



WELCOME TO OUR

# Spring Newsletter

*we're so glad you're here!*

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month–April:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual abuse, harassment, and assault and educate communities about how to be involved in prevention.

This year's SAAM campaign theme, Building Connected Communities, calls on each of us to work together to prevent sexual abuse, harassment, and assault. We believe when anyone experiences sexual violence, very community member is affected. We must strive to build more connected, respectful, and inclusive communities to promote our collective well-being and protect against the risk of sexual violence. We believe all of our communities will be safer and stronger by making them more equitable for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations, races and ethnic backgrounds, ages, faiths, and abilities.

Statistics show:

- Over 53% of women and over 29% of men reported experiencing contact sexual violence in their lifetime (Chen, et al., 2023).
- Most women and men across all sexual identities who experienced contact sexual violence reported that the person who harmed them was someone they knew (Chen, et al., 2023).
- More than 1 and 4 non-Hispanic Black women (29%) in the United States were raped in their lifetime (Basile et al., 2022).
- 1 in 3 Hispanic women (34.8%) reported unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime (Basile et al., 2022)
- More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime (Rosay, 2016)
- 32.9% of adults with intellectual disabilities have experienced sexual violence (Tomsa et al., 2021).
- 47% of all transgender people have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives (James et al., 2016).

As such, we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others to end sexual violence.

The Building Connected Communities campaign is an opportunity for our community to join with others around the world in committing to prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.

# Upcoming Events



**APRIL  
2**

*Clothesline Project in  
Collaboration with  
Commonwealth  
University, Bloomsburg  
Campus, located on the  
Quad*

**APRIL  
5-12**

*What I Wore Display-  
Geisinger Danville  
Atrium Cafe*

**APRIL  
8-15**

*Clothesline Project-  
Geisinger Bloomsburg  
Hospital Entrance*

**APRIL  
12 & 15**

*10AM-2PM,  
Medical advocacy  
Information tables  
12th- Geisinger Main  
Campus Cafeteria  
15th- Geisinger  
Bloomsburg Hospital  
Entrance*

**APRIL  
17**

*6PM  
Visit our table at  
Commonwealth  
University, Bloomsburg  
Campus's Take Back  
the Night Event!*

**APRIL  
20**

*10AM-5PM  
Visit our table at the  
Mini Makers Faire at the  
Bloomsburg Children's  
Museum!*

**APRIL  
22**

*1-3PM  
Visit our table at  
Commonwealth  
University, Bloomsburg  
Campus's Pride on the  
Patio*

**APRIL  
26**

*9AM-2PM  
Visit us at  
Commonwealth  
University, Bloomsburg  
Campus's Health Fair-  
Kehr Union*

**APRIL  
MONTH  
LONG**

*Survivor Impact Stories-  
Located at Local  
Business in Columbia &  
Montour Counties*

*Geisinger Main Campus  
lights up blue!*

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2024-  
Building Connected Communities**

24 hour hotline: (570)-784-6631  
or toll free at 1-800-544-8293





# Cash Bingo!

**SUNDAY  
MAY  
19TH**

**DOORS  
OPEN @  
12PM**

**GAMES  
START  
@ 2PM**

**TICKETS  
\$20**

**BLOOMSBURG FIRE HALL,  
911 MARKET STREET, BLOOMSBURG PA**



*Will also have basket raffles, and food available for purchase during the event.*

*\*Individuals wanting to purchase tickets can call our Administrative Building (570)-784-6632, open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.\**

# Save the Date!



## We Are Hiring!

- Sexual Violence Counselor/Advocate

Visit our website to learn more about our open positions.

Visit [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) to apply today!

## Children's Advocacy Program:

The Women's Center's Child Outreach Advocate works closely with children who have been sexually, emotionally, or physically abused or who have witnessed abuse. In addition to dealing with safety issues, staff try to counter the many negative effects of violence in the child's life. Overall, we provide an atmosphere of trust and respect by encouraging non-violent, non-sexist behavior.

The Children's Program seeks to support and empower children to build self-esteem, express themselves, and develop problem solving and coping skills

# Donor Spotlight

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If you love our mission and would like to become a donor, visit our website at <https://www.thewomenscenterinc.org/support-us>

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## Donations Needed:

- New adult athletic wear and children's clothing
- Hygiene items
- Cleaning supplies

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### Women's Center Contact Info:

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