

Quick Notes

Maintenance Volunteers Needed!!

Are you an expert at odd jobs and looking for a way to give back in the community? Our agency is looking for some skilled volunteers to help with painting, furniture assembly, and various light maintenance tasks.

Feel up to the job?
Call our Volunteer Advocate at:
(570)-784-6632.

Upcoming Events:

Agape Palooza

October is Domestic
Violence Awareness Month

Purple Ribbon Campaign

www.thewomenscenterinc.org
OR

Visit us on Facebook at
"The Women's Center, Inc. of
Columbia and Montour Counties"



RIDE FOR SHELTER

This July, The Women's Center, Inc. with support from Tri-County A.B.A.T.E. (Alliances of Bikers Aimed Towards Education) held the annual Ride for Shelter event.

Registration took place at 9:00am at the Catawissa Cracker Barrel. This year all registered rider's received a free patch and pin to commemorate the ride. 45 registered riders and 30 motorcycles took off at 11am to kick off this year's ride.

Our first stop was the Shickshinny American Legion, followed by the Benton VFW, and Angus Inn in Hughesville before ending at the Millville American Legion, Post 564. Throughout the ride, agency volunteers sold 50/50 tickets and pulled poker hands for anyone participating in the Poker Run.

The after party included the opportunity for riders to take part in our basket raffle, make No More Pledges, and feast on a Pig Roast donated by Teddy Bunnell. Additionally there were roasted red potatoes donated by Take-Outs, a mixed greens salad donated by Pizza Hut in Shamokin Dam, rolls donated by Giant, and baked beans donated by Autumn Greenwich. A special thank you to all of our donors and everyone who came out for the ride.

In total we raised over \$1,000! All proceeds from the Ride are going towards funding a new roof on our Shelter building. This would not have been possible without the help of Tri-County A.B.A.T.E. and all our dedicated staff, volunteers, and community donors.



Riders traveling to Benton VFW after our first stop.



Up bright and early to register at the Catawissa Cracker Barrel.

Thank You to our Donors!

Tribute to Veterans Donation

The Loyal Gaming Rewards, L.L.C. with help from the Bloomsburg American Legion Post 273, Legion Riders contributed \$1,500 to our agency through their Tribute to Veterans tear-off tickets fundraiser.



NCSTU

A huge thank you to the Counseling Department and especially Timothy Sebastian, Betsy Fleming, and all of the residents at NCSTU who have made and supplied lunches for the duration of our Summer Gateways Program!

Thanks to the efforts and donations of NCSTU staff and residents our children received free lunches throughout the summer. Uniform lunches help affirm that all students have access to a nutritional lunch, but also remove additional financial burdens on our families! Thank you!



Lunches donated and decorated by NCSTU!

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

Once again we held our annual Summer Gateways Program for kids effected by domestic and/or sexual violence. This was an eight week **free** summer camp offered on Tuesdays from 9am-4:30pm. This year students worked with our Child Advocate to build on skills surrounding the topic of friendship, cooperation, and healthy relationships. Additionally this year included many fun-filled and educational field trips to Owen's Farm, Kidsburg, the Children's Museum, the Town Pool, and Knoebels.

A big thank you to our Child Advocate and the many volunteers who helped make this program a success again this year.



Hanging out at Owen's Farms!

BOARD DINNER

Our annual Board Dinner was held on July 14th at the Barn at Boone's Dam to welcome four new incoming members of our Board of Directors and say goodbye to all of our outgoing members. This year we welcomed Annie Seif, Toni Barrile, Dr. Kayleigh Taylor, and Renee Fawess. Additionally Dr. Alana Atchinson will be returning to serve as our Board President. Without the generous support of time and effort by our Board Members many of the activities held by The Women's Center wouldn't be possible.

*Pictured:
Board Members-
Dave Kovach,
Theresa Younkin,
Laurinda Voecker, and
Executive Director,
Zabrina Finn*



IN THE SHADOW OF THE AXE

One of our direct service volunteers, Christine Doidge came to our agency after moving all the way from New York to work at Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble. Since completing the direct service volunteer training course, Christine has volunteered regularly with our agency to help staff our hotline and to help with numerous projects. In July, she approached staff with her Intern Project that she was completing through BTE. As part of her project she decided to host a donation drive that took place throughout Columbia County at various area businesses from July 31st to August 14th.

Additionally, she helped develop the play, *In the Shadow of the Axe*, which ran from August 12th through August 16th at the Alvina Krause Theatre. A portion of the admission proceeds were donated back to The Women's Center, Inc. We couldn't be more proud of and pleased by the amazing work completed by Christine. A special thank you for all of your hard work and everything you've accomplished!

DIRECT SERVICE COURSE NOW ENROLLING!

Our Fall 2015 direct service volunteer training course is now taking applicants! If you're someone who has been thinking about volunteering or already volunteers in a non-direct capacity, but are interested in learning more about the options that open when you become a direct service volunteer, call our Volunteer Advocate at (570)-784-6632. The training will run on Thursday nights throughout the fall.

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THANK YOU!