

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:

Participant Holiday Party
Stalking Awareness Month
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Columbia and Montour Counties"



REMEMBER MY NAME

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In honor of domestic violence survivors in our community, The Women's Center, Inc. held the event Remember My Name. The event was a Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil and Reception that took place on Wednesday, October 14, 2015.

The vigil began at 6:00pm with an introduction to our Keynote speaker, Dr. Shavonne Shorter. Dr. Shorter is a native of Maryland and currently works as an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Communication Studies at Bloomsburg University. She specializes in Organizational Communication and enjoys teaching courses such as Small Group Communication and Interpersonal Communication. Dr. Shorter spoke about the topic of Domestic Violence in the African American community, specifically the silence surrounding the issue that effects millions of women's lives each day. She also addressed how the intersections of oppressions based on issues such as race, gender, class, and sexual orientation can work to silence victims. She concluded with important information about how we can all work together to help eradicate domestic violence in our own homes and communities.

Following the Keynote Address our Executive Director, Zabrina Finn, read the names of domestic violence victims in Columbia and Montour Counties who had lost their life due to domestic violence. The event was followed by a brief reception that included free refreshments and highlighted past advocacy work performed by the agency.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, or helped make food for the event.



Audience members listen to Dr. Shorter's Keynote Address.



Dr. Shavonne Shorter

Thank You to our Donors!

Chi Alpha Epsilon

A big thank you to the ladies of Chi Alpha Epsilon who donated canned goods to help restock our food pantry!



Greatest Scavenger Hunt the World Has Ever Seen!

Every now and then we get to take part in some pretty cool donation efforts! Thanks Sarah Swank who created and donated a dog made entirely out of feminine hygiene products as part of her participation in The Greatest International Scavenger Hunt the World Has Ever Seen.



In Memory of Paulie Torres

A special thank you to the friends, family, and significant others of Paulie Torres who donated an entire chest of toys to our Shelter in honor of his memory.



FALL FEST

Every Fall, our Child Outreach Advocate organizes a Fall Festival for all of the children we currently have staying in our Shelter facility and any outside participants that utilize our services.

This year children got to play games such as pumpkin ring toss, enjoy some fall food, participate in cupcake decorating, face painting, our coloring station, and before the end of the day “Leaf” their Mark on Domestic Violence. An interactive tree we created in the backyard.



One of our fun outdoor Fall games!



Our interactive “Leaf” Your Mark on Domestic Violence Tree

HOLIDAY SEASON: DONATIONS NEEDED

Our annual Holiday Participant Party is an annual tradition, which will be held Wednesday, December 9th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Each year we invite our participants to the Caldwell Consistory for a night of fun! Each attendee is served with a scrumptious holiday meal. We sing holiday carols and then Santa Claus arrives just in time for all of the kids to get a picture and a gift.

This year we’re looking for 40+ volunteers to help us make this night a success, please consider donating your time! Contact our Volunteer Advocate at (570)-784-6632, if you’re interested.

Additionally we are looking for toy donations to help some of our families in need!

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Our Annual Anniversary Luncheon took place on Thursday, October 29th from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Pine Barn Inn in Danville. The luncheon is organized each year to thank community members who have engaged in extraordinary advocacy efforts on behalf of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

This year's awardees included Dr. Shiloh Erdley, Melissa Bresenhan, RN, Olivia Greene, Taylor Teichman, Sergeant Chris Prescott, and Matthew James. In addition to the plaques they received from our agency, each of the awardees received a congressional certificate from Congressman Lou Barletta for their efforts to help victims. Thank you and congratulations to all of this year's awardees and nominees.



Pictured above: Our 2015 awardees and nominees in attendance at our Annual Anniversary Luncheon.

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THANK YOU!