

WomeneWS

W o m e n ' s C e n t e r o f M o n t g o m e r y C o u n t y

Executive Director's Notes



By Maria Macaluso

When I first came to the Women's Center a little more than eight years ago, I was told that we occasionally offered a workshop that had a fun little name like "I Hate Change" to help people cope with their reluctance to accept that inevitability. For me, as someone who had just experienced so much change – after all, I had just voluntarily left a job I loved, doing work that inspired me to come to this new and somewhat overwhelming challenge of a position- it was a curiosity to me that people could actually be less than eager to embrace change. As someone who thought so much about the future and was excited by challenge, it amused and bewildered me that everyone's heart didn't race, in a good way, at the prospects and possibilities that change brought.

Eight years later and, while I still like to think of myself as someone who embraces the future with energy and anticipation, I have to admit, somewhat begrudgingly, that I may be a 'closet change hater' – particularly when it means the departure of friends and colleagues I have come to admire and respect.

For while I still take great pleasure in the anticipatory visions of the future and love to challenge the existing order of things, there is still a bit of wistfulness – bordering on reflective melancholy – this time of year, as we close out our fiscal year in June and I am driven to contemplate the successes and weaknesses of the past twelve months. Although I am careful to be pragmatic in these assessments and strive to value the weaknesses as tomorrow's challenge to correct, the pensiveness I feel comes from the changes in relationships that the year has wrought. For with each year, as we mourn the loss of a much-loved volunteer or the departure – albeit for welcome advancement of opportunity – of a staff or volunteer, I must pause to reflect on the change that necessitates on relationships and on how we view our daily interactions.

Among those changing relationships comes, each June, the departure of Board members – individuals with whom I have come to work so closely and with regard. And while I accept it as an inevitability, it is not without sadness that I say goodbye to those I have come to see as my steady partners in securing and safeguarding the Center's legacy and growth.

This year I am particularly reluctant to say goodbye because the qualities, character and commitment of our departing Board members have been such an integral part of our ability to thrive and weather storms that it is impossible to adequately thank them for all that they have envisioned, endured and enthusiastically supported on our behalf. Board service, even at its best, can be a demanding, thankless and consuming experience. But these individuals have each brought to the position their own unique focus and dedication, coupled with cheerful demeanor, that has made it truly a pleasure to work with and for them. Although I know that they will remain involved with the Center – either actively as volunteers or as continuing members – I feel the impact their changing roles will have on me. For I will truly miss their regular interactions in my work and their supportive, nurturing guidance.

Among those whose tenures come to end this June, it is hard to imagine the Center without Bruce Freedman as our Treasurer. As our former auditor, it was a wonderful gift when he joined our Board in 1999 and became Treasurer in 2000, a post he has held until the present time. A quietly reflective individual who is yet able to inject humor into a much-needed moment, what I admire most about Bruce is his quick ability to grasp, analyze and convey information in a way that is efficient, meaningful and useful. An individual of more integrity, tolerance and commitment could not be found as a Treasurer.

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Also leaving our Board – but not the Center – is Thom McGowan, who served as Chair of our Development Committee, a member of our Planning Committee, and organizer of several very successful – and novel – fundraisers. Although Thom will continue to participate as a committee member and volunteer, I will miss his presence at our Board meetings. He is, at all times, a steady force, who dares to ask the hard questions and who demands no less of himself than he asks of others. He has taught me to never be complacent and renewed my energy to embrace challenges.

Similarly, Board members Joyce Eisenberg and Sue Katz have been so very instrumental in helping me to see the Center with the fresh eyes of the community. In a position where it is easy to lose touch with the views and perspectives of the vast community we serve, both Joyce and Susan have been strong and creative forces for advancing our outreach and education efforts and helping me to expand my view of the world. I appreciate the manner in which they expressed their support and confidence with a simple dignity and depth that made it a joy to work with them.

