



Community Crisis Center News

Serving the Community since 1975

June-August 2014

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

Community Crisis Center Nominates Board President Chathia Johnson for Award

Community Crisis Center nominated Board President Chathia Johnson, for the Elgin YWCA Marjorie Leonard Award for Volunteer and Community Service. The Elgin YWCA Leader Luncheon Awards recognize individuals, businesses or organizations who demonstrate outstanding leadership, achievement, and contribution in our community

Ms. Johnson has been involved with the Crisis Center since 2002, first as a program volunteer, then as a volunteer at Reruns, the Crisis Center resale store. Since 2006 she has been a member of

the Board of Directors, presently serving as Board President.

Chathia has offered to the Crisis Center her volunteer skills – a willingness to do whatever she can to help. In addition she has offered her leadership skills to both her work on the board and in bringing the message of the Crisis Center to her Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, where she has served for the past two years as Domestic Violence Initiative Coordinator. Through this initiative she has brought the Sorority and the Crisis Center together in a long-lasting collaborative relationship.



Board President
Chathia Johnson

Chathia also was instrumental in bringing the “In Their Shoes” program on Teen Dating Violence to the youth in the Delta Academy GEMS and EMBLODI programs.

Chathia was one of ten extraordinary nominees to be recognized.

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Affordable Care Act Help Still Available

The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) enrollment information and outreach has been available at Community Crisis Center, on Thursdays, for over three

months. This help and support will continue every Thursday from 9 am- Noon throughout the summer months. Certified Navigator/Illinois In Person Assister from VNA Health Care, Mitch Esterino, will be on hand to answer questions or **enroll** anyone eligible for The Act.

Persons having a life change (employment, disability, etc.) are eligible to make changes now.

Prior to now, over 80 people have come seeking information, while over 30 people/families have been enrolled in health care. Residents and their families, employees and their fami-

ly/friends and friends of the Center have all taken advantage of the enrollment.

Medicaid enrollments continue all year long. The Marketplace will reopen for year 2, in Nov. 2014. Call the Crisis Center at 847-697-2380 to set up an appointment.



Sexual Assault Awareness Month Recap

During the month of April, the Sexual Assault Department sponsored a number of open education sessions at Elgin Community College, along with information tables at ECC, Judson University and three area libraries. The culminating event took place on April 23 with the Take Back the Night Rally, sponsored by Community Crisis Center, SWANS (Students Who are Not Silent), Workforce Transitions, and ECC Student Life.

At the rally, three speakers

told their compelling stories of assault and healing: Vicki Rae Thorne, a survivor of date rape shared how her silence and that initial loss of consent, negatively affected 40 years of her life, and how she found her way back to strength, joy, and authenticity. Michael D. Hoffman, the author of Acts of Recovery: The Story of One Man's Ongoing Healing from Sexual Abuse by a Priest, spoke of his trauma and recovery after abuse from one whom he had trusted. The final speaker was

Anny Donewald, the founder of Eve's Angels, a non-profit organization that assists women in the sex industry to find hope through the love of God.

After hearing these inspiring stories, the group marched through the ECC Campus to "Take Back the Night."



Erin's Law Takes Effect in Local School Districts

Erin's Law, named for Erin Merryn, was passed by the State of Illinois Legislature in 2013. Erin was sexually abused by both a neighbor and a cousin when she was a child but did not know what to do about it.

After going public about her abuse, Merryn made it her mission to advocate in favor of ensuring that children have the age-appropriate education to recognize and talk about sexual abuse. Her efforts have led to passage of a version of "Erin's Law" in several states, including her home state

"We need to give kids the knowledge and tools they need to come forward when something happens. I had my innocence taken. I don't want it to happen to anyone else." Erin Merryn

of Illinois.

Erin's Law says that the Comprehensive Health Education Program must require age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in grades pre-kindergarten through 12. It also

requires training of school staff on the recognition and prevention of sexual abuse along with any needed assistance, referral, or resource information for a child of abuse to continue to be successful in school.

Sexual Assault Educators have been working with local school districts to educate them on Erin's Law and provide resources for implementation.

(for the full text of Erin's Law, click here <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=096-1524>)

Better Parenting Starts Here

The Abuse Intervention Program is providing Parenting classes on a continuing basis. Offered at 7:00 pm on Tuesday evenings, Parenting the Love and Logic Way™ is billed as America's most practical and entertaining parenting program. This 6 week course is a parenting program that offers practical ways to make parenting and teaching fun and rewarding instead of stressful and

chaotic. Here is an opportunity for parents to learn ways to have a healthy relationship with their children while preparing their kids for the real world. Cost for the six weeks of classes is \$150/person. Call 847-622-8888 for more information, or to register.

