

# HELP OF DOOR COUNTY, INC.

## HELP's Highlights

Eliminating Domestic Abuse

WINTER 2010

Crisis Line: 800.914.3571 or 920.743.8818 Office: 920.743.8785



### Special points of interest:

24 hr  
Domestic Abuse  
Hotline

Please visit our  
Facebook pages



Helpof DoorCo  
and  
Visitation &  
Exchange of Door  
County

and our website:  
[helpofdoorcounty.org](http://helpofdoorcounty.org)

Thank you to those  
individuals that  
utilized our on-line  
donation options!

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### **"211 Get Connected, Get Answers" is now available in Door County**

Three numbers, 211, connect you directly with an operator who will assist you in finding information in Door County. You may be seeking an after school program, counseling, elder services, or any non-emergency service.

"211 Get Connected, Get Answers" is a free and confidential, information and referral service provided through the Brown County United Way.

The 211 call center operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year through an easy-to-remember telephone number, trained call specialists, a community wide database, and a website. The 211 call center (housed at the United Way) efficiently links all area residents to available community resources and information whenever they need them.

Just as you would dial 911 in an emergency, or dial 411 for directory assistance, you can now dial 211 in the Door County area for information and referrals for community services.

### Coming Soon...

## **HELP of Door County, Inc. will be providing a 24 hour Domestic Abuse Hotline.**

The HELP of Door County, Inc. Board of Directors has approved the establishment of a Domestic Abuse Hotline that will replace the current HELPLine beginning January 1, 2011.

The introduction of the 211 system in the Door County community has given HELP of Door County, Inc. the opportunity to launch a hotline exclusively for victims of Domestic Abuse.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive situation please call the Domestic Abuse Hotline at 1-800-91-HELP1 or 743-8818. If you are in need of Visitation and Exchange Program services, please call 743-8819.

## “Cards for Clients”

The holiday season reminds us of the ‘spirit of giving’. If you send cards filled with holiday cheer to friends and family, please consider sending ‘holiday cards’ to HELP’s family. HELP is again emphasizing the need for Gift Cards (\$25 increments are most beneficial). These can be used year-round, by any client, and assist us to best address their personal needs on an individual basis. In addition to gas, grocery, and discount store cards, some current immediate client needs include: laundry detergent, diapers (all sizes), feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, baby wipes, and facial tissues.

The HELP office has the following needs: a NEW vacuum cleaner, cleaning supplies, copy paper, office supplies, stamps/postage, toilet paper, paper towels, decaf coffee, creamer, sweetener, facial tissues, four USB portable 250 GB hard drives (\$50 each), a shark floor cleaner system and a heavy duty shredder.

**Last year’s special request for “Cards for Clients” generated over \$3,000 in gift cards that allowed us to provide gas cards through August and still continue to meet other individual needs to stay safe. We anticipate this need to increase in 2011.**

Please deliver your donated items and gift cards to the HELP office between **November 1 – December 17**. We are grateful for the continued generosity exhibited from our community and the true spirit of altruistic giving this holiday season!



## Upcoming Events



### “Coupons for a Cause”

are still available for \$10.00 each. Most coupons good through April 2011. Stop by our office and pick some up!



**WARNING:** The following advertisement is perpetuating domestic abuse by normalizing hitting through its use of violence to sell the product.

Volkswagen van- a family is riding around the neighborhood showing off their new car. Of each group of people that sees the car, one punches the other hard. The children want to repeat the ride to see another person punched.

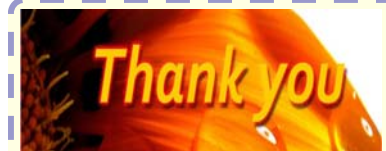
## Violence Dominates Our World

Eliminate Domestic Abuse! A laudable goal. To begin we need to recognize the source, or the social norms that tolerate such behavior. One of those norms is the **Normative use of violence in conflict**. Violence has many forms; it is not just physically attacking another person, but includes words, gestures, looks, attitudes, values, and behaviors that attempt to gain power and control or manipulate another person. Sadly, we each observe, hear about, or experience violence multiple times in our lives daily.

The following are just a few examples of recent violent acts:

- The flight attendant who verbally attacked a passenger and then the rest of the passengers. The public and the media made the flight attendant a hero for speaking up for himself.
- A minister who announced “Burn the Koran Day”. He was willing to destroy another religion’s holy writings because he believed that there were some radical Muslims.
- Throughout the 21st century the federal legislative body has primarily played partisan politics. Both parties not only are unwilling to listen to a proposal, they immediately attack its contents and its presenters. Additionally they have used name calling to attempt to increase public disfavor for the current administration.
- The political ads that are repeated over and over again that use put downs like “Professional politicians are Bad, but Professional businessmen are Good,” distorting the truth by taking an action or statement of the opposite party out of context, simply lying about what the other party, and blaming the other party for the problem.
- A high school girl is bullied by a number of her classmates and she commits suicide.
- Some of the New York Jet football players who sexually harassed a female sports reporter.
- Products like Dairy Queen, M&M’s, Papa Murphy’s, Wisconsin State Fair, Chef Boyardee, Snickers, and V8 are using violent actions in their advertisements.
- A recent female Duke graduate placed on Facebook a text of her sexual encounters while at Duke, violating her partners privacy and making judgments.

I hope this begins to give you the true picture of our violent world. Please join me in not supporting individuals, companies, and actions that are violent as well as share this information and your actions with others. One by One we can stop violence.



A special thanks to the women who HELP affectionately call, “The Northern Door HELPers”. This group puts together a “Stay at Home Ball” invitation and sends it to friends, requesting funds specific for the Northern Door Outreach Office and Services. This special crew has done this “fun” fundraiser on HELP’s behalf since 2006, generating approximately \$62,000 to date.

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