It is the second time I say goodbye to departing Board member Maureen Rose, MSW. Many of you knew Maureen when she was our Community Education Director several years ago, before leaving to accept a teaching position at Montgomery County Community College. In returning to the Center as a Board member, she brought the same dedication to the women we serve, expansive knowledge and commitment to detail that highlighted her previous successes here. Maureen, I know, will always be involved at the Center, in some way, and always supporting our efforts in the community.

Finally, we say goodbye to Ann Miller, who has served on the Board for four years, and includes among her accomplishments her tenure as our Nominating Chair. Since it was under her leadership that many of the above-named individuals were recruited to our Board, it is not surprising that what I will most miss about Ann is her vision and creativity. That and her ability to create many of those beautiful silent auction displays at our annual fundraisers, for Ann is responsible for teaching me, finally, how to tie a proper bow! I thank her for her frankness and her humor.

I hope, as briefly as my descriptions have been, that you can all join me in expressing our sincerest gratitude to all of these incredible individuals for all that they have done on behalf of the Women's Center of Montgomery County, our members, volunteers, staff and the community we serve. While I will look forward to the challenges of tomorrow, armed with all that I have learned from them, it is with great fondness and regard that I will remember their service here as members of our Board of Directors!

Notes from the Elkins Park Office

Submitted by Deanna Linn, Volunteer Coordinator

This newsletter was brought to you with the good spirits of the monthly Tea Party / In-service / newsletter folding society. This month's topic was Confidentiality and it wasn't as boring a topic as one would suppose. There won't be a Tea Party in July but we will resume in August, date to be announced.

Thank all of you who have responded to my pleas for weekend hotline coverage. And Sherry appreciates the weeknight hotline counselors. Looking over the schedules, there are 32 volunteers who take the hotline evenings and/or weekends. Many of these 32 take multiple shifts each week or are on multiple weekend shifts each month. I am extremely grateful for their time and support. I also want to thank WCMC staff members who have been filling in when no one else can be found.

To the other Women's Center volunteers who have been spending their time in our offices, I would appreciate a little more time for the weekend coverage. There are still gaps in the June and July schedules and I am always ready to plan ahead for future months. *If everyone would just take **one 4-hour shift each month**, coverage would no longer be such a problem. **Please call me with your available times.***

There are two 48-hour volunteer counselor/advocate training classes starting this month. There are four college summer interns we will be sharing among the offices who are doing an 8 straight day program. There is also a class 2 evenings a week here in the Elkins Park office. We are all looking forward to the new volunteers.

Norristown Volunteer Update

Our next WAP in-service is scheduled for June 6th, 2006 from 12-3 pm in the Norristown office. This will be our last advocates issues in-service, until meetings resume in September. We will discuss office updates and review forms. Lunch will be provided for all!

Tuesday, June 20th, 2006 is our next Legal Remedies Workshop. The information session will be held at our Norristown office at 18 West Airy Street, 4th floor from 5-7p.m. Please call 610-279-7474 to register to attend. Also, please refer a family member or friend to this valuable program! Facilitator is to be announced, topic will be open.

SAVE THE DATE:

October 28, 2006- 2nd Annual "Unmask the Abuse" Walk-a-thon will be held at Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell campus from 10 -12pm. Come join in the fun again this year!

Happy Spring!

Jenn B.

Norristown Volunteer Coordinator

Deliver a Poster; Spread the Word!

Things become a little quieter during the summer for Community Education because the schools are closed; groups have disbanded for the summer months and it's time for vacation. Unfortunately, domestic violence does not take a vacation.

You can greatly help victims who are in need of our assistance by taking ONE POSTER (or many!) with tear-offs to your church, salon, library, hospital and/or place of employment.

These posters are usually placed in ladies rooms (and even men's rooms) to allow victims of domestic violence to privately and discretely obtain life saving information that we provide.

In the next few weeks there will be posters available in all of the offices. At the end of your shift, please take one with you. There will be a letter explaining the purpose of this outreach. With the permission of the building manager, the poster can be placed in the restroom or in a place where he or she sees as suitable.

Thanks in advance for your help in our continuous outreach efforts. Thanks in advance for spreading the news of the great work that The Women's Center of Montgomery County provides to those in need!

