our thoughts

“It is clear that the way to heal society of its violence and lack of love is to replace the pyramid of domination with the circle of equality and respect.”

-Manitonquat

Throughout the year we traverse the community, speaking about, advocating for and supporting your efforts to end domestic and sexual violence. Each opportunity we get to spend time with you; our Columbia and Montour county community members and families, we are reminded of the important role you played in the history of the domestic and sexual violence movement.

It all began when a group of concerned community members—just like you—met around a simple kitchen table and decided it was time that violence against women and children in their communities stop. From that kitchen table the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) was born in 1976. It was not only the first organized effort of its kind in Pennsylvania but it was also the first of its kind anywhere in the nation. They were brave. They were visionaries. They became the founding Mothers and Fathers of this movement and we are grateful for their dedication and determination.

We are also grateful to you; Columbia and Montour counties, for your visionary efforts, steadfastness, and bravery. You created The Women’s Center, which is one of the first domestic violence crisis centers in the state. A short time later you became one of the first counties to formally join PCADV. You helped create the first successful legislation that made the rights of victims a state priority. You gave your time and energy to run one of the first 24 hour hotlines. Before there was a shelter you opened your homes to provide a safe haven for victims and their children. You were one of the first in the state to convince a healthcare system to adopt universal screening of patients for domestic and sexual violence.

Columbia and Montour counties—you have always been on the cutting edge. You have always been clear that the rights of victims of domestic and sexual violence are a priority to you. You set the standard for others to do the same. The Women’s Center has been your vehicle but you have been the driver.

We are grateful every day for your generosity, fearlessness and continued dedication to your mission of ending domestic violence and sexual assault in Columbia and Montour counties. We are in awe of your passion. And we are proud to serve you.

Zabrina Finn
Executive Director

twc accomplishments 2013

• In collaboration with the Columbia County VOCA Policy Board and area police officers, honored Officer Melanie Readler from Bloomsburg Police Department, Officer Jimmie Hill of the Benton Police Department, Officer Scott Sienkiewicz of the Berwick Police Department, and Frances Fraley, Columbia County Victim Witness Coordinator with an award for their work with victims of domestic violence.

• Clean financial review with absolutely no findings for the 13th consecutive year.

• Volunteers donated 5,205.76 volunteer hours to the mission of The Women’s Center, Inc. Valued at the minimum wage of $7.25 per hour this represents nearly $37,741.76 of salary donation!

• Hosted Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault vigils and events promoting domestic and sexual violence awareness in Columbia and Montour communities.

• Hosted an event in participation with One Billion Rising, which became the largest global day of activism for women’s rights ever, with 207 countries participating all over the world.

• Held our 39th anniversary luncheon recognizing professionals and community members for their outstanding contributions in response to domestic and sexual violence in Columbia and Montour counties.

• Partnered with local community professionals including Geisinger Health System, PennDOT, and Jamison City Hotel to deliver gifts to families during the holiday season.

• Held our Annual Christmas Party with staff and 48 volunteers serving 69 participants and their children. The event featured a home-cooked meal of chicken breast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert. Every child was also presented a stuffed animal along with gifts from Santa.

• Hosted summer Gateways program with 25 children enrolled. Enjoyed field trips to the Town Pool and Park, Montour Preserve, Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine, and Knoebels Grove Amusement Park. The children learned about cooperation, safety, non-violent problem solving, communication and boundaries.

• Raised $15,862 through our 2013 Annual Giving Campaign.

• Purchase of grocery gift cards available on website at www.thewomenscenterinc.org. Weis and Giant gift card fundraiser raising nearly $55,302.00 in donations.

• Raised $4,820.20 through e-bay store selling under the name “peaceineveryhome.”

• Raised nearly $15,057.44 in total donations.

• Partnered with Columbia County Housing Authority to provide transitional housing to 4 women and 7 children through our Bridge Housing program.
- **1,145 Participants**
  - Domestic Violence: 609
    - Adults: 364
    - Children: 142
    - Significant Others: 155
  - Sexual Assault: 536
    - Adults: 137
    - Children: 17
    - Significant Others: 85

- **16,987.66 counseling hours**
  - Domestic Violence: 11,415.11
  - Sexual Assault: 5,572.55

- **4,793 shelter days**
  - Adults: 2,397
  - Children: 2,396

- **120 protection from abuse petitions**
  - Columbia: 87
  - Montour: 33

- **5,205.76 volunteer hours**
  - Direct Service Hrs: 2,677.96
  - Indirect Service Hrs: 2,527.80

- **2,048 hotline calls**
  - Domestic Violence: 1,290
  - Sexual Assault: 758

- **35,536 served by community outreach**
  - Columbia County:
    - Community: 99 People
    - Professionals: 94 People
    - Schools: 176 People
  - Montour County:
    - Community: 62 People
    - Professionals: 214 People
    - Schools: 123 People

- **$732,654 expenses**
  - Program Service: $584,651
  - Management and General: $144,365
  - Fundraising: $3,638
  (expenses & revenue based on TWC Fiscal Year)

- **$760,666 revenue**
  - Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence: $384,449
  - Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape: $109,071
  - Other Government Funding: $128,741
  - Local Support: $117,321
  - Fundraising: $20,668
  - Investment Return: $416

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