets, contests and more. Always a great time for a great cause. We hope to see all of our

return golfers as well as many new ones. This year's sponsors so far are Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of NJ and 618 Restaurant & Banquets, Freehold.



On March 14th as part of the **"Women History Month Celebration"** Senator Vin Gopal, Assemblywoman Donlon and Assemblywoman Peterpaul honored 7 outstanding women for their overall accomplishments and influences throughout their communities and throughout the state. These women have poured their hearts and

souls into helping others in need in so many ways and have made a dramatic difference in the lives of so many people. Each of these special women were recognized individually by the NJ state Legislature with a proclamation and gratitude from the people that were in attendance at the presentation ceremony held in Asbury Park at the Parlor Gallery. Sharlene Parze was one of these wonderful women and had this to say during her acceptance speech.

“Thank You.
This is definitely not something I was expecting.
I am extremely thankful to be honored this evening as part of Women's History Month.
And to be among these other wonderful ladies is, in itself, an honor.
Thank you, Senator Gopal, Assemblywoman Donlon and Assemblywoman Peterpaul for Allowing me to be a part of this celebration. It truly means a lot to me.
Not in a million years, would I have thought that I would find myself in a position to be honored for something I’ve been compelled to do.
The tragic loss of my daughter Stephanie has had a profound effect on my life, the lives of my family and so many others.
It is through her story and her foundation, The Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation, that we strive to make a difference in the lives of so many Individuals and families dealing with domestic violence, sexual abuse and missing loved ones.
I will continue to do whatever I can to prevent what happened to Stephanie from happening to others, however, It takes an army to fight this demon, so I must recognize all of Steph’s Angels (our volunteers) for all of their dedication and hard work towards this mission, for if not for them, I surely would not be standing here tonight”.

Congratulations to all of the wonderful women here this evening. Thank you for allowing me to celebrate with you and to be a part of Women's History on this very special night. Thank you very much! “ Congratulations Sharlene, well done!

You can view the video of the speech in the gallery on our website.
www.snpfoundation.org



A Glance At The Second Quarter

Wide Awake presentations are scheduled for the following locations

- Manalapan High School 4/8
- Homestead Run (Senior Communities) 4/9
- Bergen County College 4/15
- Marlboro High School 4/29
- Biotech High School - Freehold 5/20
- Trinity Hall High School 5/30

Brookdale Community College in an effort to support Families and individuals dealing with Domestic violence and Missing loved ones, they will be hosting a **Bake Sale** on Campus (see Announcement Below) with all proceeds going to our foundation. April 15th. 12pm to 3pm SLC Upper Patio.

A **radio Interview** is scheduled with Ed Parze with **107.1 FM The Boss - 100.7 FM The Breeze** on 5/22 to speak about the foundation and to promote upcoming events. (Air time & date TBA)

3rd Annual Vendor Fair/ Concert & Toss away the violence Cornhole Tournament.
June 1st 10:00am to 4:00pm Freehold Raceway Mall rear JCPenny Parking lot (Rain or Shine)

5th Annual SNPF Charity Golf Outing - June 25 (Tuesday) Knob Hill Golf Club 8:30am shotgun start.

See website for more information on either event. www.snpfoundation.org.

Freehold Township High School Scholarship evening. SNPF will be awarding four $1,500.00 memorial scholarships to seniors with exceptional skills in art and athletics in Stephanie's name. June 5th at 6:00pm Freehold Twp High School.

K9- Sparze - Graduation ceremony June 14th 10:00am to 11:30am NJSP Regional Headquarters. Ewing NJ.

Ed Parze will be lecturing to the Morris County C.A.R.T. Teams on June 14th at 2:00 pm This is hosted by the Morris County Prosecutor's office, at the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy. Topics are Stephanie's Story & investigation, Missing Persons & How law enforcement can make all the difference to the families during their ordeals.

The SNPF Website merchandise store will reopen on April 7th and will remain

open until June 30th. For anyone wishing to purchase self defense items, apparel, or memorabilia. Visit www.snpfoundation.org.

CIRCLE OF ANGELS PROGRAM (COAP)

A weekly, peer-led support group meeting for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence is ongoing.

For information regarding times, days, and location of our C.O.A.P meetings contact us:

Email: info@snpfoundation.org | Phone: 732-462-5793

Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the SNPF. We are currently in need of dedicated, hard working individuals that will give whatever time they have to forward our mission. There are many ways to assist the organization. Please, go to our website www.snpfoundation.org for more information or call 732-462-5793.

The SNPF is currently looking for Talented people take on these specific rolls in the organization

- Children's Program Developers/Director
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse trained advocate's
- Missing Persons Family Assistance Unit Team leaders, Social Media/Media Liaisons, Logistic Specialists, Search Team Advisors, and Law enforcement Liaisons.
- Breaking Free Program Developer/Director
- Event setup and breakdown Coordinator.
- Community Events Operations Manager
- Membership Committee Assistant Coordinators (2)

- Event & Promotional Videographer

PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE POSITIONS ABOVE ARE 100% VOLUNTARY!

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 attend at least two regular business meetings, special meetings, committee meetings, events or any combination thereof per year.

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.
Approved Volunteers will be placed on a call roster, to be called whenever the foundation needs volunteer assistance.
We ask that if you volunteer to participate in a specific function, you commit to it and honor your commitment. We urge the participation of at least 1 function per year.
Any further questions contact our administration number at 732-462-5793.

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Wide Awake Presentations:

“I just wanted to thank you again for coming to speak at Neptune HS. I know the students were really impacted by you speaking with them. I heard many talking about it in the hallways and I know they "got" a very important message

from you, so much so that they were spreading that message to their friends who heard about the presentation.
I really do not know how you do this day after day, but please know that it is so appreciated by the many that you impact. Stephanie and you, will and are, changing and saving lives". Educator at Neptune high school.

"Thank you so much for the time and presenting Stephanie's story. Thank you for bringing more awareness. The military has us getting training all the time on these topics. But it's nice to hear true stories, as difficult as it is I'm sure to tell, but the truthfulness and stories such as this brings more awareness".
Presentation attendee.

"Hi Maureen, Ed and Maureen just left and WOW! I have forwarded your email to health teachers in the other 5 buildings in this district as well as Sayreville where my children attend school. This presentation is so important for more students to hear! I will do everything I can to help spread this message, thank you!" Educator

Missing Persons Family Assistance Unit:

"Dear SNPF Folks,
Thanks so much for your help. You gave me critically important information at just the right time. the NYC police found my son, he is okay" Parent.

"Thank you so much Mr. Parze. I really felt and saw the other side of our "investigations" when you spoke. Many times as Law Enforcement we do not have time to stop and think how everything is affecting the family. We do that to protect ourselves and focus on the "job" at hand. However, I really believe hearing you and your families experience and what you shared has made me a better Detective and Supervisor. It also makes the "job" more important than ever". Law enforcement Detective

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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