Number of Domestic Violence Victims Served by the Center Through April, 2006

In the first ten months of Fiscal Year 2005-2006, we have served 2,925 unduplicated victims of domestic violence. This includes 6,763 contacts with those victims and more than 3100 hours of direct counseling and advocacy.

In addition to the number of domestic violence victims, our counselors have responded to more than 6000 hotline calls from individuals seeking crisis counseling, information and referral, and support.

A complete report of our fiscal year program activities will be published in our August 2006 newsletter.

Board News

Nominating Committee Presents the 2006 Slate of Proposed New Board Members

By the time you receive this newsletter, ballots will be in the mail to our active, voting members for the re-election of Board members whose two-year term will be ending in June, as well as to elect new members. Lillian Sulliman, Committee Chair, and her Committee ask that you send your completed ballot to the Elkins Park office prior to the June 22nd Board Meeting, at which time votes will be tabulated.

In order to help you feel more informed and comfortable with the decision-making process, we wanted to share with you some background information on our slate of Board candidates. These individuals, if elected, will serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2006:

Slate of New Candidates:

Linda Collins, Esq. – First Executive Director of the Women’s Center; recently retired as Executive Director of Laurel House. As a leader for several decades within the Women’s Issues arena, an award is given annually by the Women’s Center in her name to an outstanding DV advocate of the year. Linda is currently involved in women’s programs within the Bucks County area where she resides

Aeryn Fenton, Esq. – Federal Criminal Defense Attorney, part-time; full time mother. An accredited WCMC DV Counselor/Advocate who has been working direct service within several WCMC office venues. Aeryn has been involved in the volunteer sector for many years having served on the Crime Prevention Board and recently chaired a Fundraising gala for the Pa. Historical Society. Resides with her young family in Penn Valley.

Jennifer McGraw, Esq. – Currently an ADA with the city of Philadelphia. A summa cum laude psychology graduate of Widener University with expertise in women’s issues, she recently acquired her JD from Beasley School of Law, Temple University. Jennifer was employed as law clerk for Bucks County Common Pleas Court Judge Goldberg, and until recently as a training analyst for US Dept of Labor. Resides with her husband in Northeast Philadelphia.

Derek McKee – Currently employed by Lincoln Financial as an Internal Marketing Consultant. A graduate of Brown University, with a major in economics and minor in community health services, he excels in sales within the field of financial planning. Derek anticipates enjoining corporate support outreach within the non-profit sector. Following his upcoming marriage in September, Derek will be permanently residing in Philadelphia.

Grant Miller – Currently employed as a Manager with a national catering company serving the Kimmel Center and other prominent cultural venues. A recent magna cum laude graduate of Temple, Grant has worked as volunteer in a variety of human service programs; he is an accredited DV Counselor/Advocate, having completed the Women’s Center volunteer training in 2003 and been a volunteer and member since that time. Resides in Philadelphia area.

Kathy Morris – Currently employed by Lower Merion Township as Community Development Technician; having been on staff for the past ten years, she is a recipient of the Township’s Outstanding Employee award. Formerly involved in various areas of real estate development. A highly motivated volunteer for ElderNet, Bryn Mawr Services for Elders. Resides in the Blue Bell area.

In addition, we have a number of **incumbent Board members** seeking re-election to an additional two-year term:

Beth Brinly – currently employed by the Federal Department of Labor; a Board member for the past two years; served on the Fund Development Committee and is a member of the Planning Committee, Coordinator of Operations Committee

which combines Finance, Facility and Personnel Committees. Beth is an Elder and on the Board of Directors of her church in Paoli.

Risa Ferman, Esq. – currently serves the County as the First ADA, having been in the employ of the District Attorney’s office since 1993. Risa, a life-long supporter of women’s issues and is a founder of Montgomery Child Advocacy Project, serving on its Board of Directors. For the past two years Risa has served on the Personnel Committee.

