

January 2015
Hero of the Month!
Clay Township Trustee's
Office!



Prevail's Executive Director, Susan Ferguson (left) presents Clay Township Trustee, Doug Callahan (right) with Prevail's Hero of the Month Award!

We say it all the time, "We can't do what we do without a community that supports us." YOU allow us to meet the needs of victims of crime who come to us for help. Clay Township is an example of that. They support Prevail, and many other nonprofits, through their grant process. Through the generosity of Clay Township, Prevail has been able to meet the needs of individuals and families in the Township. In 2014, we served 344 individuals from Clay Township. Services included crisis intervention, information and referrals, safety planning, court support, advocacy with other agencies, assistance with protective orders, support groups, assistance with employment and financial literacy, and victim notification. These numbers include both primary victims and secondary victims – family members affected by the crime or abuse – receiving services. Of those served, 209 (61%) were victims of domestic violence, 86 (25%) were victims of sexual assault or abuse, and 49 (14%) were victims of other crimes such as battery, stalking, robbery, burglary or residential entry. We offered our services to an additional 130 people through follow up calls or letters from police report information or information about criminal charges. In addition, this funding has enabled Prevail to offer the "Safe Dates" evidence-based curriculum in Clay Township schools as part of the Heather's Law initiative. This program helps young people to learn about healthy relationships through a 10-session curriculum. Prevail began presenting this program in the Carmel/Clay School District in the 2010-2011 school year. The program was so successful that Carmel/Clay wrote the Safe Dates program into their 8th grade curriculum the following year.

We are proud to honor Clay Township as our Hero of the Month for January 2015!