Working to end domestic and sexual abuse and supporting survivors in achieving their own safety and empowerment
From the Director

My thoughts go out to our whole community during these unprecedented times, but particularly to those among us struggling with unhealthy relationships. For them, staying at home is not always a safe option. If someone you know is experiencing abuse in their relationship or feeling unsafe, the team at Response is here as always to help.

I’d like to take a moment to look back on our 2019 accomplishments. We launched our Housing For Survivors program which has been a game changer for many survivors who previously saw no way to leave their abusive homes. Through this program we are able to provide emergency shelter for those in imminent danger and transitional housing and rental assistance to allow a survivor to make a fresh start in a safe home. We’ve also expanded our work in local schools and our outreach across the community.

Please help us spread the message that love should never hurt and there are always options, even when times are dark.

- Shannon Meyer, Executive Director
With your help
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That's not all!

Response staff also...

- Taught 37 healthy relationship classes in middle and high schools
- Provided emergency financial assistance to 18 survivors
- Housed 6 survivors in our transitional housing units
- Helped 24 clients with their rent so they could leave their abuser
From our Board President

While social changes are being implemented to keep people safe, victims are increasingly finding themselves isolated with abusers who are acting out domestically. More than ever, Response’s work providing 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy, housing assistance, and legal and medical aid has become both more imperative and challenging.

The good news is that, while we may be feeling helpless at times, the team at Response remains effectively in place to empower victims of abuse to seek and receive the life-saving help they need."

--Robert de Wetter, Board President
For the third year in a row, Response exceeded our individual fundraising expectations! We also continue to receive support from every local government in our area, judicial districts, the federal government, and many private foundations.

Your support allows us to offer services free to any survivor in need.
“Response helped me so much I can’t thank them enough. Response has been there for me through all of it, gave me a second chance and believed in me and for that I am beyond grateful. Response made me feel so special and my advocates went out of their way to make sure I was taken care of...not because it’s their job but because they are passionate about helping people like me and it truly shows.”

– Stephanie
I volunteer with Response because...

I believe in the transformative power of showing up for another person during times of deep sadness, confusion or fear. I feel eternally grateful for those who have done the same for me, and volunteering is a way for me to give back to my community."

– Shannon Birzon, Volunteer
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