



Circle of Friends

Nancy Keating

In a society where free time is hard to come by, finding the time to give back through an organization or charity can be difficult. However, for DOVE Board Member, Nancy Keating, becoming involved with a cause she believes in is something that she has been enthusiastically committed to, despite her busy schedule.

A Milton resident and Pilates instructor for 20 years, Nancy connected with her client and current DOVE Board Member, Mary Jo Murphy, who told her about DOVE and its mission to end domestic violence. Sparked with an interest in the cause, Nancy was introduced to DOVE's Executive Director. She was so moved by the meeting that she asked what she could do and what DOVE needed most at that moment.

With the support of her husband Chris, Nancy came up with the idea for "Circle of Friends," an intimate gathering of friends at her home, as a means to create awareness about domestic violence and DOVE's work. First held in 2005, Circle of Friends has managed to raise between \$10K-\$20K each year, for DOVE's programs and services. Not only did the event raise much needed funds, but guests walked away moved by the cause and wanting to do more.

Having served on the Board for the past 4 years, Nancy has found many ways to contribute to the growth and success of DOVE. In 2011, she was awarded DOVE's Pillar of Hope Award, given to honor those who have made a difference in the lives of those impacted by domestic violence.

Nancy is also heavily involved in DOVE's two major fundraising events, Harvesting Hope and Divas Dance for DOVE. She has been on the Harvesting Hope committee since 2005 and has served as co-chair of Divas Dance for DOVE along with fellow Board Member, Betsy Cohen, for the past 3 years.

In recent months, Nancy has focused on gaining the support of her own community in Milton. She planned a Milton Book Group, using Leslie Morgan Steiner's book, *Crazy Love*, as a means to discuss domestic violence. She also planned and hosted a Milton Thought Circle to engage community members, gather their feedback, and spark in others the same interest and passion she has for DOVE's mission.

Moving forward, Nancy intends to stay involved with DOVE in any way she can. Whether it be through events, continuing to serve on the Board, or simply inspiring others, seeing DOVE's mission come alive will always be something she strives for.