

Quick Notes

Ultimate Motorhead Show

This May the Ultimate Motorhead club will host their Annual Ultimate Motorhead Car Show again. The event will take place at the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds throughout the weekend of May 16, 17, and 18. The proceeds from the Car Show will benefit The Women's Center, Inc. and The Animal Resource Center! So come down to the fairgrounds, check out some classic cars, grab some food, stop at our Chinese Auction table, and enjoy the sunshine.

Upcoming Events:

Ultimate Motorhead Show

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Ride for Shelter

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month



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MOCK RAPE TRIAL AWARENESS EVENT

For the first time since 2006, The Women's Center hosted a Mock Rape Trial that was held on April 10th, 2014. The event took place at the Columbia County Courthouse on 35 West Main Street, Bloomsburg, PA. This dramatization provided a unique bird's eye view of the criminal prosecution of a sexual assault case. Similar to a real criminal trial in Columbia County, prosecution was pursued by Assistant District Attorney Daniel P. Lynn, Esquire, defense presented by Attorney Alvin J. Luschas, Esquire; furthermore, the Honorable Gary Norton presided over the mock proceedings. A jury deliberated for fifteen minutes after both the Prosecution and Defense presented their closing statements. The jury found the Defendant not guilty on all four counts. The proceedings were followed by an informal audience discussion.

The event included the following cast members:

Defense Team:

Atty. Alvin J. Luschas, Esq.
Matthew Gilbert
Justin DeArmitt
Samantha Phillips-Norton

Prosecution:

Asst. District Atty. Daniel P. Lynn, Esq.
Ashley Abrams
Deborah Flippen
Officer Melanie Readler
Tara Miller

All proceedings were presided over by the Honorable Judge Gary E. Norton.



The jury listens to Attorney Lynn's opening statement.

Legal Intern, Ashley Abrams, who played the role of the victim, testifies.



Notable Volunteers in the Community



Abby Henrichs, a middle school student working to receive her "Silver Award" for her Girl Scout troupe, spent almost 50 hours creating hand-made unique pillow designs for our Shelter. She created a variety of pillows ranging from kid-friendly to adult.

Pictured above is Abby and our Executive Director, Zabrina Finn, with just some of the many beautiful designs Abby created. Thank you SO much for your donation, time, and amazing effort!

*Thank
you*

Thank you, PennDOT!

Another special thank you goes out to PennDOT, who donated gifts during the Holiday season. It really made the season much better for all of the children that received them!

Thank you so much!

RIDE FOR SHELTER

This summer The Women's Center, Inc. is gearing up to support Tri-County A.B.A.T.E.'s (Alliance of Bikers Aimed Towards Education) Ride for Shelter event. This event is a wonderful community awareness and FUNdraising event.

Proceeds from the Ride will go to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault via The Women's Center, Inc. The cost to attend the ride is \$10. Registration will begin at 9am at Phil's Cracker Barrel in Catawissa where the ride will commence. It will conclude after a 100 mile ride at the Millville American Legion, Post 564.

Throughout the ride, participants will have the opportunity to purchase 50/50 tickets as well as take part in the poker run if they are interested. Following the ride, prizes will be given out for the 50/50 raffle and all registered participants are invited to a meal, which is free to all registered participants. This year our Grand Prize will be the "Man Cave Grand Prize Pack" courtesy of Vreeland's Harley Davidson in Bloomsburg, **valued at over \$500!**

For more information about the ride, purchasing raffle tickets, or if you would like to donate something please contact The Women's Center, Inc. at **(570)-784-6632**



Volunteer Training Class

We are in the midst of yet another wonderful Spring Volunteer Training Class. This will be our last volunteer training class that will be offered only in class. Starting next fall we will be revamping our Volunteer Training Curriculum to offer online modules, to supplement some of our in class coursework. It will offer more flexibility for volunteers and allow volunteers with more strict schedules the opportunity to take the course. We look forward to this new and exciting development. If you have been thinking about volunteering or are currently volunteering and would like to know what events we have coming up or how to get involved, please contact our **Volunteer Advocate at (570)-784-6632.**

HAPPENINGS AT SHELTER

Participant Birthday Parties



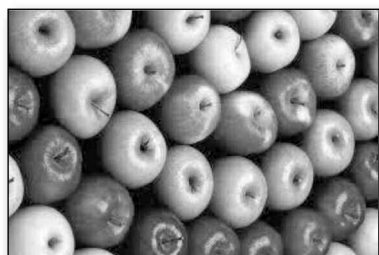
Recently, The Women's Center has begun hosting monthly birthday parties for all agency participants and children whose birthdays fall in the appropriate month. These birthday parties may include birthday cake, small presents for the children who attend and birthday decorations. It is an effort to keep in touch with participants as well as offer an enjoyable and relaxing way for participants to feel special during their birthday month!

Birthday parties will continue to take place each month. If you would like to volunteer to help out at our birthday parties or other monthly events, you can contact our Volunteer Advocate at (570)-784-6632. If you would like to donate supplies or inquire about more information if you are a participant, please call our Shelter at (570)-784-6631.

DID YOU KNOW TWC HAS A FOOD PANTRY?

Whether our participants need peanut butter or spaghetti noodles we can give a little extra help filling client's pantries this week and every week! If someone has used our services then our food pantry is available to them. Simple as that!

If you or someone you know has utilized our services and is experiencing a food shortage/difficulty purchasing food OR you are interested in donating to our food pantry please call:
(570)-784-6631 or (570)-784-6632
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