

HELP OF DOOR COUNTY, INC.

HELP's Highlights

Eliminating Domestic Abuse

SPRING 2010

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Volunteer Recognition Month
- Role of Law Enforcement

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month:

Dating Violence

It is what it is.....



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Volunteer Recognition Month

The month of April marks Volunteer Recognition Month and HELP wishes to thank the many 100+ volunteers that have expressed a desire to volunteer their time for the organization. HELP acknowledges that volunteers' schedules might not always allow them to assist with each and every project of interest, yet any time given is helping HELP and its mission! So for those who are board members, committee members, presenters, resources, safe homes, retirees, students, or families, we appreciate you thinking of HELP and the many ways you 'give' to the agency, not just in the month of April, but all year long. THANKS!



Role of Law Enforcement in Eliminating Domestic Violence

When a victim of domestic violence calls dispatch, typically at least 2 officers respond due to the dangerous nature of these types of calls. They often go into the situation not knowing exactly at what level the violence has occurred. There is often disruption in the home but they often find an offender who appears to be calm, cool, and collected. This manipulation of the situation can be contrasted by a victim who is hurt, angry, and scared and may be perceived as more out of control. After taking a number of factors into account, the officer must now determine if there is enough evidence, or probable cause, that a crime has been committed. Once the officer has determined who the predominant aggressor is, state law requires that that person be arrested. Most people don't understand this and think that they have a choice in whether or not to press charges. Many of these crimes are misdemeanors, so when an arrest is made, the offender is transported to jail where they may post bond. If they are arrested for a felony, they must appear before a judge before being released. The officer writes a report which is sent to the District Attorney's office to determine if there will be charges filed.

HELP would like to recognize these brave officers for their role in eliminating domestic violence, holding offenders accountable and keeping victims safe. Thank you for all that you do.

Be a part of social change. When you see or hear violence, speak up and try to make a difference!

Michael G. Dowd, Attorney who has for many years represented victims of domestic abuse who were charged with a crime, states **“the cornerstone of domestic violence is society’s indifference to harm done to women.”** To advocate for social change, each of us needs to demand of our community to take action whenever a woman is harmed.

- Intimate partner violence results in more than **18.5 million mental health care visits** each year.
- Only approximately one-quarter of all physical assaults, one-fifth of all rapes, and one-half of all stalking incidences committed against females by intimate partners are reported to the police.



Proud to be a United Way Funded Partner

Egan selected for Anne Kok Social Justice Award

The first annual Anne Kok Social Justice Award was presented by Paul Kok to Dick Egan of Sister Bay on April 21, 2009 at HELP of Door County Inc.'s Annual Meeting. Egan served on HELP's board with Anne Kok for several years. His philanthropy to the community is outstanding, both with his time as well as with his financial resources.

The Anne Kok Social Justice Award recognizes an individual, group or organization that has demonstrated a commitment to eliminating violence against women in all its forms, while making an impact in Door County.

Anne Kok passed away in February of 2008. She was a former Executive Director and board member of HELP. Anne was a social justice activist whose efforts were instrumental in securing the initial state funding for domestic abuse programs. Anne's work will continue to be honored through this award.



Dick Egan & Paul Kok

Coupons for a Cause

Would you invest \$10.00 to save hundreds of dollars? That's the premise behind HELP's newest fundraising event, Coupons for a Cause. The coupon book will combine fantastic savings with art, poetry, statistics and resources. Coupons for a Cause will retail for \$10.00 a book. Books will be marketed through retail outlets, personal sales, art festivals and events.

Individuals and businesses interested in marketing the coupon books should contact Cindy Cochran at: 920.854.9372 or 920.743.8785.

Supervised Visitation Awareness Month

May is Supervised Visitation Awareness Month. Please come to the HELP office to obtain your orange ribbon to promote awareness of this event.

The best way to understand what the Visitation and Exchange (V&E) program is, is to first understand what it isn't. The V&E program is a free service that is not part of social services, the legal community, or the judicial system although it works with all of them. The program doesn't make judgments or recommendations about an individual's parenting skills, his/her ability to have unsupervised visits, or whether the parent(s) should have more or less time with their children.

