

The Insight

in sight ~ (n) an instance of

apprehending the true nature of a thing, esp. through intuitive understanding

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Hope Crisis Center Hosts Candlelight Vigil on October 1st

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In celebration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Hope Crisis Center hosted a Candle Light Vigil on October 1st at Trailhead Park in Beatrice to remember those who have died at the hands of their loved one, support those who still suffer and celebrate those who have survived domestic violence. Carmen Hinman, the Executive Director of Hope Crisis Center, kicked off the event by welcoming all in attendance as well as introducing the speakers for the evening.

Eleven red, life sized silhouettes each depicting a shiny shield detailing how domestic violence ended their life, stood tall throughout the park as a visible reminder to those in attendance that unfortunate tragedies can result from domestic violence. One of the silhouettes honors Amanda R. Thomas, age 27, mother of two children who was fatally stabbed to death on February 28, 2009 in Hannibal, Missouri by her boyfriend, Manual Cazares. Amanda's mother, Jody Schaubroeck, from Utica was one of the guest speakers at the vigil. Jody bravely spoke out to the crowd about the loss of her daughter's life because of a heinous act of domestic violence. Jody shared how painful it was to see her own daughter fall into the cycle of power and control by her partner which ultimately ended her daughter's life. Jody is a Court Appointed Special Advocate for CASA in York County and since her daughter's death, is working endlessly to share her daughter's story in hopes that it will save someone else's life.

Hope Crisis Center also had the pleasure of Jeanie Kay Truesdale, a nationally recognized Christian Country Vocalist from Elizabeth City, North Carolina, join us for the vigil. Jeanie shared words of encouragement as a survivor of domestic violence as well as an array of her musical selections with the audience. A big hit for the audience was her song titled, "For Crying Out Loud". The song describes the life of a domestic violence victim. Hope Crisis Center was honored to have Jeanie at our Candlelight Vigil. She is beautiful, brave, talented and a survivor! Hope Crisis Center has Jeanie's CD, *Wings of Hope*, for sale at our Administrative Office in Fairbury. The CDs are \$10.00. Please contact our office at 402-729-2570 if you would like to purchase one of Jeanie's CDs. Great stocking stuffers!!!

Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy, Jeff Liekam, represented Law Enforcement at the vigil. Jeff shared with the audience that domestic violence is something people do not like to talk about, but stressed how this crime is of high importance and we need to make ourselves more aware of it. He emphasized the need to create awareness about the issues of domestic violence so that individuals know that help is available and that the crime can be reported.

Also speaking at the Candlelight Vigil was Heather Lambert, Hope Crisis Center Board of Director's Board Chair, and Sylvia Cross, Board Secretary. Heather introduced the Hope Crisis Center Staff and Board Members and also shared some words with the audience. Sylvia led the audience in an intercessory prayer.

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Hope Crisis Center has been very busy with activities during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month of October. We had our candle light vigil on October 1st, which included the Purple Light Night Campaign, and on October 5th we did the Yard Sign Project in Fairbury which are all featured in this newsletter. We have done several other activities this month that will be featured in our next newsletter.

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Third Quarter Donations 2009

The key to success for any agency is the support of the community. Support from community members takes on many forms. One form that is vital to the continued success of Hope Crisis Center in serving victims of domestic violence /sexual assault is financial. Here is a list of donors for the months of July, August, and September. Thank you to all who donated; your gifts are greatly appreciated. We apologize if we inadvertently missed listing you as a contributor.

