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**Donations in the Giving Season Can Help Maintain Sexual Violence Services**

Rural communities in Ohio continue to lack the services needed for healing from sexual violence. OAESV is acting to provide those services, but they need donations to sustain projects like these, and they're asking community members who want to help to contribute by donating, volunteering, or spreading the word.

"We're currently wrapping up a three-year project focused on Ohio's rural communities, but services and resources like these are at risk of losing funding," says the organization's Chief Engagement Officer, Taylr Ucker-Lauderman.

The project included three cohorts of a storytelling workshop for survivors of sexual violence where they learned to create and edit digital videos; a community needs assessment that summarized many barriers to services for survivors in rural parts of Ohio, along with many strengths that were highlighted; and prolonged statewide outreach to Sexual Assault Response Teams in underserved counties, which resulted in two rape crisis programs in those areas becoming accredited and expanded services in underserved counties.

As Ohio's federally designated anti-sexual violence coalition, the nonprofit organization is responsible for assessing services for sexual violence survivors across the state of Ohio and implementing measures to improve access to and quality of services in all the state's communities. While much of the work is funded through grants and foundation resources, the group still requires donations from the public and other organizations to have a sustainable future.

"Donations from the community allow us to ensure there are no gaps in our services and programming. We can't risk losing momentum in our work because, many times, we're providing immediate crisis services like housing and legal representation. And other times, we're supporting local organizations to serve survivors in need in the most effective ways," said Taylr Ucker-Lauderman, Chief Engagement Officer.

The group plans to train service providers in rural areas, share tools survivors can use to share their stories, and expand the sexual assault response teams in those rural counties.

You can support the organization and their projects by donating, volunteering, or sharing their message. Go to [www.oaesv.org/GetInvolved](http://www.oaesv.org/GetInvolved) to learn more.

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*Interviews available upon request.*

*As Ohio's statewide coalition, OAESV advocates for better rape crisis services, trains programs around the state, and implements strategies that support communities in preventing sexual violence.*