

Dear Friends of CVC,

At a time when many of us have felt stuck and been in stop and start mode while dealing with the pandemic, the word that best describes 2021 for CVC is Movement! Although the COVID pandemic has created lots of challenges and obstacles, we are grateful to have continued to move forward as an agency.

We started the year by moving from our space at Hamilton and 8th Sts to a beautiful office suite at 12th and Downyflake Sts. After more than 20 years at the previous office, there was lots of sorting, throwing, and replacing as well as some time to pause and reminisce about the incredible work CVC has done since its inception. Our new office suite offers ample free parking, handicap accessibility, public transportation connections, and a professional, welcoming atmosphere.

In other moving news, we have created a satellite counselling office in Bethlehem that has two full time counselors. This beautiful space also features free parking and accessibility and is in a convenient location for victims who live in the Bethlehem area. Please come by and see our new offices!

Our Leadership Team has worked hard to improve and enhance our services while also increasing awareness of our services and make us more present in the community.

Here are a few highlights.

- We have created a Children's Services Coordinator to expand our services to minor victims and coordinate better with Children and Youth and the Child Advocacy Center
- We have provided all of our counselors with training in an evidence-based treatment for counseling child victims of sexual and physical abuse (TF-CBT).

- We have increased our bi-lingual Spanish staff from 1 to 5 in the past two years to better serve the Spanish-speaking population in the Lehigh Valley. We now have bi-lingual staff in all departments.
- We created a full-time VCAP advocate to provide more continuity (previously all staff helped victims with VCAP)
- We, with the help of Ruckus, created several professional videos describing our services. Check them out on our YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLThiMaW4wvCeC4ylyL62PhcM-RuOuuQkK>
- We completed a billboard campaign to increase awareness of our presence and services to the community
- Our Outreach and Education department is making good progress on a Strategic Planning process to chart the future of our outreach into the community

CVC's Board of Directors has identified some goals for growth and board development. We are happy to have added several new board members during the past year including Randall Miller, Police Chief of Nazareth; Tammy Lerner, Associate Director of Family Philanthropy at Muhlenburg College; Brooke E. DeSipio, Assistant Dean and Director of the Office of Gender Violence Education and Support; Don Worman of Lehigh County Community College; Dave Steckel of Flamm, Walton, Heimbach; and Lauren Di Santis of the LOWA Group. Many thanks to our board members for their hard work in supporting CVC!

Thank you to all our supporters and stake holders. I am always available if you are interested in a tour of our office or would like to talk further about our services and mission. We look forward to another successful year of walking with victims on their healing journey.

With gratitude,  
Lois Keller