Gail and Sylvia Cross – Fairbury, NE

Nancy Van Cleef – Carleton, NE

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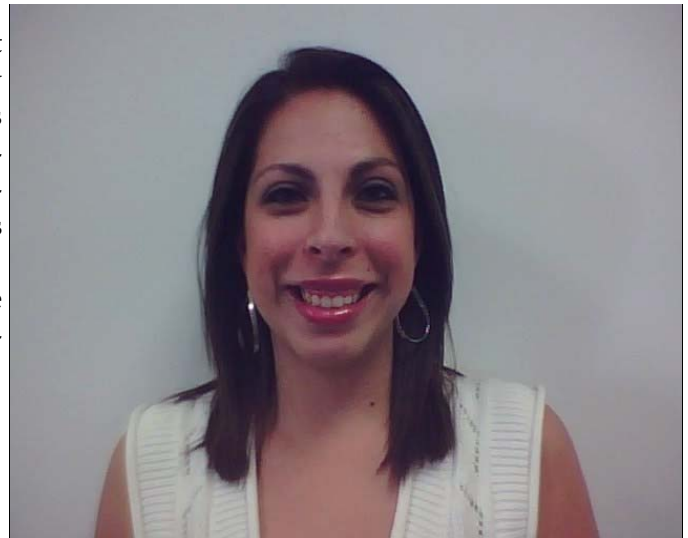
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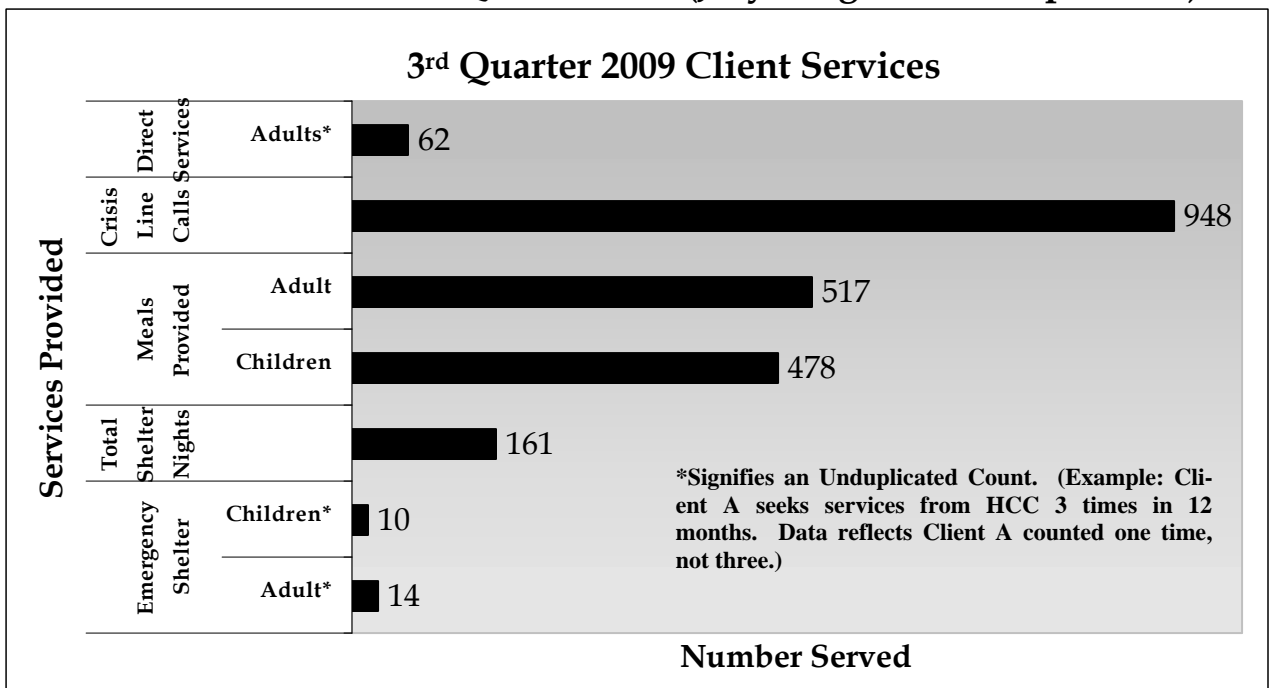
Deanne Huls – Fairbury, NE

Thank you to all who gave donations!



In September, Hope Crisis Center was fortunate to hire Krystal as the new Victim Advocate covering Fillmore, Seward, and York Counties. Krystal has a BS in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Sociology. She comes to the organization with two years of experience in the field of at risk youth and recommending child placement. Krystal is located in the Administrative Office in Fairbury.

Client numbers – 3rd Quarter 2009 (July, August, and September)



PURPLE LIGHT NIGHTS™ CAMPAIGN

By: Trudy Spicer

Title: Community Educator



In recognition of the National Purple Light Nights™ campaign, which is a concept developed by Victoria Throm and the Covington (Washington) Domestic Violence Task Force, Beatrice Board of Public Works Electric Department so graciously agreed to put purple light bulbs in all of the decorative lamp posts that run through the downtown area and along the walking trail for the entire month of October. Also 16 businesses on Court Street have given a \$20 donation to Hope Crisis Center for a poster detailing Purple Light Nights™ and a strand of purple lights to enhance the effect of the purple lights. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and purple is the internationally recognized color depicting domestic violence. The Purple Light Nights™ campaign conveys the belief that “Domestic Violence Has No Place in Our Community” and to remember those who have lost their lives, support those who survived domestic violence, and to bring hope to those who are still living with abuse. All communities need to work together to end the devastating effects of domestic violence. One in four women in the United States and one in three women in the World are victims of domestic violence in their lifetime. Approximately 1.3 million women are victims of intimate partner violence annually at a cost exceeding \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services. Over 67% of men who abuse their partners abuse their children too; so there is no way to estimate what it costs children to witness and experience this violence. Witnessing violence between one’s parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next. So help us break the cycle of violence by supporting victims of domestic violence and Hope Crisis Center.

