



## FSW Voice

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November 2016



### A BIG SHOW

Saturday, November 5 was a Big night! More than 1,000 guests came out to support our variety benefit event - The Really Big Show. The event featured Joan Jett and the Blackhearts with performances by Christina Bianco, Brandon "Yaz" Niederaruer of Broadway's "School of Rock," George Porter Jr., The 3 Painters, Carrissa Blu, Candace Benson, Talina Toscano, Kat Pace, Jazz House Kids and more. What a Really Big Night!



**The show is over, but the AUCTION is still open!**

**CHECK OUT THE AUCTION**



## Program Updates



### VETS GAIN JOB TRAINING AND HOUSING HELP

Finding a job and a place to live can be one of the most daunting challenges for Westchester's veterans. Thanks to FSW's veterans outreach and support programs, more than 35 vets have found the help they need. Our case management specialist helps vets find jobs, housing, and other social services while our Vet-2-Vet Director runs weekly gatherings for service members and veterans to network with one another in a safe and nonjudgmental environment. At a Family "Vetgether" event in

September, 60 people, including veterans and their children, enjoyed a movie and came home with backpacks and school supplies. During Veterans Day, we reached out to clients to ensure they get the practical, social, and emotional health they deserve.

[Learn more here](#)

### PURPLE BOWS

It is never too early to educate our youth about domestic violence and the trauma it can have on a family. Our Head Start program, through their purple bow initiative, showed that we stand with the victims of domestic violence. FSW provides comprehensive mental health services at seven Family Centers and five school based mental health clinics throughout Westchester. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact one of our centers for support.

[Learn more here](#)





In addition to focusing on the U.S. election and its influence on their lives, members of FSW's Youth Council are examining the situation of Syrian refugees. The Youth Council, which was created to empower youths aged 10-18, meets weekly to initiate positive change in their communities. In past years members have participated in Hudson River cleanup projects and lobbied legislators to respond to youth concerns. A recent \$15,000 grant from **Con Edison** will help support their efforts, which include

community service and social justice projects. Plans are underway to collect supplies for Syrian refugees living in Greece.

[Learn more here](#)

### A COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER

On Saturday, October 22, our program Project SNUG joined hands with several religious leaders within the Mount Vernon Community in the Rally for Human Dignity march. Every month, members of the SNUG staff as well as community leaders and supporters, march through the streets of Mount Vernon to raise awareness on Gun Violence and Unity. The next community march is set for Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 pm at 3rd Avenue and 3rd Street.



[Learn more here](#)



### HIV ENDING THE EPIDEMIC CONFERENCE

Our Partnership for Care program is among five tri-county organizations selected to make a poster presentation at this year's annual Ryan White Conference, The Power of QI: RW Part A Providers Work to End the Epidemic, held on November 9 in New York City. The conference focused on Improving Client Engagement in Medical Case Management. FSW was one of two organizations invited to conduct a workshop on "Increasing Collaboration to End the Epidemic."

[Learn more here](#)

### AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Congratulations to Eastchester Firefighters, winners of this year's Broken Bow Brewery's Charity Chili Cook-Off! The Cook-off, hosted by the Broken Bow Brewery on October 15, featured a fierce cooking competition between the Eastchester Fire Department, Eastchester Police and Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corp. The event raised more than \$2,600 for The Sharing Shelf program.



[Learn more here](#)



### 9th SUCCESSFUL TEEN BOUTIQUE CONCLUDES

The Sharing Shelf's Teen Boutique, a free, pop-up shopping boutique for teenage girls took place November 12 in partnership with the Junior League of Westchester on the Sound. It was the 9th Teen Boutique and benefited at least 200 low-income girls. Volunteers worked tirelessly in the weeks prior to organize thousands of donated items. Among the volunteers were dozens of teen girls from the Westchester community who organized clothing drives in their schools and among friends. If you are interested in

volunteering or donating to Teen Boutique in the future, please email [The Sharing Shelf](#).

[Learn more here](#)



# Upcoming Events

## #GIVINGTUESDAY IS NOVEMBER 29

We are kicking off our 3rd annual #GivingTuesday campaign today! Keep up with us on social media to see the great things going on throughout FSW.

If you are interested in supporting FSW for #GivingTuesday by hosting your own crowdrise page, [email us](#).



## ADOPT-A-FAMILY IS BACK!

It's that time of year again! As we gear up for the holiday season, we are inviting anyone interested in our Adopt-a-Family initiative. This special event allows you to "adopt-a-family" and purchase the essentials they need for the winter. Often this includes sweaters, pants, socks, winter jackets and blankets. If you are interested in adopting a family, please [email us here](#).

Thank you for helping us make a difference, right at home.



Don't forget to check our website to what is happening around FSW.

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