# The AVALON Center Voice working to end domestic and sexual violence

# Mathews Welcomes Avalon with Open Arms

Avalon's new Mathews Outreach Office has received a warm welcome from community members, civic organizations and law enforcement! One generous donor in particular gave a beautiful quilt, at top right, to hang in the office to make it feel cozy.

Community engagement is in full swing, spreading the news that the Middle Peninsula has a brand new domestic and sexual violence outreach office in Mathews County. We are reaching out to Middle Peninsula communities through collaborative meetings, presentations and written material. Tina, the Community Engagement Coordinator on the Middle Peninsula, can be seen bottom right representing Avalon at a local event.

Our newest team member Elizabeth, a case manager, is excited to be working with Avalon and giving back to her community. As Jessica, the Community Response Coordinator stated, "Avalon's expansion to the Middle Peninsula has made it possible to develop new relationships with other agencies, organizations and multidisciplinary teams."

Avalon is excited to be in Mathews and working to end domestic and sexual violence throughout the whole of the Middle Peninsula.

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# Message from the Director

Many of you have visited Avalon either at the shelter, youth services or one of the two outreach offices. n the course of volunteering or assisting the organization in its 40 year history, you may have become involved at the beginning when it was a small group of volunteers or you got involved later as we grew, but most of you have witnessed its growth and change in the past few years in particular.

We want to be as forward thinking as the founders were, prepare for the future and be good stewards of the resources we are given. Providing a clean, safe, warm place for the survivors and their children needing crisis intervention and emergency shelter has always been integral to fulfilling our mission.

The "shelter campus" includes: seven buildings on over 5 acres: the original 2 bedroom shelter is now used primarily for office and meeting space, 3 apartment buildings containing six 2-bedroom apartments, a life skills and counseling building, a large storage building and the 20-bed communal shelter. Maintaining these buildings and the grounds would not be possible without the many volunteers and contributions of our community. We have been so grateful for the help of The Bruton Builders and other community groups. We couldn't have managed without them!

The buildings and underlying systems are aging and extensive replacement and repair is on the near horizon. To that end, this summer we welcomed the help of an important community volunteer, Victoria Gussman, who is newly retired from her career at Colonial Williamsburg as the Director of Property Planning and Management. Tory graciously agreed to oversee a professional inspection of our buildings, systems and property to begin to formalize a long-term facility plan.

Watch for more information as future plans are developed and please let us know, if you have an interest in helping. We very much need and appreciate your involvement.

> Teresa Christin **Executive Director**







To keep up to date with all that is happening at Avalon, follow our progress on Facebook and Twitter @AvalonVA, or with youth services on Instagram @AvalonCenter.

# Up Next: the Avalon Classic Golf Tournament!



# Summer Spotlights .....



# Therapy Dogs

Avalon is so lucky to have three cuddly canine volunteers! Humphrey and Louis, Marisol Lambert's Corgis, are loved by young and old alike at our shelter campus. Cody, Michael Thompson's Golden Retriever, is another furry favorite.



# Colony "Critters"

Betsy Ziomek and the Patriots Colony "Critters" have been one of Avalon's most loyal in-kind donors since she began sharing her knitted creations in May of 2016. Her "pocket pals," hats, scarves, and blankets bring joy and comfort to Avalon clients of all ages.

# Pat Noble

While Avalon's riding mower was being repaired, volunteer Pat Noble cut the two acres of the shelter campus - with a push mower. Without Pat, our shelter campus would be a jungle!





# Bill Wallace

Avalon's benefitting from Bill Wallace's green thumb for a second summer! As a volunteer with Williamsburg Community Growers, Bill cultivates rows and rows of veggies and donates some of his crop to Avalon at least twice a week.

# You raised \$37,000 for Avalon's mission at the













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Volunteers teach classes focused on enriching and empowering survivors in Avalon's care.

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Outreach volunteers assist with administrative support, children's activities, and other programs.

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Avalon partners with local non-profit Reading Enriches all Children to support the literacy of at-risk youth in Virginia. Twice a month volunteers come out to read and do any activity with the children in our shelter.

Anna Buck
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### Therapy Dog Volunteers

Our furry volunteers are certified through Therapy Dogs International. The dogs and their trainers come to visit our shelter to offer support.

Marisol Lambert & Michael Thompson &

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### **Shelter Volunteers**

Shelter volunteers support case managers and clients by helping with children's activities, organization assistance, or property upkeep.

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