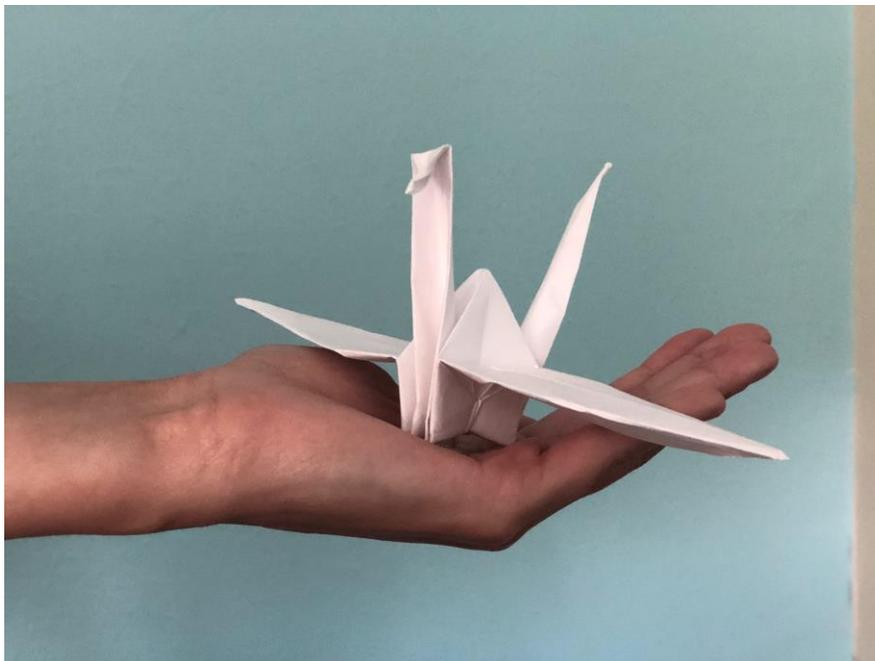


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DASACC is Hosting its own 1,000 Cranes Project



WASHINGTON – The Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Warren County (DASACC) will be creating and collecting origami cranes to form a senbazuru. The purpose of this project is to raise awareness of interpersonal violence and to provide victims and survivors in Warren County with a sense of strength and empowerment.

Origami cranes that are folded into a group of 1,000 are known as a senbazuru. The senbazuru is a symbol of love and peace. It is said that when someone walks through a senbazuru, they are given hope. In order to complete each senbazuru, we will need 1,000 folded cranes.

The 1,000 origami cranes may be a folkloric Japanese tradition, but it was popularized and spread throughout the world through the story of Sadako Sasaki. Sasaki was a Japanese girl that suffered from radiation poisoning at the age of 2 when the atomic bomb was dropped at Hiroshima during World War II. She developed leukemia at age 12. Inspired by the senbazuru, she began folding cranes. She completed 644, but sadly, was too ill to finish. She died later that year. Her family, classmates, and community completed the senbazuru in her honor.

As one might expect, folding 1,000 paper cranes is not an easy project. For this reason, it is common for groups of people to join together to make a senbazuru. Because this activity brings



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people together, the act of making a senbazuru has been adapted on a larger scale to spread public awareness often for good causes or charitable campaigns. DASACC will be making a senbazuru to spread awareness about domestic and sexual violence. This is where we need help from our whole community!

This project will show survivors and victims living in Warren County that their community supports them. Together, the community can take a stand to create a safer Warren County. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard and show victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault that they are not alone.

“I have been honored to do this work and create a community in which victims and survivors know that they are not alone. Walking through 1,000 inspiring messages of love, courage, and strength will show we are in this world together” said Jill Zinckgraf, Executive Director of DASACC.

If you would like to participate in this project and help to create a safer Warren County, here is how you can help:

- 1) Find a piece of paper. You can choose any type of paper (printer paper, origami paper, etc.) and any color you like. Please make sure the paper is, or is cut into, a perfect square shape.
- 2) Write a message of hope or an inspirational quote on your piece of paper. Please include your name and where you're from, as well!
- 3) *OPTIONAL STEP* fold your paper into a crane. A video tutorial can be found at <https://www.dasacc.org/1000cranes>. If you do not wish to fold your message into a crane, please mail just your message to us! We will fold it into a crane for you.
- 4) Hand in or mail your crane to 29c Broad Street, Washington, NJ 07882 Attn: Morgan Stiles
- 5) Spread the word about our 1,000 Cranes project! Please ask your friends and family to participate in our project. You can also share DASACC's social media posts and help to encourage people from all over to send in their own cranes.

For more information about DASACC's 1,000 Cranes project, please visit <https://www.dasacc.org/1000cranes>.

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