**Did You Know?**

**In the US**

* One in three women and one in four men are affected by domestic violence in their lifetime.
* A woman is abused *every three seconds.*
* Three women are killed *each day* by their husband or boyfriend.
* 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year – 90% being eyewitness to the violence.

**In Central Ohio**

* Last year Columbus Police reported 24 homicides related to domestic violence in Franklin County, including 3 children.
* Columbus police made 3,652 domestic violence arrests in 2023.
* Police departments in Franklin County responded to 8,946 incidents of domestic violence in 2023.

**At CHOICES**

* CHOICES is the only domestic violence focused shelter in Franklin County.
* This year, 945 victims and their children will seek refuge at CHOICES’ shelter. *More than half* of those will be children.
* CHOICES staff will also answer more than 4,100 calls from people in crisis through the 24-hour hotline.
* CHOICES has a kennel to house the family pet, so they do not have to be left behind when a family seeks safety in the shelter.