Kathy Gallagher – currently employed by Citizen’s Bank as a Senior Vice President. Prior to joining the Board, she was involved in the decision to award WCMC with the Citizen’s Bank 25K grant to explore the Elder Abuse issue as part of our service programs. Kathy has served for the past two years on the Personnel Committee.

Naomi Shapiro – a graduate of Barnard, she has worked as a teacher and art specialist; now a stay-at-home Mom to a teenager and two younger children. Having served on the Board for the past two years she believes strongly in furthering the awareness of women’s issues.

Jackie Shulman, Esq. – currently employed with a major Philadelphia law firm specializing in labor-employee relations. A former WCMC honoree for her multitude of community service-related work, Jackie serves on a variety of Boards throughout the greater Philadelphia area. For the past two years she has served as the Chair of the Personnel Committee.

Joyce Skobinsky – a member of the Women’s Center since 1986, Joyce has served as hot line counselor, both in-office and at-home; legal court/advocate, trainer/facilitator of Center’s DV Counselor trainings; on Board she has served as a delegate-at-large, Vice President and for the past four years as President, using her dedicated leadership skills to lead the Board in a forward direction, benefiting the Center as a whole.

If elected, these individuals will join Board members Dorothy Enright (Secretary), Renee Brock (newly-appointed Treasurer), Lillian Sulliman (newly-appointed Vice-President), Sandy Kravitz, Sandy Hyman, and R. Michael Owens.

Sadly, we will also be saying good-bye to some good friends who have served our Board with dignity, commitment and professionalism. We would like to herein express our heartfelt appreciation to the following departing Board members for their dedication and service.

Bruce Freedman – Treasurer, 2000-2006
Joyce Eisenberg
Susan Katz, PhD
Thom McGowan, MSW
Anne Miller, former Nominating Chair
Maureen Rose, MSW

With much respect, gratitude and sadness, we know that you will always remain connected, in a very special way, to our Women’s Center community!

Book Club Updates

June 21st “The Known World” by Edmond P. Jones
Discussion will be led by Sue at Helen’s house

All book club meeting start at 7:30 for socializing and 8:00 the discussion begins. Any questions call Dorothy at 215-782-2259.

Court Interpreters Ensuring Racial and Ethnic Fairness

by A. Samuel Adelo

Throughout the history of New Mexico, interpreters have played an important role. Two historic events show us that the people of New Mexico have been conscious that languages and cultures are a dynamic part of our state. Before 1846, New Mexicans communicated in Spanish and in the languages of the Indian tribes and pueblos, including Navajo, Keres, Tiwa and Towa. In 1846, General Stephen Watts Kearney rode into Santa Fe with U.S. troops and declared New Mexico to be part of the United States. Captain David Waldo, who was a master of the Spanish language, assisted General Kearney in writing the code of laws, known as the Kearney Code, and translating them into Spanish. Consequently, the function-ally literate people of the times could read the Kearney Code in either English or Spanish.

The next historic event was the State Constitutional Convention in 1911 when New Mexico sought statehood in the North American Union. At least 33 of the delegates to that convention were of Hispanic descent. Protecting the rights of all citizens, the 1911 Constitution states that citizens will not be deprived of the right to vote because they cannot write English or Spanish. Section 14 is of particular note to persons who are interested in racial and ethnic fairness in the courts and who want to ensure the administration of justice across languages and cultures. It states, "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall have the right to appear and defend himself in person, and by counsel; to demand the nature and the cause of the accusation; to be confronted with witnesses against him; to have the charge and the testimony interpreted to him in a language he understands."

