



Our Fall 2016 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.

Upcoming Events:

Bloomsburg Nationals Car Show

Agape Palooza

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Purple Ribbon Campaign

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Our Child Outreach Advocate planned and executed an AMAZING Summer Gateways Program for our child client's. Each week the summer camp commenced with the reading of a different Dr. Seuss book. The book theme determined the educational topic for the day; for instance, Humanity (taking care of our Earth): *The Lorax*, Bullying: *Horton Hears a Who*, Healthy Choices: *Green Eggs and Ham*, Authority, Power and Control: *Yertle the Turtle*, Confidence, Moving Forward: *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, Following Rules: *Cat in the Hat*, Respecting Boundaries: *Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now*, Appreciation for what we have: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Additionally, there were several amazing summer trips planned this year including Kidsburg, Reptile land, Bloomsburg Children's Museum, Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine, Town Park, Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Bloomsburg Town Pool, and Knoebels!



Above: Parakeet Landing at Reptile Land!



Above: A healthy dose of green eggs and ham!

Thank you to our donors!

Resource Blitz

One community member helped organize a resource blitz for our agency in May. P. Rilee Benjamin put an amazing amount of effort into drafting flyers and handouts and securing participation of Beiter's Dept. Store and Ferry Street Grower's Market. Additionally he helped garner volunteers to help with the project and advertised throughout Montour County. All of his hard work resulted in an outpouring of donations from the community.



NCSTU

A huge thank you to the Girls Reed Unit at North Central Secure Treatment Unit and especially Timothy Sebastian, Rinatta Knittle 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!

Summer Interns

This year we were fortunate to have a great group of summer interns again.

Kyle Cosoleto-Miller came to us from Bloomsburg University's Social Work Department. He was completing his 80 hr IPE requirement. During his time with the agency he volunteered in every department—medical, legal, education, volunteer, and children's programming. Since completing his internship he has gone on to volunteer for the rest of the Summer Gateways Program and has volunteered in our Legal Dept.

Boe Kline is a Communications student at Bloomsburg University. She interned in our shelter, education, and medical advocacy departments. She helped update our Resource Binder, completely re-vamp and revitalize our hands-on shelter training for volunteers, interns, and staff and helped clean out our Shelter. She was fantastic!

Amber Grayson was a Legal Intern and a Criminal Justice student at Bloomsburg University. She helped the legal department file PFAs, hosted a Mani's and Mimosas event at Shelter, drafted legal information packets and helped organize our 911 phones.

Stacy Gaugler was a medical advocacy and children's programming intern from Liberty University. During her time with the agency she helped design a bulletin board for Geisinger Medical Center, visited numerous medical clinics in the Bloomsburg area, volunteered with our summer gateways program and shadowed several medical advocacy trainings.

We will very sad to see our interns go this year! They were a great asset to our agency and we couldn't have done it without them!



Mani's and Mimosas

In July, our Legal Intern hosted a self-care night for some of our women in Shelter. She designed the event, as well as helped organize volunteers and advertised the program to our clients. The night included snacks, manicures, mocktails and pampering for our female clients. A children's event was also organized during this time so that moms could de-stress and kids could participate in children's programming with our Child Outreach Advocate.



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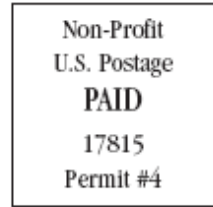
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