

## Quick Notes

### Summer maintenance help would be greatly appreciated!

As summer approaches, shelter is in need of volunteers to help with maintaining the outside of shelter, mowing the grass and weeding. We are looking for a volunteer willing to help out for about two hours per week! If interested, please contact our Volunteer Advocate at (570)-784-6632.

### Upcoming Events:

Celebrate Berwick Historical  
 Food Festival  
 Father's Day Photos  
 Resource Blitz  
 Summer Gateways  
 Board Dinner

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## Participating In #SAAM April Is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

During the month of April, we organized many different events throughout Columbia/Montour Counties to raise awareness for sexual assault. With the help of Bloomsburg University students we were able to organize our Paint the Town Teal campaign. Paint the Town Teal raises awareness for sexual assault by painting teal ribbons and sexual assault statistics around Bloomsburg, Buckhorn, and Danville. We distributed coffee sleeves and window clings to all businesses in the surrounding area. Both the coffee sleeves and window clings stated the following: "Believe and Support Survivors, Help, Hope and Healing." This year Bloomsburg University's Women's Resource Center helped us organize our campaign on campus as well. We also participated in The Clothesline Project held by Bloomsburg University. The Clothesline project raises awareness of violence against women. Each person is given a white t-shirt and they write information about sexual assault or help dispel myths about sexual assault. The shirt is then hung on a clothesline. The intention of the display is to honor survivors and act as a memorial for victims. It is also intended to aid in the healing process for those who were directly affected and those who have lost someone to violence.

*Pictured Below: All TWC staff created a t-shirt for the event.*



## EVENTS AT SHELTER

Over the last couple of months, we've been in the process of creating new groups and activities for our clients!

Activity Night is going well! This group is the 3rd Saturday of every month. In May, Activity Night included a popcorn machine, Zootopia and cupcakes!

Every Tuesday evening we offer a general discussion group called "Let's Talk about It". This discussion group allows room for our clients to talk openly with advocates and other clients about difficulties or just any issue that they would like to discuss.

Self-Compassion workshops are run on various dates and times for any of our participants.

In July, Shelly Tyson, Pampered Chef consultant, is going to start a cooking class for our clients!

In June, we are also in the process of starting a Yoga and Meditation class that will be held at Bloomsburg's YMCA and lead by Taylor Teichman and Vanessa Whitfield. This class will be open to all volunteers, staff members and participants.

**To attend group or help, please call our Volunteer Advocate at (570) 784-6632**

## Outreach Counseling

Bring our counseling services to a library, church, or community agency/business near you! It's no secret Columbia/Montour Counties can seem very rural at times. It's not always easy for participants to come to us, so we're attempting to expand our services to be closer to them!

We are now offering in-person, scheduled counseling services at several school districts in our area and at various outreach locations. These services are free for victims or significant others affected by domestic and sexual violence. If you have an appropriate space and think your business or area is in need of services, please contact us at (570)-784-6632.

## CHANGE THE CULTURE OPEN HOUSE

On April 29th, our legal office hosted an open house located at Grove Presbyterian Church in Danville to raise awareness about sexual assault.

During the open house, our legal advocates, Colleen McCollum and Amanda Vivacqua, planted a rosebush in remembrance of Will Russell, an advocate in the fight to end sexual assault.

Each person who attended the open house received a booklet created by our legal department which contained the stories of people who were victimized by sexual violence.

*Pictured below: Colleen McCollum and Amanda Vivacqua during the open house.*



## SUMMER GATEWAYS!

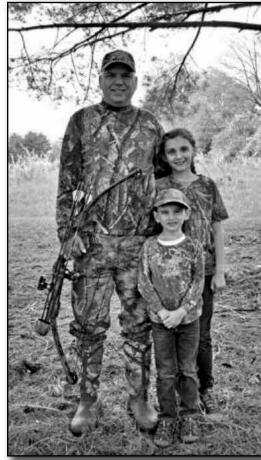


Our Child Outreach Advocate has created a fun filled Summer Gateways program this year! This year's theme is Sounds of Summer. There will be multiple interactive puppet shows including "Stranger Safety", "Touch Safety", "No More Bullies", and "Empathy". Every week the kiddos will learn about a different educational topic that follows up with a field trip. Some of the fun places include the Town Pool, the Bloomsburg Police Department, the Bloomsburg Library and Knoebels!

There's still time to enroll your child!  
**Please call (570)784-6631.**

# FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS!

Father's Day photography sessions are wrapping up! The Father's Day photo project is part of a national Father's Day campaign originated by PCADV. The project consists of staff members, clients, teachers, and community members, coming together to raise awareness about how men can help end domestic violence and sexual assault. Each father was asked questions regarding the importance of raising children in a non-violent environment. Be on the lookout for our billboards promoting the campaign!



*Far left: Craig Bressler & Daughter Harper*

*Middle: Jay Lewis and Son Jaxon*

*Far right: Mike Williams, Son Michael and Daughter Mikaela*

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