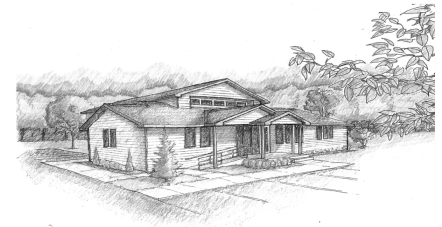




SAFE HAVEN

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Support Center
PO Box 665
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Fall 2013 - Winter 2014

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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This past August, a group of dedicated individuals including Safe Haven staff, volunteers, board members and clients got together to review the mission, develop a new strategic plan and set future goals for the organization. Many exciting new things are in store for Safe Haven! The mission and vision statements were updated to place more emphasis on including sexual assault survivors.

New mission and vision statement:

To encourage a safe community, free of physical and sexual violence and emotional abuse, through shelter, caring, advocacy and education

To be a catalyst for change and to break the cycle of violence so individuals or families can become healthy, self sufficient and independent

The group will get together again to review the strengths and weaknesses of the organization and set short and long term goals. It is our hope to plan for Safe Haven's future and continued growth and sustainability. We appreciate feedback and are always looking at ways to improve programs and services.



Stacey Cicero
Executive Director

Safe Haven Receives New Playset

Thanks to a grant from the Egan Family Foundation and the generous support of the Optimist Club, Safe Haven children are enjoying a wonderful new play ground! The Egan Family Foundation provided a monetary grant for Safe Haven to purchase the new playset and the rubber bumpers to enclose the play area. The Optimist Club has been providing new wood chips for many years and when they contacted Safe Haven this year, they took on the project of picking up the playset, putting it together, installing the rubber bumpers and purchasing the new wood chips to make the play area safe! Thank you so much for your continued support of Safe Haven and the families we serve.



Optimist Members involved include: Jim Although, Tom Albrecht, Jim Black, Walberto Colon, Bob Hannahs, Dan Hartwig, Luke Hartwig, Jim Leuenberger, Steve Peterson, Ron Schmalz, Michael Sleeper. Special thanks to Doug Erdman for coordinating the effort and Mike Wilken for picking up the playset!

WELCOME Kandi Krueger Children's Advocate

Hello friends and family! My name is Kandi Krueger and I am the new Children's Advocate. I joined the Safe Haven team in May. Although I am still learning a lot, I can honestly say that working with Safe Haven families has become a huge part of my life. Working at Safe Haven for me is extremely rewarding. I feel like I can never spend enough time with the people I work with or the people I come into contact with in shelter or from the community.

Family is a major part of my life. I have an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Fox Valley Technical College. I have worked with children at Tomorrow's Children in Waupaca where I had the awesome privilege of being part of the direct care staff and also a fill in for the teacher's aid for 5 years. From there I took a job in Wittenberg at Homme Youth and Family Program. I played an active part by working with youth at all of the units at Homme. I worked as direct care staff as well as a member of the Behavior Specialist Team. I enjoyed and learned something from each and everyone of the kids I had the pleasure to work with. I really enjoyed working with the youth and was excited to learn about the position at Safe Haven.

I have two young children, a daughter and a son, who tend to steal my time. I am also attending school to further my education and obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Management of Criminal Justice. I am very close to graduation! My hobbies and free time include camping with my family, gardening, walks in the woods, kayaking, and even a little scrap booking from time to time.

I am excited to work with the FAAR (Fighting Against Abusive Relationships) group at Shawano High school. We have set a goal to help start up at least two other groups in the surrounding high schools this year. The youth are excited to announce they have been asked to present again this year at the statewide Teen Dating Violence Summit and will attend several other conferences, including the Youth as Civic Leaders conference. They are gearing up for some fundraisers to help pay their way to the conferences. They continue to recruit new members as many of them are seniors this year. So please join us this school year in supporting our efforts to spread the word about teen dating violence in some of our upcoming fundraisers.



