

Immediate Volunteers Needed!

The shelter is always looking for those who are able to provide light maintenance help, such as painting! Volunteers are also needed for tabling at outreach events and to provide crisis hotline coverage.

If interested, please contact our Volunteer Advocate at (570)-784-6632.

Upcoming Events:

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Purple Purse Campaign

Purple Purse Fundraising Event

Fall Festival

www.thewomenscenterinc.org

OR

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NEWS

designating October as DVAM.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and The Allstate Foundation is teaming up with other organizations in order to raise both awareness and money for those who suffer from financial abuse with the Purple Purse Campaign. The primary reason that domestic violence survivors stay in the situations that they are in is because of the lack of financial resources that they have.

National, state and local organizations who provide services to domestic violence survivors are allowed to apply, and The Women's Center of Columbia & Montour will be joining in again this year to help raise money!

The Purple Purse Challenge begins on October 2nd at 12 p.m. ET.

Donations can be made to the page listed below. In addition, a Purple Purse Fundraising Event will be held on Saturday, October 21st.

Donations:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/womens-center-purplepurse2017>



Purple Purse

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Thank You to Our Donors!

Baby Shower Drive

In February, The Women's Center hosted a baby shower drive in Columbia and Montour Counties. A total of \$555 was donated by Walmart, Giant, Weis, First Keystone and First Columbia. This went towards a new portable crib, 3 highchairs, and 4 Pack 'n Plays for the shelter. A huge thank you to these companies and to everyone else who donated other essential baby products towards our cause!



Thank You to NCSTU!

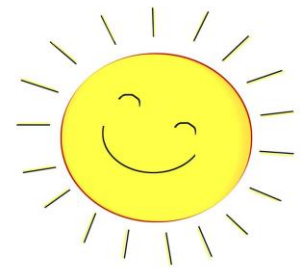
A huge thank you to the female residents of the Green Building at North Central Secure Treatment Unit and especially Timothy Sebastian and Amy Balascik who helped coordinator lunches for our Summer Gateways program. NCSTU supplied and put together all of the lunches for the duration of our Summer Gateways Program! Thanks to the efforts and donations of NCSTU staff and residents, our children received free lunches throughout the whole summer. Uniform lunches help affirm that all students have access to a nutritional lunch, but also remove additional financial burdens on our families!

Summer Gateways Program

Once again this summer, we held our Summer Gateways Program, which is an eight week summer day camp where the children meet once a week for almost a full day. This program combines community involvement with structured activities to provide an educational and fun experience! Children are encouraged to be creative, to interact cooperatively and to express their individuality.

Our Child Outreach Advocate planned and executed an amazing Summer Gateways Program for our child client's this year with the theme being Sounds of Summer. Each week, a different theme was executed. These themes included; Safety, Making Healthy Choices/Forming Good Habits, Emotions, Language, Communication, Learning About Others, Expressing Yourself and Friendship.

Additionally, there were several amazing summer field trips planned this year including the Police Department and Fire Department, the Town Pool, Rohrbach's Farm, the Children's Museum, the Bloomsburg Library, the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Box of Light Studios and Knoebel's! The children enjoyed t
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What's Happening at the Shelter?

- On August 4th, Carnival Day was held at the shelter for the residents and other outside participants! This day was planned to bring everyone together to play some games, have some fun and to celebrate the summer coming to an end.
- On August 1st, Shelly Tyson, a Pampered Chef Consultant, held a cooking class demonstration on how to make easy summer dishes! There will be another holiday themed demonstration on November 21st at 6 p.m.
- On August 25th from 6-8pm, a back to school picnic was held at the shelter. There was plenty of food and fun! School supplies, such as pencils, pens and folders were provided to all of the children who attended!
- Once a month, birthday parties will be thrown for all participants who have their birthdays fall within that month! These parties will include cake, decorations and gifts, and they will be a ton of fun!



Above: Fun at the carnival!



Above: Crafts at the carnival!

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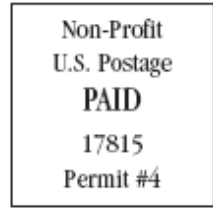
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