There are many stories about the quality of interpreting in the courts—some factual, some apocryphal. Those stories refer to the professional quality of interpreters before a 1985 law required court interpreter certification. This law was based on a project undertaken by Dr. Guadalupe Valdes, then a professor of linguistics at New Mexico State University and a certified federal court interpreter. She tape-recorded interpretations done in Doña Ana County courts, and I monitored the courts in the northern part of New Mexico. We found many errors committed by court interpreters who had never been certified by an objective criterion reference test as is now done in federal and many state courts. We received the support of then Justice Daniel Sosa, who many years before as an attorney had been an active member and leader of the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund. We succeeded in persuading the legislature to pass a law requiring certification of court interpreters by an objective criterion-referenced written and oral test. Today, New Mexico, as a member of the National Consortium of Court Interpreters, certifies interpreters by requiring candidates to pass simultaneous, consecutive and sight translation tests. However, for the court interpreter to ensure racial and ethnic fairness and guarantee the linguistically challenged defendant due process of law, teamwork is essential.

In this context, teamwork means that the judge, the prosecutor, defense counsel and, in juvenile cases, the probation officer have to work closely with the court interpreter. The judge should speak no faster than 140 words per minute and ensure that all participants do likewise. He should also ensure that all participants avoid jargon and acronyms and speak clearly and loudly enough so that the court interpreter can hear every word clearly. When the court interpreter cannot hear the words of the judge, counsel, witnesses and probation officers, due process is thwarted. Remember, the court interpreter does a very unnatural thing not usually done in civilized society—speak while someone else is speaking. Moderate speed in the source language is basic. The interpreter has to process what was said in the source language through 19 cognitive steps before he or she can translate into the target language. The linguistically challenged defendant has to understand in his or her language what was said in the source language. Otherwise, only a babble of unintelligible voices is heard.

For too long, the public in general has misunderstood the nature of the work performed by court interpreters and translators. Some people erroneously think that being bilingual suffices in order to be a qualified and effective court interpreter. The court interpreter must have a working knowledge of legal, substantive and procedural terms, regional expressions and

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slang. He or she must keep abreast of the continual changes in both the source and the target languages and have a working knowledge in two languages of technical terms and police and layman's jargon.

For the court interpreter to ensure due process of law, racial and ethnic fairness requires teamwork among the judge, the prosecutor, defense counsel, the witnesses and all the parties who participate in the judicial system at all levels.

Adelo, now retired, has been a free lance court interpreter for 24 years in the U.S. District Court and the New Mexico state district courts. He taught court interpreting for the Haury Court Interpreter Institute at the University of Arizona. He has interpreted in Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Arizona. Adelo served as chair of the New Mexico Court Interpreters Advisory Committee to the New Mexico Supreme Court. Articles printed in this publication are solely the opinion of the author. Publication of any article in the Bar Bulletin is not deemed to be an endorsement by the State Bar of New Mexico or the Board of Bar Commissioners of the views expressed therein. Our purpose is to provide an educational resource for all members of the State Bar on matters related to the justice system, the regulation of the legal profession and the improvement of the quality of legal services.

The following article was originally published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on Thursday, April 13, 2006. It was sent to the Women's Center by the National Coalitional Against Domestic Violence so that we could share it with our volunteers and the women we serve.

It's Time to See, Hear and Speak of Abuse

by Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune

For centuries, religion has been a roadblock for women seeking escape from the brutality in their homes. Through text or teaching, religion has made it virtually impossible at times for women to seek shelter, safety or consider divorce.

Many wife abusers use religion to excuse their behavior through quotes from Scripture or by interpreting teachings such as the one used by an accused wife abuser to justify marital rape. The defendant claimed the Catholic Church had taught him that he had free sexual access to his wife at any time. For him, that meant breaking down her locked door and forcing her to have sex.

On the contrary, in 1992 the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops released the following statement: "As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state clearly and strongly ... that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form — physical, sexual, psychological or verbal — is sinful."

The statement, reissued in 2004, is a step in the right direction and could be used to support wider public awareness. In fact, religious leaders and their teachings have the capacity to be abundant resources for battered women or rape victims and those who abuse them. But we must have a clear agenda — one of safety, healing and justice for the most vulnerable rather than an agenda of no see, no hear, no speak, which protects domestic violence and rape behind the curtain of privacy.

April is National Sexual Violence Prevention Month. On April 5th, 42 national religious leaders from various denominations and movements acknowledged that we have been part of the problem and declared that, in the future, we will be part of the solution.

