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A message from our CEO & President, Nathalie S. Nelson



As we move into summer, I find myself reflecting on all that we have accomplished together and the incredible people who make Younity's work possible every day.

In May, our community came together for **Younity's 30th Annual Awards Dinner,** an evening that celebrated the power of compassion, service, and collective action. We were honored to recognize journalist **Amna Nawaz**, volunteer **Tina Karkera**, and the **Trenton Community Street Team** for their dedication to creating safer and stronger communities. Looking around the room that evening, I was reminded that our impact is only possible because of the many individuals, organizations, volunteers, and supporters who choose to stand alongside victim-survivors and their families.

This season also marks a significant moment for Younity as we celebrate **Rev. Susan Victor, TH.M., MSW, LCSW** and her extraordinary career of service. For more than 20 years, Susan has been a source of wisdom, compassion, and guidance for our staff, our clients, and our community. She has helped shape not only our programs but also the culture of care that defines Younity today. She has been a steady source of wisdom, compassion, and guidance through moments of growth, challenge, and change. She has comforted survivors in their darkest moments, mentored countless staff members, and led with a kindness and grace that inspired everyone around her. On a personal level, Susan has been a trusted colleague, mentor, a sounding board and a dear friend. While we will miss her deeply, I am grateful for the legacy she leaves behind and excited for her as she begins her next adventure. Her legacy lives not only in our programs and services, but in the people she has inspired, the leaders she has helped develop, and the culture of compassion she helped create. As Susan begins her next adventure, we celebrate her with immense gratitude and wish her all the joy and happiness she so richly deserves.

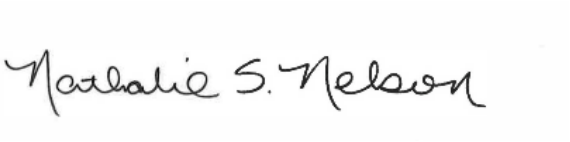
June is also a time to recognize the strength and diversity of the communities we serve. As we celebrate Pride Month and observe Juneteenth, we are reminded of the importance of dignity, inclusion, and equal opportunity for all. These observances encourage us to continue listening, learning, and working toward a future where every individual can live safely, authentically, and free from violence and fear.

At Younity, our mission remains rooted in the belief that everyone deserves safety, support, and the opportunity to heal. Every day, we see the resilience of survivors and the power of a community that comes together to offer hope during life's most difficult moments.

Thank you for being part of that community. Whether you support our mission through volunteering, advocacy, partnership, or financial contributions, you are helping create lasting change in the lives of victim-survivors and their families.

Together, we are stronger than abuse.

With gratitude,



Nathalie S. Nelson
CEO and President

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



The room was full. The energy was undeniable. And the sense of community was stronger than ever.

On May 28, more than 280 supporters gathered for **Younity's 30th Annual Awards Dinner**, an unforgettable evening celebrating leadership, generosity, and the collective impact of a community committed to ending domestic and sexual violence.

Guests were inspired by Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award recipient **Amna Nawaz**, celebrated the dedication of crisis response advocate **Tina Karkera**, and recognized the **Trenton Community Street Team** for its leadership and commitment to community safety.

From moving stories and standing ovations to laughter, connection, and heartfelt conversations, the evening was a powerful reminder of what can happen when a community shows up for a cause that matters.

If you weren't able to join us this year, we invite you to explore the highlights and experience some of the magic that made this milestone celebration so special. And be sure to save the date for next spring as Younity celebrates 50 years of standing with survivors and building safer communities.

GET THE FULL STORY

A picture is worth a thousand words—and these photos capture the energy, generosity, and community spirit that made Younity's 30th Annual Awards Dinner so special.

We are grateful to photographers **Byron Phillips** and **Dwight Wiggins** of **SoFocus Photography** for documenting the evening and preserving the moments, connections, and celebrations that made this milestone event unforgettable.

Take a look back at an extraordinary night and see the faces behind this remarkable celebration.

VIEW THE PHOTO GALLERY

HONORING REV. SUSAN VICTOR, Th.M., MSW, LCSW



For more than 20 years, **Rev. Susan Victor, Th.M., MSW, LCSW** has been a guiding force at Younity, helping to shape our services, strengthen community partnerships, and ensure that survivors and their families have access to safety, support, and hope. As **Chief Operating Officer of Client & Community Services**, she has led with vision, compassion, and a deep belief in the resilience of those we serve.

Yet Susan's legacy extends far beyond her title. Those who know her best speak of her kindness, wisdom, steady presence, and remarkable ability to make people feel seen, heard, and valued. She has mentored countless staff, walked alongside survivors during some of their most difficult moments, and inspired all of us through her commitment to service and community.

The impact Susan has made on Younity and the thousands of lives she has touched will continue to be felt for generations to come.

As Susan begins her next adventure, we invite you to celebrate her extraordinary legacy of compassion, leadership, and service. We also invite you to honor Susan's impact by making a gift in her name. A donation to Younity is a meaningful way to continue the work she has devoted her life to, ensuring that survivors and their families receive the support, advocacy, and hope they deserve.

