

## Community Days

In February, we participated in the Bon-Ton's Community Days fundraiser. For this event

Bon-Ton created a coupon book containing over \$200 in savings!

Each coupon book was sold for \$5 each. The \$5 price was then donated to The Women's Center Inc.

We are so grateful to all that purchased these coupon books and contributed to the overall success of our fundraiser!

### Upcoming Events:

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Ultimate Motorhead Show  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 17<sup>th</sup>

Summer Gateways Program

Ride for Shelter  
July 18<sup>th</sup>

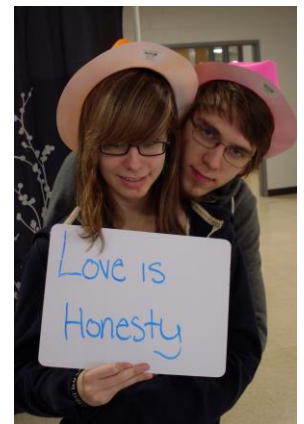
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Education Dept. traveled to Danville and Millville High Schools to talk about this subject with teens in a fun and interactive way! We set up a photo booth at the two high schools with fun props that included neon hats, feather boas, sunglasses, and even mustaches. All of these comedic props were accompanied by fun signs that promoted safe, caring, honest, and loving teen dating relationships.



The high school students truly were interested in helping us spread the word, in fact many took their own photos and posted them to their personal social media pages with the hashtag #selfies4saferteens. Over 100 students participated at Danville High School and over 45 students came out at Millville High School to take fun photos for a good cause. The photo booth was a successful approach in getting local teens aware of and involved in the prevention of teen dating violence and we've been asked to return next year.

## Spring Interns

### Shelter Interns

*Khadija*

Major: Psychology

Projects: Helping with hotline coverage, organizing events, field trips, and activities for the Summer Gateways program, organizing activities for the Shelter Reading Program

*Danae,*

Major: Social Work

Projects worked on: Observing individual counseling sessions, helping with hotline coverage, and co-facilitating group counseling sessions.

### Legal Intern

*Vanessa*

Major: Psychology

Projects: Helping organize Sexual Assault Awareness Month, planning and implementing a Cell Phone Drive, and providing general Legal Dept. Coverage

### Education & Marketing Intern

*Brittany*

Majors: Communication Studies; Leadership and Public Advocacy Track, and French Language

Projects: Helping organize Sexual Assault Awareness Month, build new educational curriculas, writing and planning the agency newsletter, and drafting marketing materials.

### Medical and Shelter Intern

*Martina*

Major: Psychology

Projects: For medical advocacy she has been helping with systems advocacy projects such as hanging new referral posters and helping with sexual assault awareness month. In shelter, Martina helps with hotline coverage and groups.

## Children's Fair

Our volunteer advocate did a fantastic job organizing volunteers and activities for this year's Children's Fair at the Columbia Mall. We had 2 volunteers help at this event and with over 100 children participating it was a busy day! Soon after we set up our craft table, the children began flocking to the Children's Fair. We made sun catchers with the kids and provided information to them and their parents about the services that our agency provides. It was a day full of a positive and fun community activity as well as a great way to educate people about our wonderful services!



## \$7 Day Event

On February 7<sup>th</sup> the Fundraising Committee on our Board of Directors organized and hosted a \$7 fundraiser dinner at The American Legion Post 40 in Danville. The \$7 per person covered a delicious Italian themed dinner including soup, salad, pasta, and meatballs as well as dessert and a beverage. The guests were able to participate in gambling games, 50/50, and a Basket Raffle with over thirty different kinds of donated baskets! The doors opened at 5:00 p.m. Guests were encouraged to eat, relax, and play games. Later in the evening a DJ arrived, which allowed all of our generous guests to continue to play games and dance! This dinner raised over \$3,000.00 for our agency! We are so thankful for all the folks that donated and contributed to the success of our \$7 Day!

## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month our agency will be taking action by spreading awareness throughout the area. This campaign will include window paintings on the storefronts of local businesses. These window paintings will serve as a visual representation of the ways Bloomsburg and Danville are raising awareness. Additionally, the sidewalks in front of these buildings will be chalked down Main Street in Bloomsburg and Mill Street in Danville in recognition of street harassment; phrases and statistics will be included. Lastly, we will be organizing a poster campaign that will be featured in local bar restrooms that address sexual assault and bystander awareness. Finally, the Medical Advocacy Program will be coordinating Awareness Days at the local hospitals.

The national campaign's theme this year is "It's time to act. Safer campuses. Brighter futures. Prevent sexual violence" focusing on sexual assault prevention on college campuses across the USA. Projects we will be working on to foster this theme include helping Bloomsburg University organize and implement their annual Take Back the Night event for 2015.

***We're going paperless!***

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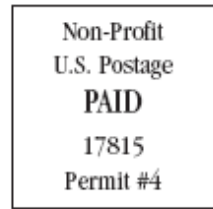
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