







Dear Jasmine,

### CLIENT'S FIRST MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

"As we were moving our client into her new place, she told me that she was so grateful for all RESPOND had done for her. The thing that really got me though was that she said this was the first year she got a Mothers' Day gift- her daughter is 5.

She left grateful to have worked with us and is planning to continue to work with us through the Community Office."

-Amanda, Chief Programs Officer





### **Did You Know?**

In Fiscal Year 17, 36 adults and 37 children lived in RESPOND's shelter.

Children in shelter oftentimes miss out on basic summer experiences like ice cream and sand castles while their family is in transition. Help RESPOND families have a summer to remember by making a donation today.

You can help improve RESPOND fundraising events by completing a 5 question survey for us.

# Mark Your Calendar:

Exciting news, friends: our next RESPONDing to Domestic Violence Gala will take place on Friday, April

### **HAPPY FISCAL NEW YEAR!**



What a great year it has been! On June 30th we said goodbye to fiscal year 17 and on July 1st we said hello to fiscal year 18. Thank you for your contributions to the ongoing success of RESPOND. RESPOND reached over 18,000 people this year through our educational and outreach services, hotline, shelter, community based services, civilian partnership and high risk teams. Together we save lives!

# RESPOND INTERVIEWED BY HOT 96.9 SHOW: "VOICES"



Jessica was featured in the June 25 segment of Hot 96.9's "Voices" hosted by Pebbles. She answered critical questions

27, 2018. Venue to be announced this summer.



## Check it out...

**Current Wish List** 

**Contact RESPOND** 

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Certified Domestic Violence Counselors are available 24/7 at 617-623-5900.



like how does RESPOND help victims plan a safe escape from their abuser, and what are some signs that someone might be experiencing abuse in their relationship? <u>Listen to the conversation</u>.

### **NEW STAFF**

**Jassie Senwah** is Residential Services Coordinator. She comes to us with DV shelter and criminal advocacy experiences.

**Danielle Kempe** is Chief Development Officer. She brings ten years of fundraising experience.

**Natasha Blazer** has transitioned from intern to staff in a relief capacity. She is very passionate about supporting survivors of domestic violence.

### RESPOND AROUND TOWN

RESPOND had the honor of providing outreach and education to hundreds at local events this spring including PorchFest, Pride, Carnaval, Woburn High School's White Ribbon Day. Visit our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> profiles for photos.

#### **CERTIFIED TO MAKE CHANGE**

This spring, we trained 16 individuals in Domestic Violence counseling. RESPOND staff facilitated the intensive twenty five hour training covering warning signs of abuse, resources, the effects of domestic violence on individuals, families and children and more. This training prepares staff and volunteers to work with trauma survivors and is conducted two to three times a year.

Have questions for us? Need our help? You can reach RESPOND 24/7 at 617-623-5900.