The Clothesline Project (CLP) is a program started on Cape Cod, MA, in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. The tradition is for women to pick a shirt color that coordinates to the specific abuse they want to address, decorate the shirt, and then hang it on a clothesline as a visual testimony to the problem of violence against women. While the history of this project began with a focus on women, we recognize that all people can experience gender-based violence which is why we invite and encourage all genders to participate in this project. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, this year's CLP will take place virtually. Whether you have experienced this violence firsthand or want to honor someone who has experienced violence, we invite you to participate. Here is how to get involved... choose one of the design options below and submit an image of your design to Susan Hall at shall@ywcalancaster.org by April 24th. Your art will be curated into a virtual collage which will be displayed on the YWCA Lancaster's website, Instagram, and Facebook. For more information on the Clothes Line Project visit their website at http://www.clotheslineproject.info/.

Option 1:

- Choose a background color from the National Clothesline Project:
 - Pink Shirt: for survivors of Adult Sexual Assault (over 12)
 - Yellow Shirt: for survivors of Relationship Violence
 - o Blue Shirt: for survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse and incest (under 12)
 - White Shirt: to remember those lost to sexual or relationship violence
 - Purple Shirt: for those who experienced violence as a result of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity
 - o Grey Shirt: for survivors of stalking
 - Use the attached t-shirt template to color and decorate your virtual CLP t-shirt
- Once completed, submit your design via email to Susan Hall by April 24th

Option 2:

- Use one of your own colored t-shirts that aligns with the National Clothesline Project colors:
 - Pink Shirt: for survivors of Adult Sexual Assault (over 12)
 - Yellow Shirt: for survivors of Relationship Violence
 - o Blue Shirt: for survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse and incest (under 12)
 - White Shirt: to remember those lost to sexual or relationship violence
 - Purple Shirt: for those who experienced violence as a result of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity
 - o Grey Shirt: for survivors of stalking
- Decorate the t-shirt
- Snap a picture of your design
- Email your image to Susan Hall by April 24th.

Need Support?

While participating in this project you may experience a wide range of thoughts and feelings. If you would like support, please know there are resources available to you. Listed below you will find several of these resources:

- YWCA Lancaster's 24-Hour Sexual Assault Hotline (717-392-7273)
- Lancaster County Crisis-Intervention (717-394-2631)
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE (800-799-7233)
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-TALK (800-273-8255)