



Community Crisis Center, Inc.

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Serving the Community since 1975

March/April 2016

We provide Safety, Hope, Advocacy, Respite and Education for those impacted by crisis and violence in the Fox Valley Region and Illinois.

Spring Gala — an outstanding success

Our 29th annual auction fundraiser was held March 12th at the Q Center in St. Charles. The event, co-chaired by Dan & Karen Fox and organized by CCC Events Coordinator Karina Albert-Sheppard, was a great success!

Over 300 guests enjoyed delightful underwater décor and accompanying music while eating a delicious meal and enjoying the “selfies” which were taken at each table and shown on the big screens.

Following the meal Margaret and Brandon



Heads or Tails participants

Fox delighted the audience with a moving rendition of “Bridge Over Troubled Waters,” followed by artist Tracy Padron who shared a preview of the entrance mural which she is painting in our facility

Terry Dunning again charmed us with his skill and elegance auc-

tioning off 25 live auction items that included tickets to sporting events, jewelry, specialty toys, fun get-aways and entertainment packages and birdhouse.

Mitch Esterino again led the crowd in a rousing game of “Heads or Tails.”

Many thanks to all who made this fun evening possible: committee members, staff, donors, and guests.



“Selfie fun”

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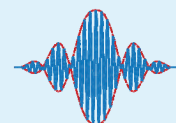
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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

When everyone is involved

PREVENTION IS POSSIBLE



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Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This year we are more aware than ever of the dangers and damage that is done from sexual assault, and that something can be done about it when we are all involved.

From the arrest of Bill Cosby to the movie “Spotlight,” and the documentary “The Hunting Ground”, there has never been more of a focus on sexual assault.

Please join us for our Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities.

THE HUNTING GROUND

THURSDAY APRIL 28, 2016
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
6:00 PM-8:30 PM
SPARTAN AUDITORIUM, G100
ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1700 SPARTAN DRIVE ELGIN, IL

One in five women in college are sexually assaulted, yet only a fraction of these crimes are reported, and even fewer result in punishment for the perpetrators. From the intrepid team behind *The Invisible War* comes *Campus Assaults*, a piercing, monumental expose of rape culture on campuses.

EMOTIONAL CREATURE by Eve Ensler

THURSDAY MAY 5, 2016
7:30 PM
SPARTAN AUDITORIUM, G100
ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1700 SPARTAN DRIVE ELGIN, IL

“*Emotional Creature*” is a series of monologues depicting the real and figurative shackles society puts on girls. Join us for this theatrical presentation that illuminates issues affecting girls around the globe.

Directed by ECC/Community Crisis Center

We can't do it without you!!!



Have you met the “Card Lady”? Nancy Sisler became our “Card Lady” fourteen years ago when she began to design and re-make donated cards for all occasions, selling them for \$1.00 each. She has faithfully contributed the proceeds to the Community Crisis Center. Her goal was to raise \$100,000 for us. Nancy says she does it for two reasons—as a retired school teacher she does it for her love of children, and because “the money stays local”.

Last December, Nancy stopped by the Center to drop off the proceeds from the morning’s card sale at a local Assisted Living Facility. While she was there the daughter of a resident shared with Nancy how much her mother appreciated the cards and Nancy’s visits. Her mother had also mentioned the goal Nancy had set for herself which was a total of 100,000 cards (\$100,000). The daughter asked how far she was away from the goal and when Nancy replied, ‘about \$1100’, the daughter immediately wrote a check for that amount and put it in Nancy’s hand.

A miracle? Yes! And a continuing one. Nancy continues to make cards, often taking them to special places like nursing homes, giving people an opportunity to purchase affordable cards when they cannot get out to shop elsewhere.

We are truly blessed by Nancy’s dedication, talent and many efforts in support of the work of the Crisis Center. Thank you to our remarkable “Card Lady!”

-Gretchen Vapnar, Executive Director

Christmas Thanks

Thank you to everyone for making this holiday the best it could be for the families at CCC. With your help we were able to have a Client Holiday Party for 55 women and children, participate in the Elgin Community Toy Giveaway which provided toys for 950 families and lots and lots of children, and give the ladies and children in shelter a Christmas filled with joy. We were also able to provide over 250 families with a holiday meal. Thank you also to the businesses, groups and individuals who made monetary donations to the Crisis Center. Together we make a difference! Thank you so much!

-Crisis Center Board & Staff



Patrick Sampson, McLean Auto Repair, presents a check to Lisa Winchel, Resource Development Coordinator, on behalf of Elgin Area NAPA AutoCare Centers. CCC was the beneficiary of their 4th quarter fundraiser.

Shelter Program Emergency shelter is offered to women and their children who are homeless due to domestic violence or financial crisis. Each woman works with a case manager to develop a service plan with the long-term goal of assisting her to become financially self-sufficient and emotionally healthy; the short term goal is to provide immediate safety for her and her children. The Shelter Program serves **18** families at one time and can house a maximum of **40** people in 7 bedrooms. During **FY15** (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) **184**

women spent **3,384** nights and **140** children spent **1,997** nights in shelter due to domestic violence; **111** women spent **2,295** nights and **72** children spent **1,519** nights in shelter due to financial crisis.

Along with counseling The Shelter Program provides meals, laundry facility, court, medical and school advocacy. Shelter residents also have access to all other Crisis Center services as they are needed. Overall, **275** women and **201** children spent **9,195** safe nights in our shelter.

Summer Needs List

As we prepare for summer, here are the things on top of our needs list:

- ◆ HE Powdered Laundry detergent
- ◆ Toiletries — men’s and women’s
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Razors
- ◆ Swim suits (new or lightly used)
- ◆ Beach towels
- ◆ Dishwasher tablets
- ◆ Dish washing liquid
- ◆ Liquid hand soap
- ◆ Antibacterial wipes
- ◆ Sandwich size zip lock bags
- ◆ Summer PJ’s for women — NEW ONLY
- ◆ Summer clothing for children — NEW ONLY

Calendar

Ongoing:

Drop-In Domestic Violence Support Groups

- *Wed. 6:00-8:00 pm Spanish
- Thurs 7P009:00 pm English
- *Fri. 9:00-10:30 am
(Expressive Art)
English

*Childcare Provided

Check These Out:

April—Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 28— The Hunting Ground
ECC—Spartan Auditorium

May 5— “Emotional Creature”
ECC—Spartan Auditorium

May 23-27 — Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training

August Date TBD — Project Backpack

Crisis Center Programs and Services

Domestic Violence Program: providing information and resources to individuals and families that include emergency shelter; counseling; legal, medical, and welfare advocacy. Emergency response to area hospitals by trained volunteers.

Economic Crisis Program: providing information and resources to individuals and families who lack sufficient shelter, food and support. Services include shelter; counseling; financial assistance; emergency food; outreach to the homeless; and transitional living program

Sexual Assault Program: providing information and resources to victims and their family members/significant others that include counseling; legal and

medical advocacy; and emergency response to area hospitals by trained volunteers.

Children’s Services: Services provided to children of adult clients include emergency shelter; school and social service agency advocacy; and counseling.

Speakers Bureau & Community Education: presentations are available on a variety of topics suitable for schools, business, faith communities, clubs, groups and organizations

*Volunteers are always needed. Check our Webpage at www.crisiscenter.org.

