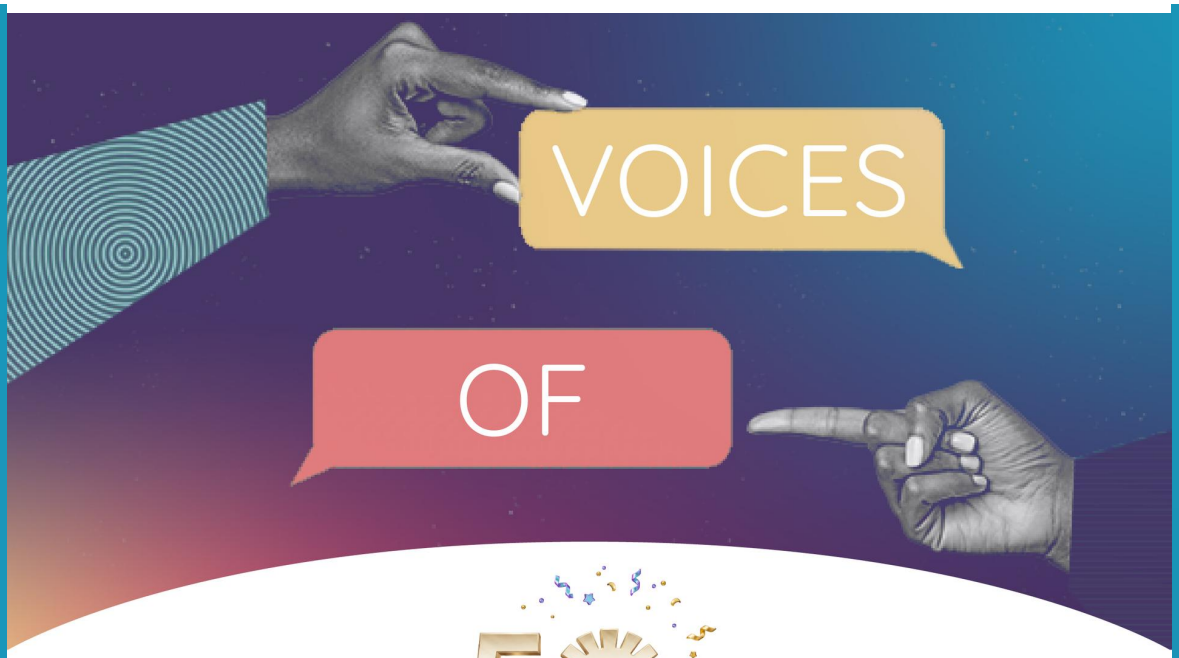


50 years of YOUNITY

Together we are stronger than abuse.

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1977–2027
Celebrating 50 Years of Standing with Victim-Survivors

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A Season of Gratitude. A Future We Share.

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



Dear Friends,

Throughout October, during **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, our community reminded us why Younity's work matters. We walked beside families remembering loved ones, listened to deeply personal stories, and gathered in the glow of lights that carried a shared message: survivors are seen, believed, and supported.

At our Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, we honored Chef Monica Wilson (Morris). Her family and colleagues shared memories of a woman whose kindness made others feel cared for, from the students she fed to the coworkers she quietly encouraged. Her daughter, Layla, invited us to carry that kindness into our own lives. It is an invitation we can each answer.

As we enter the season of giving, I think about how that care continues beyond a single gathering or awareness month. It is there when someone calls our hotline, when a family arrives at our Safe House, and when a survivor begins to make decisions that once felt out of reach. Your generosity helps Younity meet those moments with compassion and practical support.

In this issue, Lauren and Anjelica share how giving connects our community to this work, including the ways a gift card can help someone regain confidence and independence. You will also find moments from October and opportunities to support survivors in the weeks ahead.

Every act of generosity helps someone take a next step, and each step opens new possibilities. Thank you for helping Younity respond with care today while building a stronger future for the people we serve.

With gratitude,

Nathalie

Nathalie S. Nelson
CEO & President

A Season of Giving. A Future of Possibility.



Anjelica Chickara (left) and Lauren Nazarian (right)

As Younity launches its Annual Appeal, **Lauren Nazarian**, **Vice President of Development,** shares why community generosity matters now and how even a small monthly gift can help sustain care for survivors and their families.

Joining her is **Anjelica Chickara, Development Assistant and Safe House Advocate**, whose firsthand experiences reveal how that giving reaches people working toward safety and independence. Together, they offer a closer look at the lasting impact of support and the empowerment behind a gift as simple as a gift card.

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STEPPING OUT OF DARKNESS, TOGETHER



On October 24, our community gathered at Cadwalader Park for Younity's Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, honoring **Chef Monica Wilson (Morris)**, whose life was taken in April. Her husband was charged with her murder. Together, we stood beside survivors and families who have lost loved ones to abuse.

Monica's daughter, Layla Wilson, and her colleagues remembered a beloved teacher whose quiet kindness made students and coworkers feel cared for. Loved ones of Alyssia "Lee" Murphy also shared a powerful message about teaching children that love means safety and respect, never control or fear.

Their words challenged us to carry the day's purpose forward through kindness, education, and support for one another.

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A COMMUNITY ILLUMINATED



25 YEARS

of lighting the way for victim-survivors

Thank you for bringing hope to light across Mercer County.

