

WCSC Voices

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WOMEN RACERS ROCK!

Women and girls--154 strong--moved in 15 states, Washington, DC, the U.S. Armed Forces, on the Caribbean island of Curaçao, and in the USVI, in the 37th Annual Women Race! **\$25,919.00** was raised so far! Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Help sort and organize donations for our community thrift stores, Closet To Closet, Shabby Chic Corner and The Home Store. Call our main office/crisis center at 340.773.9272, for more information.

WE'RE ON



Follow @wcstxvi on TikTok and see the Jerusalema Dance Challenge we created just for you!

THANK YOU!

Your support has made it possible for victims and survivors of violence in our community and beyond to continue to receive the help they need, while dealing with the additional challenges brought on by the Coronavirus pandemic.

From our hearts to yours, and on behalf of those we serve, we thank you for continuing to use your power for good!

As a community and as a nation, we recognized several historical events in June and July 2021, which impact our work with victims and survivors:

The anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre, which happened in 1921. Hundreds of African Americans were murdered in the Greenwood section of Tulsa, Oklahoma, also known as "Black Wall Street. Over 10,000 businesses and homes were destroyed by white supremacists.

Juneteenth, which recognizes the end of slavery in Texas, on June 19, 1865. Texas was the final state to adhere to the law of freeing enslaved people. On June 19, President Biden signed a bill into law making Juneteenth National Independence Day a federal holiday.

Emancipation Day recognizes the official abolition of slavery in the Danish West Indies on July 3, 1848. Liberty Day, as it is also known, is an official holiday in what is now the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Independence Day - July 4, when we celebrate the national holiday commemorating the separation of the original 13 colonies from the British Empire, and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

We still face ongoing systemic oppression, disenfranchisement and racism, even with the attention to these historic events. In offering services to victims/survivors, we acknowledge and understand the deeply entrenched history of white supremacy in our society, and how it affects Black, Indigenous and People of Color in marginalized communities. Our vision continues to be centered on racial equality and equity, so that all of us can truly be free.

--Clema S. Lewis, Executive Director

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Thank you for caring!



Titin Foundation

The Titin Foundation of Puerto Rico partnered with WCSC to offer virtual grant writing training to three staff members, as part of a multi-phase project, in collaboration with USVI nonprofits.

¡Muchas Gracias!

Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

We thank CFVI for their generosity in awarding a \$10,000 Virtual Learning Support grant. So far 11 students have benefitted by completing online classes at the Alice Pfaelzer Children Center during the 2020-2021 school year. The program will continue for 2021-2022 as well.



St. Croix Order no. 373 Order of the Golden Circle - handbags



Ziggy's 10th Annual Sausagefest - \$4805.55



Caravelle Casino - \$1358.46



Women of UVI - Gift Cards

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Your Impact



Emergency Shelter

Sojourner House was a safe space for **seven families**, survivors of stalking, or domestic, sexual, or dating violence, and their children.

There were **ten additional survivors** in crisis provided with emergency housing off-site.

Three families received assistance through the Transitional Housing Program.



Alice Pfaelzer Children's Center

Volunteer opportunities were provided for **four students**.

Outreach

Presentations on a variety of victimization topics, including domestic violence and sexual harassment, were provided to **55 people**.



Volunteer Victim Advocacy

Support was provided to **22 people** through our crisis intervention hotline, with **40 advocates** on duty.

Crisis Intervention

Court advocacy, crisis counseling and other supportive services were provided to **551 people** for the first time this year.



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