The declaration will be distributed to battered women's shelters and rape crisis centers in the United States. Shelter residents can scan the names and determine whether their faith group supports them in seeking safety for themselves and their children.

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As religious leaders from very diverse traditions, we rarely agree on anything. But in the National Declaration by Religious Leaders to Address Violence Against Women, we speak with one voice. As religious leaders join with community leaders, we will see ancient roadblocks become resources that save lives and bring healing. And we will eventually see the day when domestic violence and rape are peculiar, rare events in our communities and faith groups rather than the common, everyday tragedies that touch so many lives.

Declaration:

On April 5, 2006 forty-two national religious leaders from around the country declared violence against women as intolerable and pledged their commitment to its eradication. The National Declaration by Religious Leaders to Address Violence Against Women will be distributed to every battered women's program in the U.S. Women will see this list and determine whether their faith community supports them in seeking safety for themselves and their children. When people of faith join with other community leaders to address domestic violence, we will see ancient roadblocks turn into resources that save lives and bring healing. Please join other people of faith in signing the Declaration.

"We proclaim with one voice as national spiritual and religious leaders that violence against women exists in all communities, including our own, and is morally, spiritually and universally intolerable.

We acknowledge that our sacred texts, traditions and values have too often been misused to perpetuate and condone abuse.

We commit ourselves to working toward the day when all women will be safe and abuse will be no more.

We draw upon our healing texts and practices to help make our families and societies whole.

Our religious and spiritual traditions compel us to work for justice and the eradication of violence against women.

We call upon people of all religious and spiritual traditions to join us."

To see the list of National Religious Leaders plus all of the 900+ signatures to the declaration, visit: www.faithtrustinstitute.org/declaration.

Seeking Volunteers for Our Community Education Work

Hopefully many of you have seen the announcements in our recent newsletters informing you about upcoming community education events around the county. Much of this impressive work in getting our name out there has been coordinated and conducted by our Community Educator, Janine Kelly. Janine has done an amazing job in establishing contacts and getting us on the speaking schedules for many local organization and civic groups, as well as our inclusion in informational tabling events and health fairs, but she needs help. This is a large county to cover, and we really need your help to ensure that these events have adequate representation, in all parts of the county.

We realize that many of you may feel ill-prepared or uncomfortable doing community outreach, but we'd like to assure you that there are many ways that you can support this effort in a most meaningful way, even if you haven't been through the 45-hour counseling training. Volunteers are always needed to help staff information tables, deliver brochures and posters, designing table displays, and administrative functions such as contacting organizations to schedule events. Many of these activities can be done in your local community or at your nearest Women's Center office, and require minimal travel.

If you are interested in joining this growing effort, please contact Janine Kelly in our Bryn Mawr office at 610-525-1428!

**Volunteer Resource Update: Local Translation Service Available at
Non-Profit Discounted Rates to Assist Victims Facing Language Barriers:
Nationalities Service Center**

NSC TRANSLATION / INTERPRETATION SERVICES

NSC's language access program offers high quality, accurate and affordable language services in a timely and professional manner, to an array of individuals, as well as non-profit, government, and medical agencies and businesses.

Whether it is by helping a recent immigrant in need of a simple translation of a birth certificate or by providing an interpreter to a major corporation to facilitate complex communication with its foreign-born workforce, NSC's Translation and Interpretation Department has expertise on multiple levels.

Currently, NSC offers interpreters and translators in over 55 languages, ranging from the more widely requested Western and Eastern European languages such as Spanish, French, Italian, and Russian, to uncommon African, Indian and Asian languages. The language capability and the roster of translators and interpreters available are continuously expanding to meet the needs presented by current events, as evidenced by increased demands for Pashto (Afghanistan), Kurdish (Iraq) Croatian (Bosnia) and Burmese, to name a few.

Many of NSC's translators and interpreters are selected for their industry-specific knowledge of terminology including legal, medical, technical, labor, and social services, among others. They are all native speakers of the target language, and most have 4 year or advanced degrees. As language professionals, they are punctual and courteous, and they adhere to strict compliance of ethics, as well as state and federal confidentiality standards.

