



24-Hour Crisis Line: (317) 776-3472

*Someone you know could be a  
victim of abuse.*



## **Welcome to Prevail's E-Newsletter!**

This short document is a monthly sound bite highlighting some of the issues facing victims of crime and abuse and how Prevail works to provide aid.

### **Sometimes It Just Takes Time**

Theresa first came to Prevail many years ago as a drug and alcohol referral - her husband had been caught selling drugs out of the family home. It soon became obvious that drugs and alcohol were not Theresa's primary problem, it was domestic abuse.

After participating in various support groups at Prevail, Theresa and her daughter made the decision to leave and start anew. Being a single parent is never easy but Theresa made the best of it. Not only did she hold down a job, she decided to better her situation. She began taking classes one at a time to try and get her bachelor's degree.

She and her daughter also kept coming to Prevail for support.

Today Theresa is a college graduate who is working on an advanced degree. She is also in a new, healthy relationship. While all of this took years of work, Theresa persevered and took what she learned to create a bright future for her family!

## **Would You Believe?**

There is no shame when your loved one dies. When your car is stolen. When you're diagnosed with cancer. Friends and loved ones gather around you for support. They don't blame you for "bringing it on yourself."

It should be the same with sexual violence. But all too often, survivors who have the courage to tell someone what happened are blamed for bringing it on themselves. This needs to change. Because rapists attack an average of six times, one failed response can equal five more victims!

Start by Believing is a public awareness campaign presented by End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) designed to change the way we respond to rape and sexual assault in our communities. Learn more [here!](#)

## **Reds, Whites & Blues Goes Black & Silver!**

In celebration of 25 years of serving the community, Prevail presents a black-tie-optional evening of dining, live music and fabulous live and silent auction items to take place Saturday, August 27 from 6– 11 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel, 11925 N. Meridian St., Carmel, IN. The cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m.; seating begins at 7 p.m. and dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions will be featured from 7-11 p.m. The popular local band LemonWheel will play dance music from the 70's through today.

Reds, Whites & Blues Goes Black and Silver is presented by Diamond sponsor St. Vincent Carmel Hospital. For the fifth consecutive year, WISH-TV 8 anchor and investigative reporter, Karen Hensel, will serve as emcee of this sell-out event. Hamilton County's first ladies and Mayors, along with the Fishers Town Council President and his wife, will serve as honorary chairs of the event: Mayor of Carmel Jim Brainard and his wife Liz; Mayor of Westfield Andy Cook and his wife Barb; Mayor of Noblesville John Ditslear and his wife Teri; and Fishers Town Council president Scott Faultless and his wife Jana Faultless.

-In honor of Prevail's 25th anniversary, Gala proceeds will benefit Prevail's programs and services with a special focus on ensuring the continued fiscal

health of the organization. During the event, there will be an opportunity to join a special giving club – The Power of 25 – to help launch Prevail's next 25 years. The first \$10,000 in donations will be matched through a challenge grant from the Legacy Fund Community Foundation, a CICF Affiliate.

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