

# The Freeman Flash

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ELIZABETH FREEMAN CENTER'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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## Action of the Month: How will you mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month?



### Raise Awareness

- Younger than you think: more than half of survivors first experienced abuse between ages 11-24.
- Abuse can happen to anyone – of any gender, race, age, income level, or ability. It can be emotional, sexual, financial, physical, or about your identity.



### Take Action

- Stand up to victim blaming and rape culture – they are unacceptable (in the locker room and everywhere else).
- Talk with the young people in your life about consent and healthy relationships.
- Donate time or money to help Elizabeth Freeman Center continue to provide survivor services to over 2,600 people each year.
- Add EFC's Hotline number to your list of contacts: (866) 401-2425.



### Support Prevention

- Tell your elected officials to support funding for prevention education to end the cycle of violence.
- EFC reaches over 700 youth each year through its innovative prevention programming in schools throughout the county. Get in touch with us to find out how you can help.

**We all deserve to be safe – wherever we go, however we look, whoever we are.**



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## EFC is hiring a Shelter Director



We are seeking an experienced, passionate interim shelter director to guide the operation of EFC's emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence and their children.

Elizabeth Freeman Center's shelter is a secure, residential, 10-bedroom house that can accommodate 10-14 households. We shelter survivors of domestic and sexual violence who are in danger of imminent harm. Staffing includes a counselor/advocate, a child advocate, a house manager and 24-hour coverage staff.

This is an interim (long-term) position with the possibility of becoming permanent. Visit [elizabethfreemancenter.org/jobs](http://elizabethfreemancenter.org/jobs) for more information.

To apply, email cover letter and resume to [info@elizabethfreemancenter.org](mailto:info@elizabethfreemancenter.org).

## Janis in Berkshire 25

Janis Broderick, EFC's Executive Director, was named to Berkshire Magazine's "Berkshire 25" – most dedicated, most creative, most influential leaders in the county. Thank you for all that you do, Janis - you reflect the heart and soul of EFC!



24 hour hotline 1-866-401-2425

**Pittsfield**  
43 Francis Ave.  
(413) 499-2425

**Gt. Barrington**  
401 Stockbridge Rd., Ste. 3  
(413) 429-8190

**North Adams**  
61 Main St., Ste. 202  
(413) 663-7459

[www.elizabethfreemancenter.org](http://www.elizabethfreemancenter.org)

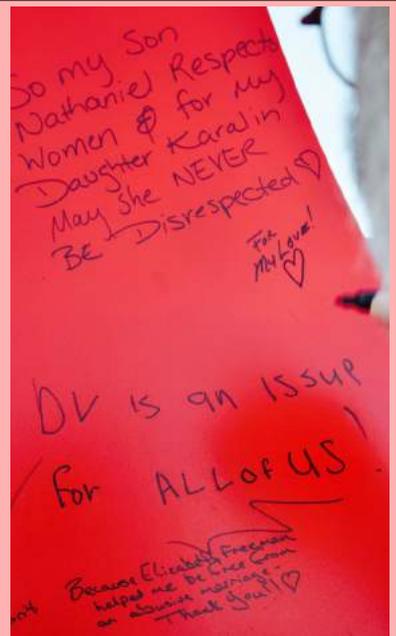


## Thank you.

All of us at Elizabeth Freeman Center, our clients, staff, board, and volunteers, want to thank you for making the 6th annual Walk a Mile March such an incredibly powerful and successful event.

This year, over 650 people of all ages, races, backgrounds and genders took to the street with style and determination and walked together to end rape, sexual assault and gender-based violence in our community. You helped us raise over \$61,000 to support vital services - last year, we served 3,445 people across the county on our hotline, in our shelter, in our offices, in police stations and the courts, in hospitals, and doing prevention work in area schools.

Thank you for lending your feet and your heart to such an important cause. See you next September for the 7th annual Walk a Mile March!



*Why do you walk?*



*650 walkers strong!*



*MCLA brought their own signs*



*Next generation*



*Man of the cloth...and heels :)*



*Haddad Dealerships' team had over 60 people*

## Welcome, Jenn!

We are excited to announce that Jenn W. is joining our staff in a dual role: Prevention Educator and LGBTQ Counselor. Walk a Mile was her first day.

Fun facts: Jenn's passions include preventing violence and fighting for social justice. And she has a 10-pound rescued terrier who looks adorable but tries to start fights with everyone. Contact her at [jenniferw@elizabethfreemancenter.org](mailto:jenniferw@elizabethfreemancenter.org) or (413) 499-2425 x615.