I would like to extend an invitation for any families who had started working with the family dynamics class. We have started up again with a new twist on the program. We will be meeting every Monday through the end of November from 3:30-5pm (after school snack included). Please call me at 715-526-3421 for more information on this program or any other of the services Safe Haven offers.

RESOURCES:
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Web Sites:

Safe Haven, Shawano
www.shawanoshelter.org

End Domestic Abuse WI
www.enddomesticabusewi.org

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
www.wcasa.org

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Would you like to have Safe Haven present to your club, business or organization? Topics include: general shelter information, training relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, stalking and child abuse.

For more information call 715-526-3421

WOMEN WORKING IT OUT SUPPORT GROUP

For Women ages 45+ who are experiencing abuse and need continued support, advocacy, information, and safety planning while working on their relationship.

Meets
Tuesday Mornings
9:30-10:30 am
Childcare Is Available
Pre-Registration Required

NEW HOPE ~ SUPPORT GROUP

For women who have experienced difficult relationships in the past or present or have experienced sexual abuse or domestic violence at any point in their life.

Thursday Evenings
Supper 5:00-6:00pm
Group 6:00-7:00pm
Pre-Registration Required

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Children's group is offered in conjunction with our adult support group.

For children who have been involved in or been witness to domestic violence or sexual assault situations.

Thursday Evenings
Supper 5:00-6:00pm
Group 6:00-7:00pm

Please call our 24 hour crisis line at (715) 526-3421 or (888) 303-3421 for more information about our groups or to speak with an advocate.

Check out our website at www.shawanoshelter.org
Like us on Facebook (Safe Haven of Shawano County)

All services are Free and Confidential

Working Together to End Violence

By: Shelby Mitchell

Ending sexual violence in Shawano and Menominee Counties is something that I work towards each day. There has been a lot of effort put into building new partnerships and creating diverse programs to make this happen. For the past two years, Safe Haven has teamed up with Oskey-Waepitah, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program of Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center in Keshena. This team approach to sexual violence has allowed us the opportunity to offer 24/7 on-call advocacy coverage to the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program. In addition to myself, we currently have four Oskey-Waepitah staff that have been trained to properly respond to sexual assault calls at Shawano Medical Center/ThedaCare in Shawanp. We are also in the process of putting together another advocacy training to train additional staff soon. Safe Haven, Oskey-Waepitah and Shawano SANE programs all work together to provide community education and trainings throughout Shawano and Menominee Counties. Educating our communities on programs and services available to them and how to best access these

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

programs will help during a very difficult time. This partnership has been a vital piece to the health and well-being of sexual assault survivors, their families and allies. Many studies have shown that, when there is a quick, effective and respectful response to sexual assault survivors, their healing is increased and the amount of trauma they experience is greatly reduced.



A BIG thank you to the gardeners, donors and participants for the 13th Annual Garden Walk



The weather was beautiful and more than 355 people walked through six of the areas most beautiful gardens. Thanks to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success for Safe Haven!

Gardeners: Jim & Cherie Tebo, Tom & Janet Kahlow, Pubanz Art Studio, Bob & Nancy Luecke, Rick & Kathie Schutt, Roger & Dorothy Erdmann.

Garden Sponsors: East Shawano County Chapter of Thrivent, Green Bay Packers, Shawano Lawn & Stone, Shawano Medical Center, Thrivent Financial Wolf River Associates, Wallrich Agency Fox Communities Credit Union, Olson’s Rural Electric, Qualheim’s True Value, Reinhart Foods, Schroeder-Mickelson Funeral Services, Shawano Lake Lioness, Wisconsin Film & Bag Co-Vantage Credit Union, Dave Feivor Agency, Edward Jones Jon Aumann, Edward Jones Joe Miesbauer, Bob & Maribeth Klopke, Shawano Title Service

