October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence held a “Day of Unity” in October 1981. This evolved into Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and in 1989, the U.S. Congress passed a law 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 and end on October 31st at 1:59 p.m. Donations can be made to the page listed below.

Donations:

Immediate Volunteers Needed!
Our agency 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
44th Anniversary Luncheon- October 25th
25th Anniversary of Medical Advocacy Program

www.thewomenscenterinc.org
OR
Visit us on Facebook at “The Women’s Center, Inc. of Columbia and Montour Counties”
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 Celebrate our Smarts. Each week, a different theme was executed. These themes included; word, logic, picture, music, self, people, nature, and body smarts.

Additionally, there were several amazing summer field trips planned this year including the Washington Fire and Hose Company, Bloom Bounce, the Children’s Museum, Rohrbach’s, Bloomsburg Public Library, Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Bloomsburg Town Park and Knoebel’s! The children enjoyed themselves, and it was a fun summer!

Saige Treon and Gabriella Gonzalez Jenkins are bright, sweet 5th grade girls who love to dance, have fun, and enjoy helping their community and friends out whenever they can. Over the past school year, the girls decided they wanted to raise money to help others. They were thinking of everything and anything they could sell and/or donate. In the end, they decided the best way to make the biggest impact would be to donate their money to the Bloomsburg Women’s Center, Inc.

On Sat June 22nd, 2018, Gabriella and Saige awoke early and helped their parents set up for the big day. The evening before they made cupcakes and brownies to go with the hotdogs and water and some other goodies they were excited to offer. The girls sold clothes, books, household items, and stuffed animals/toys. They placed signs around local businesses as well as hung posters at some popular spots. From their local friends and community members who decided to take a drive over and shop, the girls were able to have a fun day and raised $110.00 for the Women’s Center, Inc.
Numidia Event
In June, The Women’s Center, Inc. hosted a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing at the Numidia Dragway. Over 20 businesses and individuals from Columbia and Montour counties donated items that helped make up 15 baskets. With the help of all these donations we were able to raise over $500 and educate our community about our mission.

What’s Happening?

- Self-Care Group- Monday nights from 6-7 p.m.
- Movie/TV Group- Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m.
- Boundaries Group- Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m.
- Yoga Group- Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Yoga mats will be provided.
- Legal Group- Fridays from 4-5 p.m.

For more information on any of these groups, please contact The Women’s Center, Inc. at (570)-784-6631.

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The Women’s Center, Inc.
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The Women's Center would like to extend a sincere Thank You to all of the generous businesses, organizations and community members who have made contributions to help us better serve victims and their children:

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