



# Mission of the Month

## January 2020

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### Violence Prevention Center



The January Mission of the Month will be the Violence Prevention Center (VPC). The mission of the Violence Prevention Center is to serve individuals and families in Cook County affected by domestic and sexual violence, and to act as a catalyst in building healthy relationships and developing a community where violence is not tolerated. The VPC has been in existence for over 30 years with a vision to be a highly aware community - free of sexual and domestic violence; the certainty that violence prevention and support services will always be available to those in need.

#### Violence Prevention Center's Philosophy:

Everyone has the right to live free of sexual and domestic violence regardless of age, race, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, financial status, socio-economic status, religion, ethnicity, national origin, abilities, disability, or immigration status.

Victims must have free and confidential access to services.

Community awareness and education are necessary to eliminate violence to build healthy relationships.

Perpetrators must be held accountable for their violent behavior.

Zero tolerance for violence must be a community standard.

The VPC does not discriminate and works with anyone who currently is or has been subjected to or affected by domestic and/or sexual violence including minors. They work with primary survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence as well as secondary survivors. Secondary survivors are those who are close to the primary survivor and suffer consequences of the violence alongside the primary survivor. Their staff and volunteers create a welcoming, safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

There are absolutely no cost or income requirements to speak/work with VPC. Every person is welcome and encouraged to contact us.

The VPC is funded by state and private grants as well as local financial support. Please note "Mission of the Month" when directing your offering to this organization. To learn more about the work of the Violence Prevention Center in our community visit: [violencepreventioncenter.org](http://violencepreventioncenter.org)



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