

The Insight in-sight ~ (n) an instance of apprehending the true nature of a thing, esp. through intuitive understanding

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The month of October is always exciting, as October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Hope Crisis Center held many events throughout the month in an effort to create awareness about Domestic Violence.

Hope Crisis Center distributed treats to local businesses throughout our counties. Snickers candy bars were wrapped in a purple ribbon stating, "Domestic Violence is Nothing to Snicker About." The wrap around the candy bars also offered our service information.

Eleven free-standing, life-sized red wooden figures, each one bearing the name of a victim who once lived, played, worked, had neighbors, friends, family, children - whose life ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner, or acquaintance, were displayed throughout Hope Crisis Center's seven counties of service. The objective of this Silent Witness Initiative is to raise awareness in our communities about the reality of domestic violence and to help connect people with resources for ending the violence.

On October 9th, Wal-Mart teamed up with Hope Crisis Center to help Hope Crisis Center move victims to safety with our 2nd "Moving to Safety" event. The event took place from 9am - 3pm at the Fairbury Wal-Mart. Customers were handed flyers before heading into the store indicating items regularly needed for victims and children who are fleeing from domestic violence. The event was deemed a success for the 2nd time, as many items were received. Hope Crisis Center would like to thank all who volunteered, participated and donated to help us help victims and children of domestic violence.

Acts in Motion of Fairbury headed up Hope Crisis Center's Yard Sign Campaign. The yard sign campaign was held in Fairbury for the third year in a row. Two hundred and fifty yard signs that read "WE SUPPORT AND HONOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" on one side and "OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" on the other side were distributed throughout the community of Fairbury. Volunteers from Acts in Motion asked residents to take a stand in showing no tolerance for domestic violence in Fairbury.

Hope Crisis Center held two Candle Light Vigils to honor and remember victims and survivors of domestic violence. The first vigil was held on the lawn of the Fairbury Courthouse on October 13th and the second vigil was held in Beatrice at Trailhead Park on October 14th. Both vigils had speakers from the respective counties as well as a survivor of domestic violence and the parents of Jana Mackey, Dr. Curt and Dr. Christie Brungardt, who lost her life due to domestic violence.

Purple, the nationally recognized color for domestic violence awareness, lit the streets of downtown Beatrice and Trailhead Park throughout the month of October. The Beatrice Board of Public Works Electric Department graciously agreed for the second year in a row to place purple light bulbs in all of the decorative lamp posts throughout downtown Beatrice and Trailhead Park. Hope Crisis Center would like to publicly acknowledge them, as we know this isn't an easy feat and we truly appreciate their support in helping us create awareness about domestic violence.

As you can see, October was full of awareness about domestic violence. It is our HOPE that communities and individuals realize the prevalence of domestic violence in and around our local communities and that you too can play a part.

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Third Quarter Donations 2010

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 August, September, and October. Thank you to all who donated; your gifts are greatly appreciated. We apologize if we inadvertently missed listing you as a contributor.

Boys Hope-Girls Hope International~Bridgeton, MO

Orva Hartley~ Hebron, NE

Kiwanis Foundation~ Fairbury, NE

PEO Chapter~ Fairbury, NE

Barbara Schmidt~ Fairbury, NE

Dennis & Janet Byars~ Beatrice, NE

Neuerburg Trucking~ Fairbury, NE

Kevin Barber~ Fairbury, NE

April Weichel~ Fairbury, NE

Sylvia Cross~ Fairbury, NE

Eavon Zimmerman~ Fairbury, NE

NE Alpha Gamma Chapter~ Alexandria, NE

Bruce & Janice Churchill~ Swanton, NE

Women of ELCA~ Beatrice, NE

Kay Endorf~ Fairbury, NE

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

Paper Towels

Trash Bags

Diapers/Pull-Ups

Paper Plates

Paper Towels

Gas Cards (Casey's Cards)

