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I Never Thought I'd Be A Victim Of Domestic Violence!

At 52 years old, Susan never considered that domestic violence would play a part in her life. After all, she was the mother of four and the grandmother of ten. For 20 years, she had held a good job where she felt successful and supported. When she started dating Stan, her life changed in unimaginable ways.

In the beginning, the relationship seemed healthy. Soon after they became comfortable with one another, Susan started noticing Stan's controlling behaviors. A year later, the first assault occurred. She contacted CFI's Domestic Violence Services (DVS) and the County Attorney's office. A No Contact Order (NCO) was put in place. "In that first month after the NCO was put in place, I built enough trust in CFI so that I felt comfortable contacting staff when I needed assistance," said Susan. "I reached out several times when I felt threatened by Stan, even when I didn't want to press charges. Stan continued to violate the NCO and I was terrified he would retaliate if I reported the violations."

After attending CFI classes designed to educate and inform victims of domestic violence, Susan was better equipped to stand up for herself, but Stan was not giving up easily, even after being arrested for assault. He "bonded out after a month" (used bond money to get out of jail) and continued to violate the NCO. Stan often parked near her work and yelled insults at her. He called countless times making threats to her safety. "My son, who was on probation, was manipulated by Stan into a drug purchase. Stan videotaped the encounter and threatened to use this evidence as leverage to



make me drop all the charges against him. He wanted to stay out of jail and keep me under his control. Instead, with CFI and the County Attorney's support, Stan's probation officer was informed of his continued stalking and abuse and he was sentenced to eight years in prison."

Susan is just one of over 1,400 individuals who used CFI's Domestic Violence Services last fiscal year.

CFI's domestic violence outreach program strives to help the 44,000 Iowans who suffer through domestic abuse every year. Without the support of our donors, CFI's Domestic Violence Services would not be able to provide services to all those that need them. ■

**Names have been changed to protect client privacy.*

THANK YOU

Bella K Photography

CFI extends a special thank you to Kristi and Clint Stephens, owners of Bella K Photography in Waukee, for their generous support of CFI.

For the last five years, the Stephens have provided extraordinary event photography at CFI's Tango Gala, even giving up a part of Kristie's birthday last year. "I ended the day at Children & Families of Iowa's Tango Gala! I joked, it was so nice of them to throw me such a fancy party! But in all seriousness, CFI is my charity of choice they do so many great things for the community!" said Kristi.

For over seven years the couple has provided the portrait photography at CFI's Princess Party. Bella K Photography has been involved with CFI's Kidsfest, presented by Veridian Credit Union, for the last 15 years, and helped with several other annual events.

Bella K has been a wonderful and very generous partner to CFI.



Thank you, Bella K!

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Special thanks to organizations and individuals who volunteered for Children & Families of Iowa from November 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019.

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2019 Tango Co-Chairs

Children & Families of Iowa is pleased to announce that **Mike and Rhonda McCoy** will serve as the honorary 2019 Tango Gala co-chairs.



New Date, New Location Friday, April 26, 2019 Ron Pearson Center

5820 Westown Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Event registration:

<https://cfiowa.ejoinme.org/2019TangoGala>

Family Tees Inter-generational Golf Tournament

JUNE 24, 2019

TERRACE HILLS GOLF COURSE, ALTOONA, IA

Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament

JULY 12, 2019

COPPER CREEK GOLF COURSE, PLEASANT HILL, IA

Princess Party

DATE TBD

JORDAN CREEK TOWN CENTER, WEST DES MOINES, IA

LEARN MORE

For up-to-date information and registration for CFI events, visit cfiowa.org.

CFI Kidsfest 2019

Kidsfest, presented by Veridian Credit Union, returned to the Des Moines metro area on January 18 and 19, 2019. Kidsfest offered family-friendly activities, including live entertainment on three stages, ten inflatables, interactive booths, games, prizes and more. Kidsfest gave families an opportunity for the kids to burn off energy while helping others. Funds raised through the event support the programs of CFI.



Janice Lane Schroeder, CFI CEO poses with stilt walker Elizabeth Green-Weston.



Farm animals like this llama were popular with the children on Saturday. The Petting Zoo was provided by Hovick Family Farms.



Hy-Vee KidsFit stage show participants danced and exercised to popular music.

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