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- people, even rape is part of your job description.

- that this was not abuse, that this was a joke, that this was

- that this was a dream.

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- to create real change.

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- • Average length of stay for those in our shelter increased from 29 nights to 35 nights, reflecting the limited availability for safe, affordable housing.

- • About 200 adults participated in Employment and Life-skills programming, a 17% increase from 2017.

- • Staff responded to 8,455 calls to our 24-Hour Helpline, a 21% increase over the number of calls in 2017 and a 50% increase in calls from 2014 to 2018.

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- - that a lot of people don’t believe that a person like me

- • We are introducing canvas tote bags for Pathway to Peace

- • To learn more about bringing education and violence prevention initiatives to your community, or to request

- • To further support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and trafficking. 2018 saw

- • "As I shared my story, I was told over and over

- • That’s what happens, is someone with power over these dreams.

- • They even feel safe enough to come out’ because you get blacklist

- • It’s a very simple transaction through

- "Thrive Choice" after

- • The Flint, Mich. native said he’s seen many young black men derail their lives because they were “pro

- • Men need to be part of the solution.

- • Crews said that victim-blaming needed to stop.

- • another man’s humiliation.

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