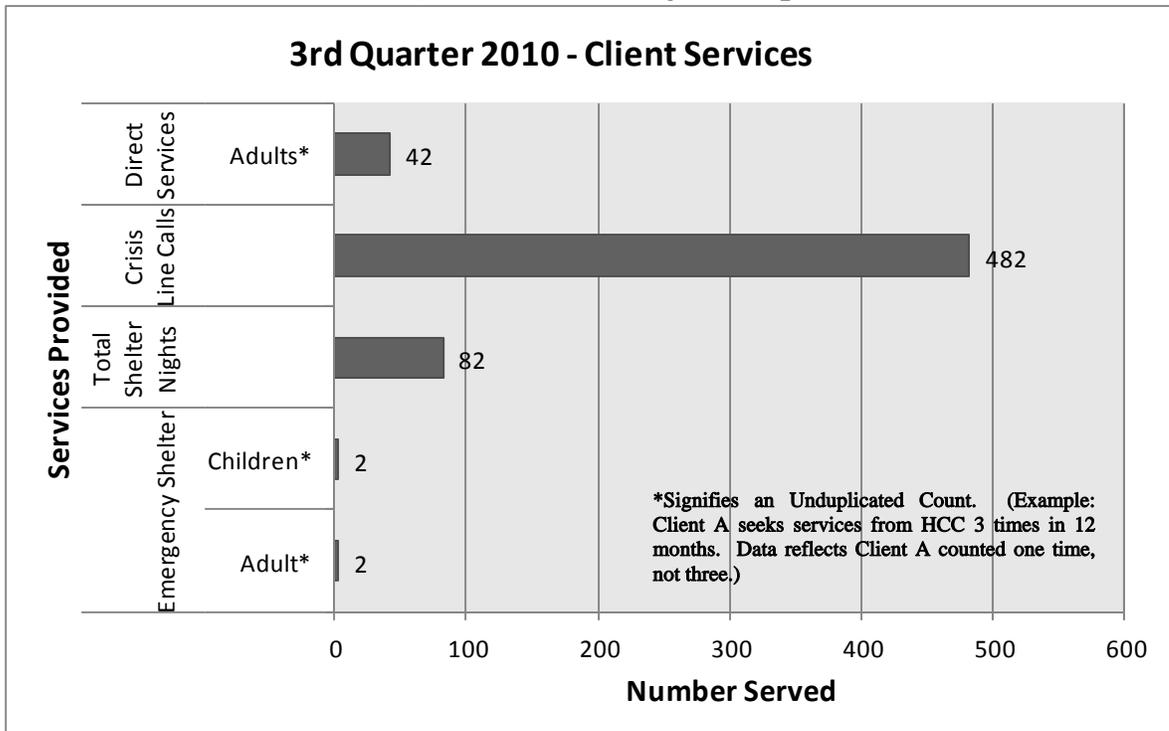
Kleenex

Plastic Silverware

Wal-Mart Gift Cards

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

Client Numbers—3rd Quarter 2010 (August, September, and October)



Best Wishes to Stacey McLaughlin!

Stacey McLaughlin, who has been employed with Hope Crisis Center since February 2004 as our Program Manager, recently was elected as the Thayer County District Court Clerk. Stacey will be greatly missed as she has been an incredible asset to our agency and a remarkable advocate for women and children of domestic and sexual violence. Hope Crisis Center wants to express our thanks and appreciation to Stacey for her valuable commitment over the past 6+ years. We wish Stacey well in her new endeavor!

Meet the New Staff of Hope Crisis Center

Lexi Whitmore is our new Program Manager. Lexi graduated from Southeast Community College with an Associate's Degree in Office Professionals. She feels very fortunate to have this opportunity to serve as the Program Manager for such an awesome organization.

Darcy Bear is our new Domestic Violence Advocate serving Gage, Thayer and Jefferson counties. Darcy is a graduate of Southeast Community College. She has always had a love for people and a hand that is ready to reach out and help others. She feels being able to help victims through some of the toughest times they will hopefully ever face in their lives will be very rewarding.

Stephanie Wells is our new Prevention Coordinator. Stephanie is a graduate of Ashford University with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science. She is extremely excited to go out into the community and educate children, teenagers, and adults about domestic violence and sexual assault issues.

Anna Nunnenkamp is our new Domestic Violence Advocate serving York, Seward and Fillmore counties out of our Geneva office. She was born and raised in Wisconsin, graduated in 2008 from Dordt College with a Bachelor's degree in Theology: Missions, and moved to Nebraska in 2009. She was employed as a Houseparent with Grace Children's Home before beginning employment with us.

Understanding and Responding to Sexual Assault and Stalking Training

By: Cari Emerson

Title: Sexual Assault Advocate

On September 14th and 15th I attended a conference along with another staff member in Kearney. The conference was sponsored by Nebraska State Patrol.

Conference participants included law enforcement, victim service providers/advocates, attorneys, probation/parole officers, child protection services and mental health providers.

During the two day training, the conference featured many different presenters across the United States. Day one of the training, Lt. Dave Okada who is a member of the multi-agency Adult Threat Advisory Team as well as the multi-agency Student Threat Assessment Team and is a current member of the FBI Joint Terrorist Task Force in Salem, Oregon spoke about understanding and responding to Sexual Assault. We also heard from Daniel Renteria who is the Administrator for the Central Parole District. Mr. Renteria has a passion for working with professionals in the field of domestic violence in hopes of reducing further victimization.

Some of the other topics presented on at the conference were sexual assaults on campus, safety planning with stalking victims and the VINE program. The VINE program is something that can be utilized by victims, family members, law enforcement, etc. The program notifies individuals of the custody status of inmates. If a person calls the VINE number they can register their phone number and if the inmate is released the person will be notified of that release. This was put into place for the safety of victims and their families.

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