

# Welcome

Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of another year, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity. Clove Alliance has continued to grow and evolve, expanding its reach and services to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. Whether it's through the 24/7 crisis hotline, individual counseling, advocacy, case management, or educational outreach programs and training, Clove Alliance offers a vital lifeline to those who have experienced the trauma of sexual violence.

I am inspired and grateful to be a part of a team who demonstrates resilience and a profound dedication to those we serve. They are the driving force behind the change and our positive impact on countless lives. As we look towards the new year, I am confident that Clove Alliance will continue to be a beacon of hope and healing for survivors of sexual assault.

Tracey Noe-Slach, Executive Director

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Our vision is to inspire change while holding space alongside survivors by advocating for a more resilient community.



Clove Alliance supported 778 survivors and their loved ones through advocacy, counseling, legal services, and crisis support.

# Our Mission

We provide hope and healing to survivors of sexual violence by improving the quality of services for survivors, assisting in their recovery, and working towards the elimination of sexual violence.



# Our Values

- Integrity
   We uphold the highest standards in all actions.
- Growing
   We cultivate strength and innovation in pursuit of our mission.
- Compassionate
   We are always encouraging, authentic, and empathetic.
- Accepting
   We welcome all and embrace empowerment, diversity, and inclusion.

### **Board of Directors**

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### Our Team

Erin Doherty, Trauma Counselor
Emily Kyrouac, Trauma Counselor
Alli Madl, Trauma Counselor
Tammy Barragree, Legal/ Medical Advocate
Jane Binner, Legal/ Medical Advocate
Laura Casas-Wood, Legal/ Medical Advocate
Kayla Love, Legal/ Medical Advocate

**Tammie Selvey,** Legal/ Medical Advocate **Bridget Bertrand-Essington,** Training & Education

Specialist

**Gina Greene,** Training & Education Specialist **Susan Soda,** Community Engagement Specialist **Kelly Beth,** Office Coordinator

# Leadership Team



Tracey Noe- Slach
Executive Director



Shlinda Trudeau
Director of
Administration



Nancy Fregeau
Chief Financial Officer



Carmen King
Director of Clinical
Operations



Janic Eriks
Director of Advocacy
Services



Kristin Giacchino
Director of Community
Engagement



**Brittany Fry**Director of Volunteer
Services



Kerrie Blanton
Director of Case
Management

# Thank You, Volunteers!

Our work would not be possible without the support of our dedicated volunteers. Volunteers provide assistance to hotline crisis calls, provide medical advocacy services at local hospitals, assist at agency events, and support in-office projects. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers, but we want to especially recognize our volunteers who went above and beyond in supporting survivors of sexual violence during the past year.

Heather Hull: 387 Hours



Lexi Wilder: 353 Hours



Emily LaVoie: 306 Hours



Ana Melchor: 243 Hours



Yvonne Chalfant: 169 Hours



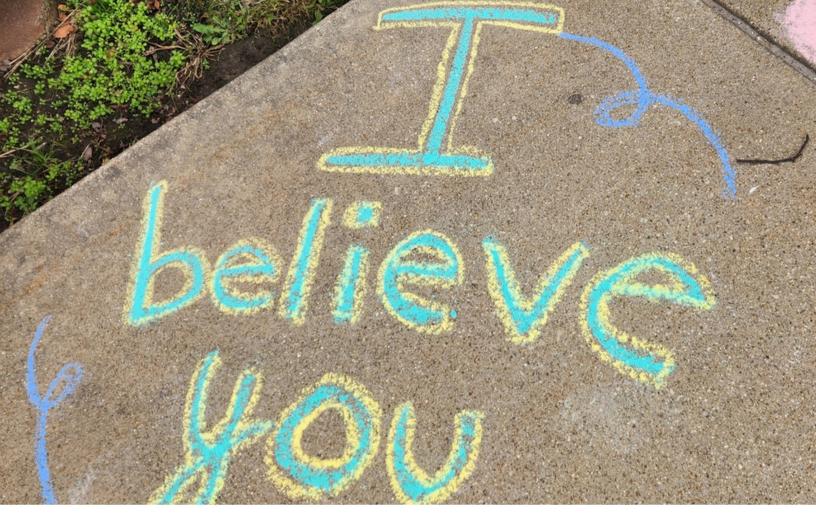
With help from our volunteers, Clove Alliance responded to 72 hospital calls and answered 437 hotline calls in the past year. Our team of volunteers provided 2.835 hours of service to survivors when it was needed the most.

