



HELP OF DOOR COUNTY, INC.

HELP's Highlights

Eliminating Domestic Abuse

SUMMER 2009

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Annual Meeting
- Upcoming Events
- Non-violent workplace



Annual Meeting Recap

“We live in hope giving voice to domestic abuse”, was the message of the 2009 annual meeting held April 21st.

While the media continues to buzz with strategies to stimulate our economy; HELP completes thirty years of stimulating social change by challenging the myths and beliefs that perpetuate the cycle of domestic abuse.

The annual report, unveiled at the meeting, reveals the following 2008 statistics: 136 adult files were opened, (this equates into 1706 hours of client services), 12 persons were placed in emergency safe homes for a total of 16 nights, and 1906 calls were made to the 24-hour crisis hotline – HELPLine. There were a total of 317 hours in HELPLine conversations, with 76% of the calls being an immediate crisis and 24% of the calls were informational in nature.

HELP commends each person who sought help in 2008, thereby giving a voice to domestic abuse and challenging those beliefs that hinder achieving a safer lifestyle.

For more information and a complete listing of services provided by HELP in 2008, please go to our web site at www.helpofdoorcounty.org or call the HELP office if you would like a 2008 Annual Report mailed directly to you.

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2008 Recognition Awards

Business Partner:	LaForce, Inc.
Community Partner:	Horseshoe Bay Golf Club
Board Service:	Martha Sauter Jacinda Duffin Jan Scoville
Volunteer of the Year:	Arlene Peterson
Outstanding Service:	Arvid Munson Main Street Market
Friend of HELP:	Cinnamon Rossman Inn at Kristofer's, Chris & Terri Milligan
Friend of Victim:	Kathleen Harris
Media Partner:	DoorCountyDailyNews.com

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Becoming a non-violent workplace

By Oraine Gabert

Since 2003, HELP of Door County, Inc. has been committed to incorporating primary prevention efforts in all its programs. With the older adults we consistently provide older adults information through monthly articles, brochures and presentations that will help them to not become victims. We have even changed our mission statement to include “advocate for social change.”

But we remain a violent world. We see much of it from a distance—pirates abducting a ship, murder of children, the continual wars, but we do not always see it close to us.

Most workplaces are violent. There has been at least one employee who objectifies and dehumanizes others, is argumentative, challenges authority, disregards policies, refuses to take responsibility, blames others, and believes that the rules don’t apply to him/her. This is violence.

As M.K. Gandhi said unless “we become the change we wish to see in the world” no change will ever take place. A workplace can take the steps towards becoming nonviolent by ▪ officially declaring itself a nonviolent workplace ▪ having a Pledge of Nonviolence signed by each person who is connected to that workplace ▪ having a workplace violence policy that is adhered to, and ▪ developing nonviolent communication.

Upcoming Events



May

Visitation & Exchange

Awareness Month

Older American Month

June

HELP’s Private Reserve

June 22, 2009

Horseshoe Bay Golf Club

Egg Harbor

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15, 2009

July

Art on the Quiet Side

July 4th & 5th, 2009

Lakeside Park Jacksonport

September

Open Door To Autumn Art

September 19, 2009

3rd Avenue in conjunction with Sturgeon Bay Harvest Festival

Main Street Market Presents



Please Join Us

HELP of Door County’s Third Annual

Private Reserve at

Horseshoe Bay Golf Club
5335 Horseshoe Bay Road
Egg Harbor
Monday June 22nd 5-8pm

RSVP by calling 920.743.8785

A tasting of domestic and international wines, samplings of regional cheeses, appetizers from Door County’s best chefs, and an auction showcasing the area’s finest merchandise and services.

\$60 per person with proceeds to benefit HELP’s domestic abuse programs and services.

Honorary Event Chair:
Arvid Munson

***The mission of HELP of Door County is to:
eliminate domestic abuse through prevention and intervention services and to advocate for social change.***