Golden Trowel Award
Cherie and Jim Tebo



Other Sponsors: Charlie’s County Market, Econo Foods, Goodwill Industries, Kustom Imaging, Neuske’s, Pepsi, Perkins, Pingle’s Meats, Reinhart Foods, Twig’s Beverage and

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

October 2012 - September 10, 2013

Many community members donate their time, talent, goods and services to Safe Haven. We thank all who generously contribute to our program to make it successful. The following have donated a \$500 or more to Safe Haven. **THANK YOU!**

Bleser Family Foundation, Egan Foundation, Goodwill Industries, Green Bay Packers, Lou & Joanne Horn Family Fund, Mielke Family Foundation, Presbytery of Winnebago, Shawano Area Community Foundation, United Way of Shawano County, Women’s Fund for the Fox Valley Region

Ascension Lutheran

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Wal-Mart

Zion Lutheran Church



*Help us Break the Cycle of Violence
Please join us as we remember the Victims of Domestic Violence*



*Candle Light Vigil
To be held
October 10, 2013
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Program @ 6:00pm
At Safe Haven
380 Lakeland Road*

*Join us as we reflect
on the past And look
forward to a better Future*

Support Services

- 24 Hour Emergency Shelter
- 24 Hour Crisis Line
- Individual Advocacy /Support
 - Domestic Violence
 - Sexual Assault
 - Child Abuse
- Legal Advocacy
- Restraining Order Assistance
- Hospital/Medical Advocacy
- Support Groups
 - Domestic Violence
 - Sexual Assault
 - Children



Sue Dionne
Shelter Supervisor

"Volunteers Corner"

I would like to say "Thank You" to all of our Volunteers!!

Some of you have been involved and volunteering before our shelter was built. That is amazing and we thank you for your long term dedication to our agency. Your support makes a difference to Safe Haven!

Thank YOU!

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else."

Booker T Washington

Safe Haven has the need for many volunteers in our agency. We utilize volunteers not only for our fundraisers, we also have the need for volunteers on a daily basis. Volunteers provide transportation, child-care, maintenance, yard work, office support, the list goes on and on. If you would like to "Give Back" to your community, why not consider donating some of your time volunteering at Safe Haven.

It is as easy as filling out an application. It is necessary for us to run a background check on our volunteers. You can either work on a call as we need basis or you can schedule regular hours to volunteer. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month thus we have a lot of extra events that we need volunteers for.

We have specific events that require the help of volunteers. If you have a few hours a week or a month, give us a call and fill out an application. I am sure you will find something on our list of Volunteer Opportunities that would be of interest to you. You can find an application at www.shawanoshelter.org, stop in at Safe Haven to pick up or call 715-526-3421 for more information.

Faint Memory

By: Anonymous, Safe Haven Client

*There is a faint memory of a long ago day
Looking up into your gentle loving eyes
Your kindness let my heart respect you
My guard went down and I said, I Do
Relaxing in the protection of your towering
embrace.*

*The sound of your vice spoke to my heart.
And I gave it away.*

*Time marched on, with every crack of a
Beer can or drops of the ice in the booze.
Looking up into your blazing angry eyes
Your cruelty of words let my heart deplore you.
My guard went up.*

*Fearing the attack of your towering presence
Even the sound of your voice caused my heart
to tremble.*

This broken spirit, I couldn't even give away.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October, if you hadn't heard, is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!! As we prepare to take part in the local parade, hold the annual **Candle Light Vigil**, offer additional programs to our participants, and host The Business Connection during October, we hope the momentum of this month carries the message throughout the year that we cannot know enough, do enough, or be a big enough part of the solution that our job is really ever done. So, we continue to work on behalf of the victims; until they find safety, we are their voice.

One avenue of protection for the victim is their employer. The workplace can be an ideal place for victims to receive help and support. When employers understand that domestic violence affects the workplace in the form of public perceptions, productivity, costs, safety and liability, they will understand that they have the power to save lives and money.