### 2023 Volunteers

Jeanne Brown
Lucy Servin
Kim Herring
Brenda Allen
Tim Slach
Maddie Donberger

Tami Galbreath
Erica Camarena
Amanda Trompler
Matthew Hedding-Hess
Rhonda Thomas
Deb Hoyer-Denson

Heather Stevenson
Jackie Zoubek
Kathy Cantu
Lynette Blasingame
Amy Parham, Intern
Maggie Schingel, Intern



# **Our Impact**

We are honored to be able to provide high-quality services when they are needed the most. Below is a powerful testimony from one of our clients, sharing her experience at our agency:

"After my daughter came forward about my ex-boyfriend sexually assaulting her, we were referred to Clove Alliance as a resource for support. My daughter and I were alone through most of this change in our lives. Every court date, an advocate from Clove Alliance would be present and always provided her warmth, comfort, and resources. At any time of the day, Clove Alliance was available to listen and provide advice when it was needed to ground ourselves again. Clove Alliance always kept us up to date with court and always reminded us of the counseling they offer. I felt Clove Alliance was our only main support. I appreciate Clove Alliance for being an available resource and witness for my daughter and working beside the State's Attorney's office to help my daughter get justice." - Clove Alliance Client

We can't do this important work without your support. Click <u>here</u> to learn more about making a financial contribution to support our mission.

# XX 2023 IMPACT



Clove Alliance staff and volunteers provided over **11,840** hours of service to our community.



#### LEGAL ADVOCACY

Provided 2,653 hours of legal advocacy response



#### **TRAINING & OUTREACH**

Reached **84,196** people through training and outreach initiatives



#### 24/7 CRISIS CALLS

Hotline advocates took 437 calls



#### **OFFICE CALLS**

Recieved over 4,800 office calls



#### **HOSPITAL RESPONSE**

Provided advocacy support to 107 victims



#### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Reached 6,049 students in 309 age-appropriate presentations



#### CASE MANAGEMENT

Connected 219 clients to services





### COUNSELING

Provided 1,732 sessions of support & empowerment

# Financials

This page includes Clove Alliance's Fiscal Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023, ending June 30, 2023. As the Chief Financial Officer of Clove Alliance, I am proud to report that generous contributions have enabled us to provide crucial services, expand outreach initiatives, and advocate for systemic change across Kankakee, Iroquois, and Ford Counties. This report not only outlines our financial achievements but also underscores the profound impact your support has on the lives of survivors, empowering them on their journey to recovery.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our staff, volunteers, donors, and partners for standing with us as we continue to advocate for a world free from sexual violence.

#### **Nancy Fregeau**

Chief Financial Officer





# 2023 Highlights

### **JANUARY**

- We celebrated our two year anniversary as Clove Alliance!
   We transitioned from KC-CASA/ISAS to Clove Alliance in order to be more accessible to survivors and easily recognizable for community referrals.
- Clove Alliance partnered with KCC and the Family Violence Coordinating Council to host a professional conference on Human Trafficking Awareness. Expert speakers from around the country were featured at this event.





### **FEBRUARY**

- February is recognized as Teen Dating Violence
   Awareness Month. We hosted several awareness events including a webinar for community members and Trivia Nights for teens.
- We partnered with Milford High School to create a <u>video</u> about Teen Dating Violence.

# **MARCH**

- We welcomed our newest staff member, a Goldendoodle named Buckeye. Buckeye will serve as a therapy dog upon completing his training.
- A few staff represented Clove in Springfield to advocate for more funding and support for survivors of sexual violence.



### **APRIL**

- April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Our agency hosted several events including Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, The Brave, Bold, & Believed Art Show, and a conference for community professionals.
- We honored our volunteers' 1,343 hours of service during Volunteer Appreciation Week.





### **MAY**

- We concluded our 2022-2023 MENtoring Matters program.
   The program grew in popularity this year, serving on average 15 boys per session!
- Our staff attended Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault's Statewide Conference for continued learning and professional development.

# **JUNE**

- Group Therapy sessions returned to Clove Alliance to offer survivors an opportunity to explore their feelings and receive support in a confidential space.
- We received a \$3,000 donation from the Zonta Club of Kankakee County.





# **JULY**

- Beginning July 1, 2023, it was announced that the funding available to Illinois Rape Crisis Centers through the Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA) would be cut by 49%.
- We provided 60 take home activity bags focusing on body safety education for youth to 3 local libraries.

## **AUGUST**

Our School Partnership program kicked off! This
partnership between our agency and local school districts
provides free programing to students and staff aimed at
preventing sexual violence. In 2023, we facilitated 309 age
appropriate presentations, reaching 6,049 students!





### **SEPTEMBER**

- We began ongoing outreach at the Kankakee County State's Attorney's satellite office in Pembroke.
- State Senator Patrick Joyce announced \$250,000 in state funding he secured to help fund our operations. We are so grateful for his support of our agency and survivors.

### **OCTOBER**

- Jake Smith, an ally and community member, made a donation of \$1,785 to our agency from various fundraising efforts.
- We hosted our biannual 40 Hour Crisis Intervention
   Training and welcomed 6 new volunteers to our team.





# **NOVEMBER**

Cosmic Bingo was held at the Kankakee County
 Fairgrounds. We raised \$12,361 to support local survivors of sexual violence!

# Support Us

Wondering how you can help? There are several ways you can support our agency:

- Volunteer
- Donate
- Attend Events

To learn more about getting involved with Clove Alliance, visit our website.

# Stay Connected



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