Join us in celebrating Susan's remarkable journey and the lasting difference she has made in our community.

READ SUSAN'S STORY **DONATE TO HONOR SUSAN**

CELEBRATE SUSAN AT TRENTON THUNDER'S HOMETOWN HEROES NIGHT

TRENTON THUNDER™

Join **Younity** and the **Trenton Thunder** on **June 25** as we celebrate **Susan Victor**, who will be recognized as a **Trenton Thunder Hometown Hero** for her decades of service to survivors and the Mercer County community.

As part of the evening's festivities, Susan will be honored on the field and throw out the ceremonial first pitch. **The Hometown Heroes ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by the game at 7:00 p.m.,** so be sure to arrive early to take part in the celebration. Family, friends, colleagues, and community supporters are invited to come together for a fun-filled night of baseball while recognizing Susan's extraordinary contributions and lasting impact.

We hope you'll join us for this special celebration of service, leadership, and community.

GET YOUR TRENTON THUNDER TICKET

WELCOME SUMMER WITH INMOTION FITNESS & WELLNESS



Join us this **Friday, June 19**, for an evening of movement, connection, and community at I**nMotion Fitness & Wellness** in Princeton. This special fundraiser will feature vendor tables, refreshments, raffle prizes, and an all-levels yoga class led by instructor **Kaitlynn Eli,** a former Younity employee and longtime supporter.

Designed to bring people together in a relaxed and welcoming environment, the event offers an opportunity to connect with local businesses, meet community members, and support Younity's mission to help survivors build lives free from violence.

We hope you'll join us for this inspiring evening celebrating wellness, connection, and community.

LEARN MORE ABOUT EVENT

REGISTER TO ATTEND

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AT PRINCETON PRIDE



Younity was proud to participate in Princeton Pride, joining community members from across the region for a day of celebration, connection, and community.

Staff and advocates marched in the parade and connected with attendees throughout the day, sharing information about Younity's services and resources. As an organization that serves individuals and families from all walks of life, Younity is committed to ensuring that everyone knows support is available when they need it. Abuse can affect people of every background, age, identity, and life experience, and our services are available to all who seek help.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hello, learn more about our work, and celebrate community with us.

WEARING ORANGE FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES



Younity was proud to join community partners, advocates, and residents for **Wear Orange**, a national movement dedicated to raising awareness about gun violence and honoring those whose lives have been impacted.

Hosted locally by the **Trenton Community Street Team,** Isles, and community partners, the event brought people together to promote safety, healing, and hope while highlighting the importance of community-based violence prevention efforts. At this year's Annual Awards Dinner, the **Trenton Community Street Team** was recognized by Younity as the recipient of the **Outstanding Community Partner Award** for its leadership, outreach, and commitment to community safety.

This year, the movement also received national attention as **Moms Demand Action Executive Director Angela Ferrell-Zabala, Younity's 2025 Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award recipient**, was recognized by **TIME** magazine as one of its **Visionaries** for her leadership in the movement to end gun violence.

We are grateful to everyone who participated and continue to support efforts that create safer, stronger communities for children, families, and neighborhoods throughout our region.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

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OBSERVING JUNETEENTH

On June 19, Younity joins communities across the country in observing **Juneteenth**, a day that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and honors the ongoing pursuit of freedom, opportunity, and justice.

Juneteenth offers an opportunity to reflect on our nation's history, recognize the contributions and resilience of Black Americans, and continue building communities where all people are treated with dignity and respect.

In observance of the holiday, Younity's offices will be closed on Friday, June 19. Our 24/7 hotline and crisis response services will remain available.





WELCOME SUMMER WITH IN MOTION FITNESS & WELLNESS

Join In Motion Fitness & Wellness this Friday, June 19, for a special evening benefiting Younity. Guests will enjoy vendor tables, refreshments, raffle prizes, and an all-levels yoga class led by instructor Kaitlynn Eli, a former Younity employee and longtime supporter.

Come celebrate summer, connect with the community, and support survivors throughout our region.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

JUNE

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HOMETOWN HEROES NIGHT

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Come enjoy a fun-filled evening of baseball, community, and celebration as we recognize Susan's extraordinary impact and wish her well on her next adventure.

LEARN MORE & GET YOUR TICKET

AUGUST

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join Younity on Tuesday, August 4, as we participate in **National Night Out** events across Mercer County. This annual community celebration brings neighbors, law enforcement, and local organizations together to strengthen relationships, promote safety, and build stronger communities.

Younity staff and advocates will be on hand throughout the county to share resources, answer questions, and connect with community members of all ages. We hope you'll stop by and say hello as we celebrate the partnerships and community connections that help make our neighborhoods safer and stronger.

FIND A LOCATION

OCTOBER

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SAVE THE DATE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WALK

Join Younity on Saturday, October 24, at Cadwalader Park in Trenton for our annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk. As we approach Younity's 50th anniversary, this year's walk will be part of a broader reflection on five decades of advocacy, support, and community action to end domestic violence.