Across Mercer County, neighbors, businesses, and community partners joined Younity's Communities of Light on October 26. Luminaries honored survivors, remembered lives lost to domestic and sexual violence, and carried a visible promise: you are seen, you are believed, and you are not alone.

Younity staff spread out to join gatherings throughout the county, from the Trenton Fire Department to Palmer Square in Princeton. Through music, shared reflections, and quiet moments of solidarity, participants made support for survivors visible in their own communities.

See how our community came together to bring that message to light.

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VIEW OUR VIDEO RECAP

HELPING SURVIVORS AND THEIR PETS FIND SAFETY



PURINA + RedRover

RedRover and Purina Help Younity Keep Survivors and Pets Together

For survivors with pets, leaving an abusive situation can mean worrying about the safety of an animal they love. A **$60,000 Purple Leash Project grant from RedRover and Purina** will help Younity renovate its transitional housing so survivors and their pets can stay together as they rebuild their lives.

Learn how this partnership is helping Younity make room for every member of the family.

LEARN MORE

SAVE THE DATE FOR A MILESTONE CELEBRATION



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A Celebration
50 Years
in the Making

MAY 13, 2027
Annual Awards Dinner
The Stone Terrace
Hamilton, NJ

Join us for a special evening celebrating Younity's **50th anniversary** and five decades of standing with survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

We'll honor the people and partnerships behind our progress, celebrate the strength of our community, and look ahead to the possibilities we can create together.

Mark your calendar for a celebration 50 years in the making. More details to come!

A HOLIDAY TRADITION THAT GIVES BACK

Enjoy the magic of Roxey Ballet's *The Nutcracker* while supporting Younity. Use code **YOUNITY** when purchasing tickets for a performance, and **20% of your ticket purchase will benefit Younity** and help support survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Bring family or friends and make giving back part of your holiday celebration.

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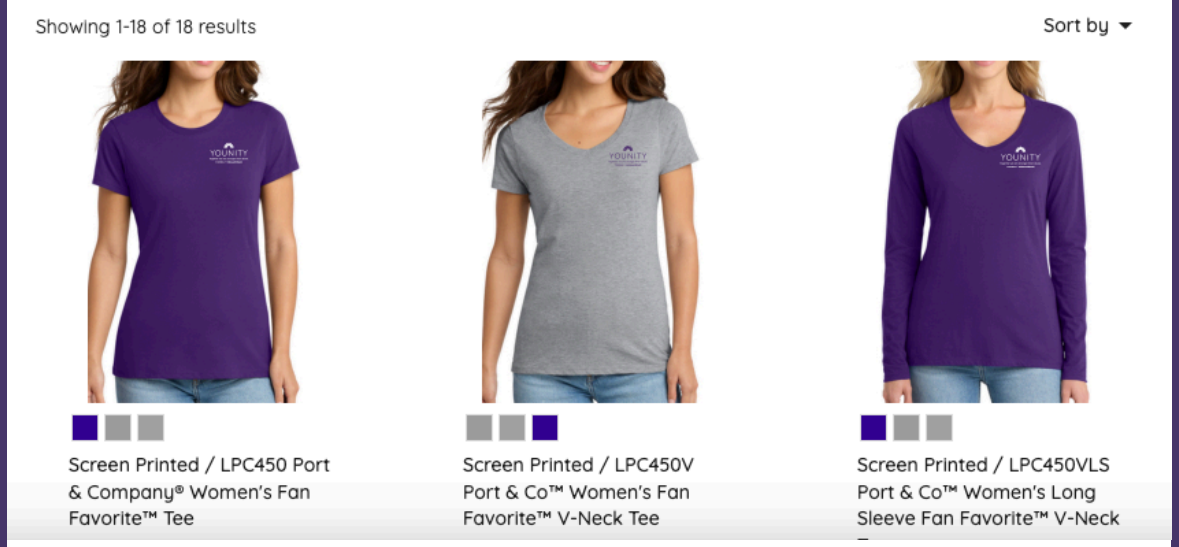
Raise funds for YOUNITY (formerly Womanspace) by purchasing any regular priced tickets to The Nutcracker by Roxey's Ballet!



Use code YOUNITY at checkout, and 20% of your ticket purchase will benefit Younity.

GET TICKETS

YOUNITY'S ONLINE STORE:
Wear Your Support



Show your support for survivors this giving season. Shop Younity gear for yourself or someone on your holiday list, and help raise awareness wherever you go. All proceeds benefit Younity's free services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

SHOP OUR STORE

MORE WAYS TO GIVE THIS SEASON

Your generosity can help survivors find safety, rebuild confidence, and take steps toward the future they choose.

Give a gift card.
Help survivors meet everyday needs while rebuilding independence and confidence in making their own decisions. Send to:
YOUNITY
1530 Brunswick Avenue
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Make a donation.
Support Younity's free services for people affected by domestic and sexual violence. Every gift helps us respond with care.

Be an advocate.
Share Younity's resources, help others recognize the signs of abuse, and listen without judgment when someone reaches out.

Save the date for Giving Tuesday: December 1.
Join a day of generosity that helps sustain support for survivors throughout the year.

Every act of care opens possibilities.

DONATE TO YOUNITY

YOU DESERVE TO BE HEARD AND SUPPORTED
We Are Here to Listen



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. Our services are free.

You can contact us anonymously by phone or text. 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.

DONATE

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