



# Community Crisis Center

## Crisis Line 847-697-2380

*Serving the Community since 1975*

July/August 2018

We provide Safety, Hope, Advocacy, Respite and Education for those impacted by crisis and violence in the Fox Valley Region and Illinois.

### Community Crisis Center Staff & Board President Receive Community Awards

Board President **Keith Brill** received the **D. Ray Wilson Volunteer Service Award** on May 9, 2018. Presented annually by Judson University, this award is given to the candidate who has contributed to the greater good within the Elgin community by voluntarily serving others' physical, emotional, intellectual or spiritual needs.



Keith works as a comptroller for Clad-Rex Steel in Franklin Park. In 29 years with the Community Crisis, Keith has served on the Board of Directors as Vice-President,

Treasurer and now President. He has participated on many of the Crisis Center's committees, managed the resale shop, and currently assists with the annual Spring Benefit Auction.

In addition to his work with Community Crisis Center, he has worked with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Elgin Junior Achievement, Habitat for Humanity, Children's Theatre of Elgin, and computer labs for YWCA-Volunteer Adult Education and Family Literacy Technology.

Keith also assisted with the United Way's Day of Caring, assisted with Elgin Area School District U-46's Career Day, Jane Shower Easter Seals Telethon and Big Brothers Big Sisters. For 26 years he has served as a volunteer tax preparer for the elderly.

**Dr. Kimberly Schellin-Rog**, Coordinator of the Domestic Violence Program at the Community Crisis Center, was chosen by the YWCA to receive the **2018 Marie Grolich Award for Social Service** at their May 10th luncheon.

Kim has been a staff member of the Community Crisis Center since 2002, beginning as an abuse intervention counselor. In 2008 she was promoted to the position of Coordinator of the Sexual Assault Program and in 2012 became the Coordinator of the Domestic Violence Program. Kim coordinates and implements training programs for law enforcement, legal, medical and other service providers and conducts training for staff and professionals regarding Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, Stalking, Human Trafficking, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse. She also is an adjunct professor at Elgin Community College and Judson University.



Kim exemplifies the qualities of a good leader. She is respectful of every individual, listens to the concerns and needs of clients and staff, encourages growth and strives to meet clinical and ethical standards, all in a professional yet caring manner. Kim has committed herself to the field of women's rights and eradicating violence against women.

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#### Thanks Jack!

Our community lost a good friend in January of this year with the passing of John S. "Jack" Shales. A life-long Elgin resident, business owner and community philanthropist, Jack touched the lives of many including the Crisis Center. We miss the unannounced visits to our agency, the smile, warm hand shake and the spirited, "Hi, how ya doing?" We remember his zest for life, respect for others and dedication to helping the community. We will honor his memory by being part of the solution to improving our community, working hard and realizing we cannot do it alone..

Thanks, Jack. You will be missed.

# Hospital Advocates—Dedicated Volunteers

When a survivor of either sexual assault or domestic violence comes into a hospital emergency room, often alone, it can be a frightening and traumatizing time.

Enter the Hospital Advocate. Hospital Advocates are trained volunteers with Community Crisis Center, Inc., having received 40 hours of training in both domestic violence and sexual assault, and having observed experienced advocates on several calls.

Once trained, volunteers sign up for a minimum of three 12 hour on-call shifts per month. If called, Hospital Advocates travel to Advocate Sherman or Presence Saint Joseph in Elgin, or Northwestern Medical Delnor Hospital in Geneva immediately to stay with the survivor and assist them during their time of trauma. These calls can come at any time during the night or the day.

These dedicated volunteers provide confidential assistance to the survivor, helping them to assess their safety and offering available help to keep them safe. Hospital Advocates bring with them information on where and how to get counseling, legal advocacy and other services from the Crisis Center. They are also there to provide comfort



and demonstrate to the survivor that someone cares about what has happened to them. The Hospital Advocate is a reassuring voice for the survivor that whatever happened is the fault of the abuser, and that the survivor has nothing to feel guilty about.

If the patient requests, Crisis Center staff will contact them and again offer Crisis Center services.

The Crisis Center is always in need of volunteers with a passion to help survivors of violence. If you are interested in this vital service to survivors in our community, please apply by [clicking here](#) for a volunteer application, or by visiting the Community Crisis Center Volunteer page at [www.crisiscenter.com](http://www.crisiscenter.com) under the Donate tab. Training sessions for 2019 will be announced soon.

Applications can be printed out and mailed to:

Community Crisis Center  
Attn: Melissa Owens, Volunteer Coordinator  
P.O. Box 1390, Elgin, IL 60121-1390

For more information call Melissa Owens at: 847-742-4088 ext. 152



## Zanies Fundraiser!

**Date:** Friday, August 10, 2018, 8:00 pm

**Where:** Zanies Comedy Club  
Pheasant Run Resort  
St. Charles, IL 60134

**Cost:** \$25.00 — (\$20.00 value to Community Crisis Center)  
Two menu item minimum purchase required during the show.