Marla Etten
Domestic Violence
Victim's Advocate

10 THINGS BUSINESSES CAN DO TO FIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

1. Speak out on the issue. By speaking out on the issue and providing visible leadership, corporate management can demonstrate that victims enjoy a supportive environment at their company.
2. Sponsor a Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Enroll all employees in an awareness seminar during which corporate leaders speak out against abuse.
3. Include articles about domestic violence in company publications. Internal publications intended for employees are a perfect vehicle for promoting awareness of the problem.
4. Have materials that publicly condemn domestic violence, including posters, buttons, bumper stickers, coffee mugs, T-shirts and inserts into paychecks providing numbers for victims to call for help.
5. Improve security measures to address stalking of employees, including training security personnel on the needs of domestic violence victims.
6. Enhance benefit packages. Include leave policies which enable women to go to court, as well as programs allowing employees to volunteer at local shelters during extended lunch hours, etc.
7. Hold employee training programs. Teach managers how to identify victims at work and direct them to services in the community. Require managers to attend domestic violence awareness training.
8. Employee assistance programs should provide counseling and referrals to shelters and other domestic violence organizations.
9. Adopt a local domestic violence shelter. Make monetary or in-kind contributions to the domestic violence shelters in the community.
10. Offer seminars on career opportunities in the industry conducted by the company's human resources staff to program participants.

Developed by the National Workplace Resource Center on Domestic Violence, A project of the Family Violence Prevention Fund.

Advocates are available to come to your business to meet with an individual who is experiencing domestic violence or meet with staff to discuss the signs of someone who is being abused and what steps can be taken to keep everyone safe. To learn more about this service contact Safe Haven at the number or email listed. Your company can make the difference in the life of a victim today.



GOODWILL DONATION DRIVE

Collected over 7 tons of items and provided Safe Haven with a cash donation of \$2,000. Thank you to all who dropped off their items at Goodwill in June!

The Lantern:

To honor those we have lost...

Our statewide coalition, End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, is encouraging each program in the state to place a lantern in a visible location outside of shelter. The lanterns will be lit each time there is a domestic violence homicide in the state of Wisconsin. The lantern will remain lit for one week. In 2011 there were 40 lives lost due to domestic violence.



AGENCY CONTRIBUTION

I would like to contribute toward the work of Safe Haven in assisting victims to achieve safety and self-sufficiency for themselves and their families.

Enclosed is my contribution.

\$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$ 250 ___ Other ___

- Address change
- Add friends name to mailing list
- Remove my name from your mailing list
- Email the newsletter

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Mail Agency Contribution Form to Safe Haven,
PO Box 665, Shawano WI 54166

Contributions are tax deductible

Shelter Stats 2012

- Provided safe housing to 71 women & 92 children
- Average length of stay 19.8 days
- Provided 2,561 bed nights of shelter
- Completed 16 restraining orders
- Answered 2,020 crisis calls
(1,895 women, 125 men)
- Provided services to 606 victims
(426 women, 34 men, 146 children)
- Presented curriculum to 77 classrooms, 2,572 students
grades K-12
- Provided support group to 65 women, 75 children
- Completed 835 safety plans with victims & 144 with children
- Received 19 sexual assault forensic exam calls, completed 17 exams
- Gave 67 community presentations to 3,014 people
- 103 Volunteers logged 3,236.5 hours of service
- 179 Domestic Violence and 38 Sexual Assault cases referred to the District Attorney's Office

Safe Haven Wish List

- Gift Cards (Grocery Stores, Wal-Mart, K-Mart)
- Gas Only Cards
- Household Supplies
- Copy or Colored Paper
- Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets
- Cleaning Supplies
- Non-perishable food items
- Fruit Juices

Safe Haven

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Mark Your Calendar

Candle light vigil and open house

October 10, Safe Haven
5-6:30 pm

Chamber of Commerce

Business Connection
October 15, Safe Haven
5-6:30 pm

Crop to Stop Violence

January 2013

