

Community Crisis Center



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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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Thank You for the "Spring Gala" Support

Our 27th annual auction fundraiser was held March 8th at the Q Center in St. Charles. The event, co-chaired by Dan & Karen Fox and organized by CCC Events Coordinator Karina Albert-Sheppard, was a spirited success.

Over 275 Guests enjoyed the much-needed spring décor and accompanying music, while enjoying a delicious meal and viewing and bidding on hun-

dreds of silent and live auction items. Tickets to sporting events, antiques, specialty toys, restful getaways and entertainment packages were among the exciting items. Terry Dunning again delighted us with his skill and elegance auctioning off 25 live auction items.

Guests participated in a "Wine Pull" which provided a chance of winning a bottle of wine valued from \$10 to \$100. Mitch Esterino led the crowd in a rousing game of "Heads or Tails" with an ending that caught everyone by surprise!

Many thanks to all who made this fun evening possible: committee members, staff, donors, and guests.



The tables are set and ready for the 27th Annual Auction guests to arrive.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activities

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

6-8:30 pm

“Take Back the Night”

Seigle Auditorium
Building E
Elgin Community College

Speakers:

- ◆ Michael D. Hoffman author of “Acts of Recovery: The Story of One Man’s On-going Healing from Sexual Abuse by a Priest”.
- ◆ Joyce Reed author of “Hurt Used to Live Here”, Joyce said: *“I am sharing my story with you, so others, who have judged me without knowing the silent pain that I carried, will finally understand.”*
- ◆ Eve’s Angels was founded in 2009 by Anny Donewald. Eve’s Angels is rapidly becoming the restoration answer for women trapped in the sex industry.
- ◆ Culminating in a march through campus

Events at Elgin Community College

- ★ **Create Your Own Journal:** April 1st and April 3rd in Jobe Lounge (Building B) from 9am- 6pm. There will also be a drop box available for you to share your written story of how sexual assault has affected you or someone you care about.
- ★ **Tough Guise 2:** April 8th we will be continuously showing the movie from 9am - 4pm in the Heritage Room. The movie will be shown throughout the day with discussions following. Jackson Katz examines mass shootings, day-to-day gun violence, violence against women, bullying, gay-bashing, and American militarism against the backdrop of a culture that has normalized violent and regressive forms of masculinity in the face of challenges to traditional male power and authority.

★ **The Line:** April 15th we will be continuously showing the 24 minute movie from 9am - 4pm in the Heritage Room. The movie will be shown throughout the day with discussions following. Using a hidden camera, filmmaker Nancy Schwartzman goes head-to-head with the man who assaulted her, recording their conversation in an attempt to move through the trauma of her experience and achieve a better understanding of the sometimes ambiguous line between consent and coercion.

★ **Walking the Walk:** April 17th Room B166 9am - 4pm. This exercise is designed to allow participants to experience the issues and emotions survivors of sexual violence face each day. Participants become the survivor, and will learn about the different responses survivors receive from family, friends, and community members as they weave their way through their character’s story. This exercise leaves the participant with a better understanding of the true complexity of sexual violence and the lasting impact it has on the survivor and their loved ones.

April Information/Referral Activities

Algonquin Library 12 pm - 8 pm: April 7, 14, 21 & 28
2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin

Gail Borden Library 1- 8 pm: April 2 & 24
270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin

Bartlett Library 10 am - 4 pm: April 4 & 11
800 S. Bartlett Rd., Bartlett





Flowers for Peace!

Northwoods Greenery flower order forms

are here! Spring is around the corner! Northwoods Greenery is generously supporting the Crisis Center and the order forms are here!

Get yours ordered today and "Bring on Spring"! **Click here** to contact **Kim Schellin-Rog** for more information. **Order by April 15.**

Community Crisis Center and Darden Restaurants Partner to Advance Hunger Relief

The Crisis Center received a \$1,000 grant as part of the Restaurant Community Grants program from the Darden Restaurants Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of Darden Restaurants. The donation will enable the Crisis Center to purchase nonperishable groceries for their Emergency Food Pantry Program.

"We strive to make a positive impact in all the communities our restaurants serve," said Gene Lee, Darden's President and Chief Operating Officer.

For more information about the Darden Foundation, please visit www.dardenfoundation.com.

Summer Needs List

As we prepare for summer, here are the items on top of our needs list:

- ◆ Swim suits (new or gently used)
- ◆ Beach towels
- ◆ HE Powdered Laundry detergent
- ◆ Dishwasher tablets
- ◆ Dish washing liquid
- ◆ Liquid hand soap
- ◆ Antibacterial wipes
- ◆ Sandwich size zip lock bags
- ◆ Toiletries — men's and women's
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Razors

South Elgin BEACON Academy Students win 2nd place in statewide Dating Violence Video Challenge.

On March 15, Gretchen Vapnar, Executive Director and Kim Schellin-Rog, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator of the Community Crisis Center presented awards to four BEACON Academy students for winning Second Place in the statewide Dating Violence Video Challenge. Stephanie Lose, Madison Ascher, Samantha Boesch, and Maddie Schoenick created the winning video as a class assignment led by their teacher, Cheryl Klein.



Dr. Torres, Superintendent of U-46 Schools congratulates the winners.

Daily Herald Photo by Brian Hill

The Challenge, sponsored by Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Lt. Governor Sheila Simon, and Verizon, asked the students to prepare Public Service Announcements for the prevention of dating violence.

Dr. Torres, Superintendent of U-46 School District and Jim Edwards, South Elgin High School Principal were also there to congratulate the students on their winning video.

To see the video and the full article in the Daily Herald [click here](#).

Faith and Forgiveness*

Workshop April 25, 2014

8:30 am—4:30 pm

Second Baptist Church, 850 Summit Street, Elgin, IL

How does a victim's views on faith/forgiveness help or hinder recovery from domestic violence?

Does the perpetrator need forgiveness? Under what circumstances should one withhold forgiveness?

Join the 16th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Council Faith Committee Workshop on April 25 to hear the response from a variety of faith leaders, a survivor, and a leader in batterer intervention.

For more information, [click here](#) to send an email to Kim-Schellin-Rog. Or call 847-742-4088 ext 112.

*CEU's available for LCSW's/LSW's/LCPC's/LPC's/CDVP's and CPAIP's.

COMING EVENTS

Ongoing:

Drop-In Domestic Violence Support Groups

Tues. 6:30-8:00 pm: English

*Thurs. 6:30-8:00 pm: Spanish

*Fri. 9:00-10:30 am: Expressive Art—
English

*Sat. 9:00-10:30 am: English

*Childcare provided

Coming soon:

April 1- May 6: Parenting With Love & Logic

April 25: Faith Conference "Forgiveness"

May 12-16, 19 & 21: 40 Hour Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Advocacy Training

May 13 - June 24: Parenting With Love & Logic

July 16-18: 20 Hour Partner Abuse Intervention Professional Training

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