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The Stephanie Nicole Parze 3rd Quarterly Newsletter 2025



Stephanie Nicole Parze
FOUNDATION

October is Domestic Violence
Awareness Month.
If you've left an abusive situation,
I'm proud of you.
And if you're thinking about
leaving, know that you can do it
you are stronger than you think

💜 Stephanie's light shines on through our mission to empower survivors and end domestic violence. This [#DVAM2025](#), join us to honor her legacy by raising awareness and supporting those in need. [#SNPF #DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth](#)

For additional information, events, and our brochures, please visit our website at:

The Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation (snpfoundation.org)

SNPF Community Awareness

Events we held over the last few months:

STEPHANIE'S SANTUARY

Wow! 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 SNP. We are currently working on Matawan Police Department and Old Bridge Township Police Department Sanctuaries.

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

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Police Department Sanctuary

The Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation is extremely happy to announce the dedication of our first "Stephanie's Sanctuary" in Middlesex County.

The Sayreville Police Department, a strong supporter of victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse continues to lead the way by embracing our mission and Stephanie's Legacy by being the first police department in Middlesex County to provide a safe, comfortable and non-threatening space where victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse will be able to decompress and feel safe and secure as if they were in a home style setting instead of a cold waiting room. A place where DVRT volunteers can meet and assist those in need in a relaxing atmosphere and be able to not only assist with the situation but be able to take care of the victim's immediate needs such as a change of clothing, offering a beverage or snack or just having a small place for their children to play while they wait. It's an overall better place to be during such a traumatic time in their lives.

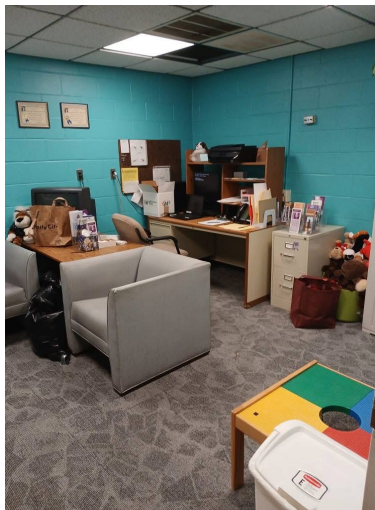
We thank The Sayreville Police Department, Chief Plumacker, Lt. Novack, Mayor O'Brien and the Sayreville Twp. Committee and of course, all of the dedicated DVRT members for their support of our mission and their commitment to fighting these epidemics of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Link to Ribbon Cutting



BEFORE

AFTER



Upcoming and soon completed Police Departments: Matawan and Brick and then Old Bridge. We are making great progress for 2025 with the completion of 5-6 Sanctuaries this year.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

August 12th - SPARZES Birthday

September 11 - 911 Day Remembrance in Middlesex County attended by Kimberly Fleak

October 9th - Ocean Partnership for Children Vigil attended by Dorlisa Merkovsky

VENDOR FAIR

This year's Vendor Fair Sponsored by Horizon BC/BS and the Freehold Raceway Mall hosted over 150 vendors of all kinds, kid's activities, our "Toss Away the Violence" Cornhole Tournament and Live music by Carnival Dogs, Strictly Sixties and Alex Chernick Acoustic 1, Demonstration by Kelly's K9's, our local heroes and much much more. We thank everyone who came out to the fair to support us in our mission.

Thank you to all Steph's Angel's for working so hard before and after the event to ensure it's success. You are truly appreciated!







And last but not least. Thank you to all of our Sponsor's...

Without your support, we would not be able to run these important fundraising events:

Freehold Raceway Mall
 Horizon
 Capital Waste Recycling
 Tree U Later
 Lew Chiropractor & Wellness
 Brock Farms
 East Clean Bro
 Party Perfect
 Statewide Protection & Investigations
 Mirrored Memories
 Shore Point Distributors
 Nightmare Cornhole
 NJ Leaf
 Reed Sod Farm
 Wegmans Food Market
 Homestead Run Women's Club
 Macaroni N Cheese
 Dill Dinkers Pickleball Club
 Alex Chernick
 East Coast Contractors Group
 The Mark-Up Podcast with China B
 Lou's Auto

Upcoming Community Events

🌸 October is filled with community fun! ☀️ Visit our awareness tent at these upcoming events and join us in making a difference:

🍁 10/5 – Freehold Borough Oktoberfest

🍂 10/11 & 10/12 – Allentown Fall Festival

👻 10/17 – Howell Twp. Trunk or Treat

🍲 10/18 – Freehold Twp. Food Stock

🎃 10/26 – Freehold Borough's Halloween Spooktacular Parade

💜 Together, we can spread awareness and strengthen our community against domestic violence.

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS TENT EVENTS

OCT 05	FREEHOLD BOROUGH OKTOBERFEST
OCT 11&12	ALLENTOWN FALL FESTIVAL
OCT 17	HOWELL TWP. TRUNK OR TREAT
OCT 18	FREEHOLD TWP FOOD STOCK
OCT 26	FREEHOLD BOROUGH'S HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR PARADE

Santa Drive By: 12/19 to 12/21 from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Save the Date: Stephanie's Birthday Bingo Bash 2/19/26



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 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: Freehold Township on 9/29 to start off the school year. Upcoming: East Brunswick, Highland Park and Robinsville High Schools.

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.

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.

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. We have now transitioned to POM's newer mobile version device. *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:

Total: 682

General Information calls: 465

DV: 136

Sexual Abuse: 12

Missing Persons: 69

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.

CALL 9-1-1 if you are in immediate danger. The National Domestic Violence Hot Line is also available 24/7 365 at 800-799-7233.

Volunteers Needed!

New Requirements are in place for 2025 for our Membership. Please see link below for further details. Thank you.

[Click for Information about the Membership Requirements](#)

Welcome Our New Members

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

Auxiliary Angel - 1

New Members - 1

New Approved Volunteers - 11

Become A Full-Fledged Member

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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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