

## Quick Notes

### Bloomsburg University's LGBTQA Student Services Office Hosts Donation Drive

Bloomsburg University's LGBTQA Student Services Office and the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) is hosting a donation drive to help collect hygiene products such as toothbrushes, shampoo, sanitary napkins, etc. for our Shelter. Thanks for all the hard work and donations!

### Upcoming Events:

Participant Holiday Party

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Stalking Awareness Month

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Golf Tournament Fundraiser

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## Anniversary Luncheon

The Women's Center, Inc. once again held its annual Anniversary Luncheon on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Danville Elks. The luncheon is organized each year to thank community members who have engaged in extraordinary advocacy efforts on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This year Kara Steck, Earl "Skip" Mordan, Jackie Urbanovitch, Mia Esposito, Linda Lentz, and Cory Poticher were among some of the community leaders that were recognized at the event.

The Luncheon also included displays, showcasing the work of the agency, in collaboration with the community, over the past year, which provided a backdrop for the annual event. In addition a "Wall of Honor" was created to memorialize everyone who has donated his or her time to the agency over the past 39 years.

*Below is a picture depicted some of the recipients at the Annual Anniversary Luncheon.*



## October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month

This year The Women's Center, Inc. hosted various events throughout Columbia and Montour Counties in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which took place in the month of October. On Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> The Legal Department organized a domestic violence awareness vigil at the Columbia County courthouse. The theme for this event was "An Empty Place at the Table." Legal and Education Department Intern, Kellie Outlaw organized a table display to draw attention to the ways in which domestic violence can have lasting effects on a family. In addition, an awareness vigil was also held in

## Notable Volunteers in the Community



Kayl Dreckman's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday party was not your idea of a typical birthday party. In lieu of gifts Kayl of Bloomsburg asked guests to donate pajamas in all sizes from ages infant to teen. She then donated the 43 sets of pajamas that she collected at her birthday party to The Women's Center, Inc.

Thank you so much Kayl for your thoughtfulness and advocacy skills! We will put the pajamas to good use!

*Thank you, Christine Hoffman!*

Another special thank you goes to one of our dedicated volunteers, Christine Hoffman. Christine independently coordinated and implemented a 5k race that helped raise TWC over \$1,000.

**Thank you so much!**

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Montour County on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme was "Silence Hides the Violence." This event was organized as an effort between the Education and Legal Departments and reached an audience of over 35 people.

The Education Department also organized the "Purple Ribbon Campaign" to help raise awareness for domestic violence in Bloomsburg. Fourteen businesses hosted small baskets of purple ribbons alongside information about domestic violence for their store patrons.

In addition to our agency's efforts in the community and at the local courthouses, our Medical Advocacy Program also worked to create awareness within our local hospitals. During the week of October 14<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> the Medical Advocacy Program hosted "Domestic Violence Awareness Days" at both Geisinger Medical Center and Geisinger-Bloomsburg Hospital. The Medical Department's supplied information about Abuse during Pregnancy, gave information about our services within the hospitals, and supplied purple ribbons to hospital staff to show their support throughout the month.

Lastly, the Women's Center participated in two community events, Pumpkin Palooza and the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5k. Our tables included information about our services, brochures and giveaways, activities for kids, and the opportunity to talk to children and their parents about bullying.

### **Thank you to the North Central Secure Treatment Unit!**

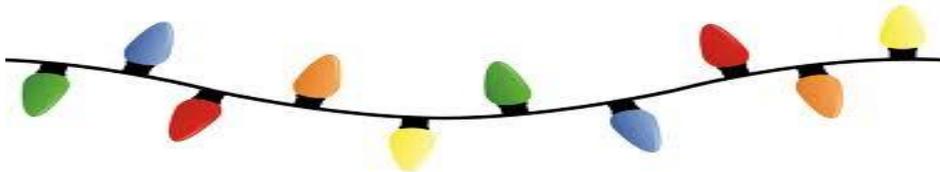
The Women's Center, Inc. would like to give a special thank you to the North Central Secure Treatment Unit: Girl's Program who hosted a Silent Auction throughout the month of October in an attempt to raise funds for The Women's Center, Inc. NCSTU staff members bid on raffle baskets and raised \$705!

A special **thank you to NCSTU: Girl's Program** for all of your hard work and for inviting us to be a part of your annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Open House.



## Participant Christmas Party

Every year The Women's Center, Inc. hosts an annual Participant Holiday Party to offer some of our client's affected by domestic violence and sexual assault a holiday dinner. This event also includes pictures with Santa, activities for kids, and free holiday gifts for all of the children. This year our Participant Holiday Party will take place on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Caldwell Consistory.



## Pucker Up Project

The Pucker Up Project arose from a need to serve both male and female victims of domestic violence and sexual assault from a variety of diverse backgrounds.

**Sometimes victims are in situations that are so dangerous that a business card is too large for them to take.**

Beauty salons have spearheaded similar projects; however, they focused on putting domestic violence shelter's information in lipstick tubes. The Women's Center found this idea valuable, but it focused too much on female victims only. Thus, our Medical Advocacy Program decided **chapstick** would appeal to everyone regardless of their gender, age, sexual orientation, race, or ethnicity.

The Pucker Tub is an inconspicuous tub of chapstick, with a black lid. The cover of the Pucker Tub reads "Pucker Tub Lip Balm" The scent of "**Vanilla Dream**" was chosen so that it would be *a scent and flavor that would appeal to most people*. The cover of the tub also reads "Moisturize and Protect." When the inside of the tub is opened there is a sticker with The Women's Center information. It is hidden so that it will be **undetected** to batterers, but still available to victims when they need it most.

As the idea of the Pucker Up Project became more concrete it was apparent that we needed a project that was self-sustaining. Therefore Pink Papaya agreed to sell a similar Pucker Tub, without our agency's information in them. Every time Pink Papaya sells one of those Pucker Tubs they donate one Pucker Tub to The Women's Center, that contains TWC's information to provide to victims.



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**THANK YOU!**