The V&E program is mainly a space that allows both parents the security that the child is in a safer environment with accusations kept to a minimum because a third party is present to see, hear, and observe everything that happens.



For parents that are dealing with the anger and resentment of a breakup, fear accusations, or have other issues with the child's other parent, HELP's exchange program may be able to help. Please call 920.743.8785 if you have any questions regarding either program.

You are cordially invited to:
HELP of Door County Inc.'s

**Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
Eliminating Domestic Abuse**

Date: Tuesday April 20th, 2010
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Place: United Methodist Church
836 Michigan, Sturgeon Bay

Catering by: Kimz Galley Cafe



Please RSVP to: 920.743.8785 before April 15th, 2010
Donations will be accepted to cover catering cost.

TASTES of DISTINCTION

Sunday, June 27, 2010 - HELP's gala, *TASTES of DISTINCTION* (formerly HELP's Private Reserve) is scheduled from 4-7 pm at Gordon Lodge, Baileys Harbor.

This is HELP's primary fundraising event. The afternoon will include samples of appetizers, desserts and delights from local chefs, a tasting of over 60 wines and a silent auction showcasing the county's best merchandise and services. Mark your calendars!

ADOPT A FAMILY

The changes to the 2009 Adopt a Family program were successful in meeting the needs of clients and providing HELP with greater assistance to better meet the immediate, individual needs specific to each client. THANKS to all who gave gift cards and gift certificates this season. HELP acknowledges that it might not have been as personal or as fun shopping, but please trust that these gifts are fulfilling HELP's greatest need. HELP hopes you'll continue to support this "Holiday Card" program in 2010!

HELP will also again be formally requesting Cards for Clients in our summer newsletter. Our clients' needs change and new clients find HELP throughout the year, not just around the holidays, therefore the need for gift cards is present year-round. Please support the gift card giving need by providing cards for groceries, discount stores, gas, Tracfone minutes, and car repair/oil changes.

**Upcoming
Events**



March

Powerful Tools for Caregivers
March 31st - May 5th, 2010
Wednesdays only
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church
836 Michigan, Sturgeon Bay
No cost
RSVP 746.2260

April

Annual Meeting
April 20th, 2010
8:00 a.m.
United Methodist Church
836 Michigan, Sturgeon Bay
No cost
RSVP 920.743.8785

June

Tastes of Distinction
June 27th, 2010
Sunday 4-7 p.m.
Gordon Lodge
1420 Pine Drive, Baileys Harbor
Proceeds to benefit HELP's
domestic abuse programs and
services.

**Powerful Tools for
Caregivers**



Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational program designed to provide caregivers with tools they need to take care of themselves. It starts Wednesday, March 31st - May 5th (every Wednesday) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Sturgeon Bay, 836 Michigan Street. This six week session will be facilitated by Pam Peterson, Door County UW-Extension and Orline I. Gabert, HELP of Door County, Inc. Please register through the UW-Extension, (920) 746-2260. There is no cost for this program.

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to our
annual meeting!

HELP's Hope; The Giving Corner

(This list changes periodically based on our current needs)

WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

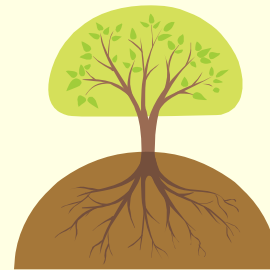
HELP of Door County Needs:

▪ Office Supplies:

- Copy paper: 8 1/2 x 11, legal, and/or ledger size
- Colored copy paper: any colors
- General office supplies

▪ Miscellaneous

- Safe Homes for Victims
- Exterior Lock Sets
- Used cell phones
- Markers for Children
- Gas Gift Cards
- Discount Store Gift Cards
- Department Store Gift Cards
- Grocery Gift Cards
- Utility Cards
- New Trac Phones



Planned Giving

As always, including HELP in your will as a beneficiary of stock, estate, or trust is appreciated. Feel confident your gift through planned giving will last for generations. True philanthropists never die!

Endowment

Invest in HELP's future...HELP's endowment is truly "safe" investing! You'd be investing in keeping clients safe! The best form of safety planning is ensuring we are here for future clients.

WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS

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