**\*\*click here to email:**  
[ksheppard@crisiscenter.org](mailto:ksheppard@crisiscenter.org)

**Call 847-742-4088  
for more  
information.**

**Please Note: This is an Adults Only (21 or over) event.**

**Tickets available ONLY through the Crisis Center**

# Thank You

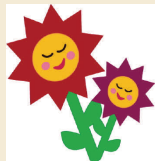
## Your gifts support our mission.

*We couldn't do it without you.*

**Alpha Delta Kappa Psi Elgin**  
**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Endowment Elgin**  
**DHS Emergency Transitional Housing Program**  
**Dundee Township Lions Club**  
**Elgin Cooperative Ministry**  
**Elgin Township Summer Youth Program**  
**Elgin Township Transportation Grant**  
**Emergency Food & Shelter Program Phase 35**  
**First Congregational Church Endowment - Elgin**  
**Glen Ellyn Storage Corp. Go Minis**

**Harvey & Ethel Daeumer Foundation**  
**Kane County Riverboat Grant**  
**Kiwanis Elgin**  
**Kiwanis Elgin Golden Ks**  
**Kiwanis St. Charles**  
**Levi Strauss Foundation**  
**Midwest Office Interiors**  
**St. Anne's Church Caring & Sharing Grant**  
**TJX Foundation**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin**  
**United Way Elgin**  
**Women's Club of Inverness**

## Spring Volunteers



### Sow Little Thyme Garden Club

The Sow Little Thyme Garden Club holds a Perennial Plant Sale in May of each year and the proceeds benefit the Crisis Center grounds. The club also provides the workforce for a spring and fall clean-up, as well as the designing and regular maintenance of our gardens. Thank you to all Club members!

### Levi Strauss & Co. - Schaumburg Community Service Day May 3, 2018

19 Levi employees spent the day at the Crisis Center cleaning up our outside property and organizing our food & supply areas.



Levi Strauss Employees after a hard days' work

### Elgin Community College Big Event May 18, 2018

Four ECC students and employees spent several hours organizing our Winter Coat Closet.



ECC volunteers & CCC staff.

Want to volunteer? Contact Melissa Owens at 847-742-4088 ext. 152 or email [mowens@crisiscenter.org](mailto:mowens@crisiscenter.org)

# Summer Needs list:

## Our greatest need is toiletries and personal care items:

Body wash (no bar soap please)  
 Shampoo & conditioner  
 Hand/body lotion  
 Deodorant for men & women  
 Disposable razors  
 Toothbrushes & toothpaste  
 Lip balm

Regular and travel sizes are welcome.

## Appreciated food items include:

Canned fruit  
 Canned meat meals  
 Cereal/oatmeal  
 Peanut Butter & Jelly  
 Macaroni & Cheese  
 Pinto beans, dry 1# bags  
 Pork & Beans  
 Saltine crackers

Soup/Ramen noodles  
 Spaghetti pasta 1# bags  
 Spaghetti/marinara sauce  
 Spaghetti type canned items  
 Tuna  
 White rice 1# bag/box  
 Can Openers



*Remember our homeless clients need small servings with easy open lids.*

## Calendar

### Drop-In Domestic Violence Support Groups:

#### Community Crisis Center

Thurs 7:00-9:00 pm English

\*Wed. 6:00-8:00 pm Spanish

\*Fri. 9:00-10:30 am

(Expressive Art) English

#### St. Charles Police Dept.

Sat 9:00-11 am. English

\*Childcare Provided

### Fundraisers

**August 10 — Zanies — contact Kari Albert-Sheppard for more information.**  
 ksheppard@crisiscenter.org

### Other Events

- **August 20-24 — Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Training**
- **September 20-22 — 20 hour PAIP Training**
- **October — Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- **October 5 — Partners in Peace Awards Breakfast**
- **October 25 — Domestic Violence Awareness Month rally and vigil**

## Project Backpack—2018

Community Crisis Center is working with other community organizations to provide school supplies for students who need them. Distribution Day is Saturday August 12, 9:00 am at Elgin Community College Spartan Events Center 1700 Spartan Dr. Bldg. H, Elgin.

We will be collecting the following items:

- Folders (2 pockets, solid color only)
- Spiral Notebooks (one subject, wide rule, solid colors)
- Loose Leaf Filler Paper (150-200 count-wide rule)
- Pencils (10 count standard #2, yellow wood)
- Black Pens
- Scissors (gender neutral color)
- Glue Sticks (0.21 oz)
- Rulers (wood or gender-neutral color)
- Crayons (24-pack/Crayola preferred)
- Gender-neutral backpacks

For more detailed information, about project backpack, including a way to donate money, or volunteer, go to <http://project-backpack.org/>

**Note:** Backpack recipients must demonstrate residency or school enrollment within ECC's boundaries.