Each year, survivors, families, advocates, and community partners come together to raise awareness, honor survivors, remember lives lost, and reaffirm our commitment to building a future free from violence.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

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SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT

On Monday, October 26, thousands of luminary candles will shine across Mercer County as Younity's Communities of Light campaign returns for its 25th year.

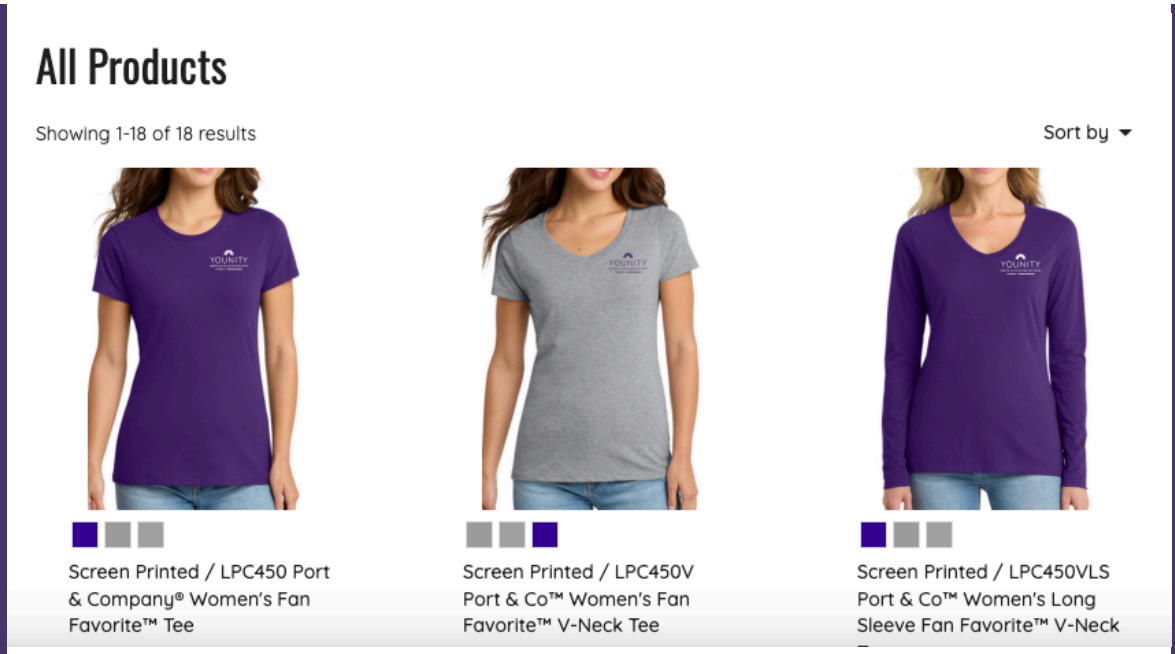
Each light carries a powerful message of hope and support for victim-survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. What began as a grassroots effort has grown into a countywide tradition that brings neighbors, businesses, schools, and community organizations together in a shared display of compassion and solidarity.

Join us as we light the way forward and close out Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a powerful reminder that survivors are not alone.

Want to stay up to date with Younity?
Visit our website for the latest news, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and ways to support survivors throughout our community.

EXPLORE NEWS & EVENTS

YOUNITY'S ONLINE STORE:
Wear Your Support



We're excited to share a new way to support Younity's mission. Our online store features apparel and accessories created for people of all genders, reflecting our shared commitment to safety, healing, and community.

Every purchase helps fund counseling, advocacy, and crisis response services for victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Mercer County. When you shop, you're not just choosing meaningful merchandise — you're helping make safety and support accessible for those who need it most.

We are grateful to **Creative T-Shirt Printing** for bringing this collection to life and for their partnership in supporting our mission.

Thank you for standing with us in purpose and compassion.
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YOU DESERVE TO BE HEARD AND SUPPORTED
We Are Here to LIsten



YOUNITY 24|7 HOTLINE
609.394.9000

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE
800.572.SAFE (7233)

Maybe someone crossed a line.

Maybe you're feeling uneasy about something that happened, but you're not sure what to call it.

Maybe you're feeling overwhelmed, confused, or just need to talk it through.
Whatever you're carrying, you don't have to carry it alone.

Our trained staff are here 24/7 to support you—confidentially, compassionately, and without judgment.

You can contact us anonymously by phone or chat. You don't have to give your name. You don't have to file a report. You can simply talk to someone who will listen and help you understand your options. You'll never be pressured to take a step that isn't right for you.

Whether you're calling for yourself or someone you care about, we'll meet you where you are. Our team includes bilingual staff and has access to translation services, ensuring that language is never a barrier.

What happened to you matters.
And so does what happens next.

We're here to help you take the next step—whatever that looks like for *you*.
Because when we work **together, we are stronger than abuse.**

24/7 ASSISTANCE

TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER THAN ABUSE

Your support makes Younity's work possible—from walking alongside victim-survivors in crisis to empowering young people with the tools to build healthy relationships. Every gift, no matter the size, helps create a safer, stronger community.

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