



# HELP OF DOOR COUNTY, INC.

## HELP's Highlights

Eliminating Domestic Abuse

SUMMER 2010

Crisis Line: 800.914.3571 or 920.743.8818 Office: 920.743.8785

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

May is supervised visitation month and Older Adult Awareness Month  
 Theme Age Strong!  
 Live Long!

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### May is Supervised Visitation Awareness Month

The HELP office has orange ribbons available to anyone wishing to help promote awareness.



Many non-custodial parents have difficulty finding ways to visit their children. Often parents are dealing with the anger and resentment of a breakup, afraid of accusations, or other issues with the child's other parent. There might be a restraining order in place, drug or alcohol issues, or lack of housing. Supervised visitation is an option for all of these issues.

The Visitation and Exchange (V&E) program provides a space for parents to visit their children in a child-focused environment. Staff is not there to make judgments, recommendations about child placement, or custody decisions. Staff is there to give both parents the security that the child is in a safer environment while visiting a non-custodial parent or relative.

The V&E program also provides monitored exchanges. Often parents have a visitation schedule in place but cannot provide a stress free environment for the child when the child is going to the other parent. For parents that wish to exchange their children without dealing with other issues, the exchange program might be the answer.

Please contact the V&E program if you want more information on these services. Visits and exchanges are scheduled as needed and are free of charge. Be a fan of Visitation & Exchange of Door County on Facebook.

### Annual Meeting Recap

"Shine the light on domestic abuse" was the message of the 2009 annual meeting held April 20, 2010.

During the 2009 economic hardship, HELP turned off its lights to re-direct funds to service provision. A reminder we must shine a light on the darkness of domestic abuse.

The 2009 agency annual report reveals the following statistics: 162 domestic violence victims were seen, (this equates into 1259 hours), 9 people were placed in emergency safe homes for a total of 10 nights, and 1499 calls were made to the 24-hour crisis hotline – HELPLine.

Your gift to HELP keeps the light shining to eliminate domestic abuse.

For more information and a complete listing of services provided by HELP, please go to our web site at [www.helpofdoorcounty.org](http://www.helpofdoorcounty.org) or call the HELP office if you would like the 2009 Annual Report mailed directly to you.

## HELP's Primary Fundraiser with a Few Twists

HELP's Private Reserve is changing its name to TASTES OF DISTINCTION. Main Street Market will once again sponsor the event at its new location, Gordon Lodge in Baileys Harbor from 4-7 pm on Sunday, June 27, 2010. The early evening will include a chance to sample appetizers and desserts highlighted from Door County's best chefs. There will also be over 60 wines available for tasting. A silent auction will take place showcasing Door County's finest merchandise and services. There will also be some new and exciting raffles, along with a cork raffle for a chance to win a bottle or two of wine. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Call HELP at 743-8785 to reserve yours today!



## Upcoming Events



### May

Coupons for a Cause Booklet for sale \$10

### June

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day  
June 15th  
Tastes of Distinction  
June 27th, 2010  
Sunday 4-7pm  
\$60/per person  
Gordon Lodge  
1420 Pine Drive, Baileys Harbor  
Proceeds to benefit HELP's domestic abuse programs and services.

### July / August

Powerful Tools for Caregivers  
Wednesdays only 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
United Methodist Church  
836 Michigan, Sturgeon Bay  
No cost  
RSVP 746.2260 UW Extension Office  
Registration limited.

### September

'The Brilliance of Classical Music'  
Monday, September 6, 2010  
Birch Creek Music Performance Center  
3821 County E, Egg Harbor  
Proceeds to benefit HELP's domestic abuse programs and services.

## Coupons for a Cause

Be on the lookout this May for HELP's Coupons for a Cause booklet. Everybody loves saving money, getting good deals and helping their neighbors.

Coupons for a Cause will sell for \$10.00 and contains well over \$200.00 in coupons. The book also features beautiful artwork from local artists and lots of information about HELP of Door County, Inc. and its programs. The book would make a great gift for family and friends and at only \$10.00, it is budget friendly as well. There are coupons for restaurants, concert tickets, golf and much more. Coupons for a Cause will be available at local merchants, festivals and the HELP office.

## Anne Kok Social Justice Award

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.

Joanne Ator presented the 2010 Anne Kok Social Justice Award on April 20, 2010 to Karrie Anthony of the Door County Sexual Assault Center. Karrie advocates for victims and supports them during the legal process by attending legal proceedings, including visits to attorney's offices, DA's office and court hearings. The advocates also are with them during very traumatic sexual assault examinations, supporting them every step of the way. Karrie also speaks to the community about sexual assault prevention and intervention services. The nomination letter added, "I believe ... Karrie Anthony demonstrates a commitment to eliminating violence against women in all forms, and thereby 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.

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