GET READY! WALK A MILE– our community March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault, and Gender Violence- is NEXT Thursday, at Third Thursday in Pittsfield, September 20th.

Last year, over 700 of our neighbors from all around the county took to the street against violence. JOIN US!

WHY WE WALK: Five domestic violence murders in the past 3 years have rocked Berkshire County. #MeToo prompted millions of tweets about sexual assault, baring the truth that sexual assault happens to anyone, anywhere.

We walk as a community - people of all ages, races, gender identities, ethnicities, and backgrounds - to demonstrate our united stand against violence.

We walk to raise awareness that domestic violence and sexual assault can happen to anyone and to support survivors and their families.

We raise money to continue Elizabeth Freeman Center services for violence survivors and its educational work with county youth.

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**Walk a Mile 2018**

**Thursday, September 20th**

North Street & Columbus Avenue, Pittsfield

Registration at 5pm, Walk at 6pm

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**Action of the Month:**

**Register, fundraise, and donate for Walk a Mile online! It’s easy!**

Go to elizabethfreemancenter.org/wam. You can register, fundraise, create a team or donate to a walker or team! If you need help, call us at 499-2425!

Fundraising walkers and teams are popping up! Right now the top fundraising team is Team CLA 2018 which so far raised over $5000 and the top individual is Mark Gold at over $3000– WOOHOO and THANK YOU!!

Now is the perfect time to send out those emails to friends and family for support. If you register to walk and raise $55 or more, you’ll receive a 2018 Walk a Mile t-shirt.

Thank you to our underwriters: jane iredale, Onyx Specialty Papers, annie selke companies, Haddad Dealerships, Greylock Federal Credit Union, J.H. Maxymillian, Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Health Systems, BlueQ, Lee Bank, Scarffoni Financial, UNICO, Unistress, Adams Community Bank, Cain Hibbard & Myers, Crescent Creamery, Donovan O’Connor & Dodig, East Elm Pediatrics, Guido’s, NBT Bank, and Pittsfield Rotary!
Thank You for Filling Our Shelves!

We are always grateful to our donors, but this month you all outdid yourselves. Following a Facebook plea for donations of toiletries, we were amazed to see goods pour in from all over Berkshire County and beyond! Contributors included past clients who have become current supporters, neighbors, community businesses, local leaders, long distance friends of our agency, and family members of those lost to domestic violence. Many gave not only the needed toiletries, but also heartfelt monetary donations to fund our ongoing work. We are truly humbled by the generosity of our community. Thank you for all you do!

Picture of an empty closet and the same closet filled with supplies

Money School

We have new Money School classes starting! This 5-session course with ongoing supports builds skills and empowers students to overcome the economic impact of domestic violence. Contact Donna at (413) 499-2425

Pittsfield: November (English)
February (Spanish)

Great Barrington: February

ART AND SOLE

In support of Walk a Mile, IS183 Art School faculty and students designed, altered and artfully enhanced shoes and are exhibiting them at the Lichtenstein Center for the Arts in Pittsfield for the month of September.

CHECK IT OUT! It’s fabulous, and many of these works of art are for sale. Proceeds benefit EFC and IS183’s Learning through Arts Program.

Governor slams Cap back on Kids

Despite both MA House and Senate passing a bill that eliminated the harmful Cap on Kids, Governor Baker has chosen to veto the bill again.

The Cap on Kids – also called the Family Cap – denies welfare benefits to children conceived while the family was receiving assistance. Massachusetts denies benefits to 8,700 children because of the Cap on Kids.

We are devastated to see our Governor deny the wishes of the State Legislature and keep this cruel legislation in place. We hope next Legislative session may see a new bill passed. Until then, please consider donating to local food pantries and agencies.

LIFT THE CAP ON KIDS

EFC is Hiring!

Thanks to recent grants we received, as well as shifting roles within the agency, EFC is hiring for several positions! Join our fabulous and quickly-growing team:

- Shelter Second Shift Supervisor (evenings)
- South County Counselor/Advocate with a focus on LGBTQ survivors
- South County Counselor/Advocate— bilingual Spanish/English
- Clinical Supervisor and counselor (full-time)
- Housing Stabilization Advocate (part-time)
- Relief Shelter Advocate

Competitive salary, excellent health insurance benefits, generous time off, passionate co-workers

For more information, go to elizabethfreemancenter.org/jobs