We would like to thank the Beatrice Board of Public Works, Diana Dell at Once Upon a Page and Phil Knowles for displaying our silhouettes in their store windows, and the Beatrice downtown businesses for their continued support of our program.

The following Beatrice businesses made a \$20 donation to the Purple Night Lights Campaign

Brown’s Shoe Fit
Leo’s Jewelry
Fast Cash

Fletcher’s Decorating
Once Upon a Page
Blue Rose Antiques

The Cutting Edge
Sherwin Williams
Sunrise Bakery

Weigels’ Jewelry

The Mail Station

Clabaugh Pharmacy

Pinnacle Bank

S & S Sweeper Store
Jim’s Carpet and Supplies
Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy



THANK YOU!!

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candle Light Vigil



Hope Crisis Staff with guest speakers Jody Schaubroeck (left) and Jeanie Kay Truesdale.



The lights turn purple during vigil



Carmen Hinman, Exe. Director of Hope Crisis Center



Jeanie Truesdale entertaining the crowd and surrounded by the life size silhouettes of domestic violence victims



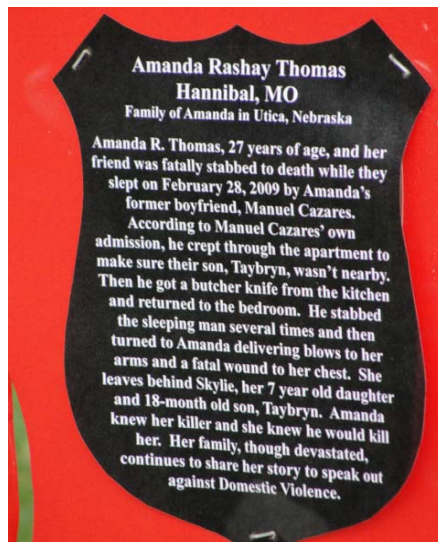
The crowd at Trailhead Park for the vigil on a very cold and windy evening



Jefferson C.o. Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Leikam tells the crowd we need to stop the cycle of violence



Amanda Thomas' silhouette



Amanda's story



Jody Schaubroeck, Amanda's mother talks about the affect her daughter's murder has had on their family

Second Annual Yard Sign Project

By: Cari Emerson

Title: Victim Advocate

On October 5th, Hope Crisis Center staff, board members and volunteers divided into groups going door to door asking businesses and residents for their permission to place a yard sign in their store front or yard. The yard signs were placed throughout the community of Fairbury to recognize October's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Hope Crisis Center hopes that the yard sign campaign brings some awareness that surrounds the issues of domestic violence. The community showed their support by giving a free will donation to Hope Crisis Center to support and help serve victims and children of domestic violence. With the help and support of the volunteers we were able to distribute over 250 signs.

Candle Light Vigil cont.

During the event, a glow of purple shined at dusk from the decorative lights in Trailhead Park and downtown Beatrice. What a beautiful display it was. Purple is the nationally recognized color for honoring victims of domestic violence. The City of Beatrice Electric Department made the "Purple Light Nights" possible by donating their time to change the light bulbs in the downtown and park globes, as well as supplying bulbs for the Trailhead Park area. It is with great thanks and appreciation that they made this vision possible. The decorative lights beamed purple throughout the entire month of October.

Hope Crisis Center appreciated all of those who helped in any way to make this awareness event a success and a special thank you to all who attended the vigil. Please plan to attend next year's vigil to help us take a stand, as domestic violence has NO place in our communities.

If you are interested in seeing footage of our vigil, please visit:

<http://hope.ncs42.com/videos/domesticviolence2009.html>

Client Needs

It is not the sole responsibility of Hope Crisis Center to make the lives of victims safe. It is the responsibility of every community member to make victims' safety a goal. We have to work together to achieve a violence-free community.

In order to help us better serve victims and children of domestic violence and sexual violence, we have included a list of needed items below. Your support and contributions are desperately needed and appreciated more than words can ever express

Hope Crisis Center's Wish List

Monetary donations	Pillows
Phone cards	Blankets
Trash Bags	Diapers/Pull-Ups
Paper plates	Deodorant
Gas cards (Casey's cards)	Kleenex
Shampoo/Conditioner	Toothpaste
Plastic silverware	Wal-Mart gift cards
Toilet tissue	Paper towels
Women's & Children's Underwear (NEW)	Sports Bras (NEW)
Women's & Children's Socks (NEW)	Flip Flops (All Sizes)

If you or your organization would like to donate or volunteer, please contact our Administrative Office at 402-729-2570.

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Hope Crisis Center is a non-profit organization committed to empowering victims of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as our communities through advocacy, education, and confidential emergency services.



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