NSC Interpretation offers both consecutive and simultaneous interpreting and includes a full suite of interpretation services, including face-to-face, telephone, business conference and emergencies. NSC Translation provides punctual, meticulously translated and culturally appropriate documents, resulting in proofed, print-ready copy, available in a variety of electronic or traditional formats.

NSC is a United Way agency and an active member of the American Translators Association, the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and the Delaware Valley Translator's Association. For more information about NSC or its translation and interpretation services, please contact Antonio Guerra, Director of Interpretation and Translation, Nationalities Service Center at 215 893-8400 ext. 138 or email him at aguerra@nationalitiesservice.org.

Support the Women's Center Through your Genuardi's Purchases

Buy participating products at Genuardi's and earn 10% for the Women's Center of Montgomery County. Our group number is 2298334.

Program Dates: Annual Campaign

Please confirm that the Women's Center is your designated charity! You can sign up at your local store, at www.escrip.com (after July 1st), and in the upcoming eScrip Magazine!

Mission Statement of the Women's Center of Montgomery County

The Women's Center of Montgomery County is a volunteer, community organization with a primary focus on freedom from domestic violence and other forms of abuse. Our programs, policies and procedures reflect our strong commitment to empowering women.

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The Women's Center of Montgomery County will earn a percentage of each purchase you make with our online vendors if you link to their site through the Women's Center website at www.wcmontco.org:

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Center's crisis/domestic violence hotline
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To end domestic violence, we must change our behavior.
To change our behavior, we must change our attitudes.
To change our attitudes, we need education.

To educate our communities, **WE NEED YOU!**
We Welcome all Volunteers to the
Upcoming Events for Community Education

MY HANDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING

June 19, 2006 – Short Stuff & Co. Child Care – Plymouth Meeting – 10:00-10:30AM
September 20, 2006 – Carmel Nursery School – 10:00-11:00AM
September 21, 2006 – Carmel Nursery School – 10:00-11:00

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOPS And SPEAKING EVENTS

June 6, 2006 – Girl Scouts – Woodland Elementary School – 3:30-5:00PM
November 1, 2006 – HarZion Synagogue Adult Education - Evening
November 7, 2006 – HarZion Synagogue Sisterhood – 10:00-11:30AM
November 8, 2006 – HarZion Synagogue Adult Education - Evening
November 14, 2006 – HarZion Synagogue Sisterhood – 10:00-11:30AM
November 15, 2006 – HarZion Synagogue Adult Education – Panel Discussion with teens and Parents
November 21, 2006 – HarZion Synagogue Sisterhood – 10:00-11:30AM
November 28, 2006 – HarZion Synagogue Sisterhood – 10:00-11:30AM

TABLE EVENTS

June 15, 2006 – Wonderling Constituent Services and Health Expo- Red Hill – 10:00-1:00 PM
June 22, 2006- Rep. Michael Gerber Senior Expo – Plymouth Whitemarsh High School
July 22, 2006 – Pottstown 3rd Annual Summer Fest – 10:00-4:00
July 31, 2006 – Pre-National Night Out – Upper Dublin Township – 6:00-9:00PM
October 14, 2006- Community Harvest Festival '06 – Whitpain Township -11:00AM-5:00PM
October 28, 2006 – Walk-A-Thon

*** June 8, 2006- Community Education Training in Norristown: Call Janine or Deanna for details

**WOMEN'S CENTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
AND SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF POTTSTOWN
PRESENT OUR SECOND ANNUAL
"UNMASK THE ABUSE"
WALK-A-THON**

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 28TH, 2006
10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON**

**5K (3.1 MILES) WALK-A-THON
AT MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BLUE BELL CAMPUS**

**Join us as we work to raise awareness and promote community collaboration in our effort to end
domestic violence!**

**For more information on how you can help,
Please contact Denise in the Norristown Office at
610-279-7474.**

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of Montgomery
County**

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