Next Session begins: June 24th, see page 4 for more upcoming sessions.



Parenting can be fun!

We Thank our Donors

We have recently received several special grants and donations. We would like to thank the following groups:

Grant Awards:

\$2,200 from St. Charles Mothers' Club to support a Children's Program DV support Group

\$7,500 from Elgin Township for Summer Youth Services provided by our Children's Program

Donations:

\$1,400 from Elgin Golden Kiwanis Club for general use.

Our cupboard is getting bare, we can use:

- **Children's Snacks** (nutritious items such as animal crackers, fruit cups, 100% fruit juice, graham crackers, granola bars, pudding cups & whole-grain crackers)
- **Fresh Fruits and Vegetables**
- **Non-perishable Items** (includes canned goods, cereal, dried beans, pasta & rice)

Your Donation Makes a Difference

Here is the summer needs list::

- Swimsuits (new or lightly used)
- Sunblock
- Beach Towels
- Flip-Flops
- HE Powdered Laundry detergent
- ◆ Dishwasher tablets
- ◆ Dish washing liquid



Swimsuits are always needed for summer recreation.

- ◆ Liquid hand soap
- ◆ Antibacterial wipes
- ◆ Sandwich size zip lock bags
- ◆ Toiletries — men's and women's
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Razors

Cash Donations make a difference, too!

- \$25 – provides disposable diapers for 2 weeks for one toddler
- \$50 – purchases milk for a week for our shelter
- \$100 – provides 30 minutes of Crisis Counseling
- \$250 – purchases a twin mattress, box spring, frame and bedding

Project Backpack 2014

Once again, Community Crisis Center is working with other community organizations to provide school supplies for students who need them. Distribution Day is Saturday August 9, 9:00 am at the ECC Spartan Events Center.

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, [click here](#).

Note: Backpack recipients must demonstrate residency or school enrollment within ECC's boundaries. Click the link above for more information.

Calendar

Ongoing:

Drop-In Domestic Violence Support Groups

- Tues. 6:30-8:00 pm: English
- *Thurs. 6:00-7:30 pm—Spanish
- *Fri. 9:00-10:30 am—
Expressive Art—English
- *Sat. 9:00-10:30 am —English
- *Childcare Provided

Parenting with Love and Logic:

Session 5 (06/24/14-07/29/14)

Session 6 (08/05/14-09/09/14)

Session 7 (09/16/14-10/21/14)

Session 8 (10/28/14-12/02/14)

Check These Out:

June 22 2:00 pm . —Musicians on a Mission Concert -1st United Methodist Church—W. Dundee

July 16-18 — Partner Abuse Intervention Training

August 11-15, 18, 20 — Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Training

October—Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Painless Ways to Give

We are often asked for ways to help out the Crisis Center, here are a few that you may not have thought of:

1. **Discard your old cell phones with us.** We send them out to be refurbished and/or used for parts and recycling. Good for the environment, but we also receive some \$ for the phones we recycle.
2. **iGive.com** Do you do a lot of shopping on-line? If so, consider signing up with I Give.com and listing Community Crisis Center as your charity. Download the app, and indicate the on-line stores you visit). You can even check back on the website to see how much your purchases have been raising.

3. **SmileAmazon.** If you purchase items through Amazon, sign up for Amazon Smiles and designate us as your recipient. Their foundation will contribute .5% of your purchase price to us — not much, but in aggregate it can add up.
4. Check out our EBay Store and/or donate collectible items for sale. [Click here to visit our store.](#)

ONE IMPORTANT NOTE:

These are ways to supplement your giving at no extra costs to you, but the amounts we receive do not replace monetary donations, and those are still needed and appreciated.



At George Van De Voorde Place

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Elgin, Illinois 60120
Permit No. 125

Hotline: 847-697-2380

Fax: 847-742-4182

Web Page: www.crisiscenter.org

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Project Backpack 2014

HELP COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS IN NEED!

Donation Box Locations

Please donate desired items by Friday, August 1st

Community Crisis Center

Call 847-697-2380 for donation information-
www.communitycrisiscenter.org

District U-46

Educational Services Center
2nd Floor Reception Area

355 East Chicago St., Elgin, IL 60120

Downtown Neighborhood Association

2 Douglas Ave. Elgin, IL 60120

Elgin Chamber of Commerce

31 S. Grove St., Elgin, IL 60120

Elgin Community College

Building B – Student Life Office
1700 Spartan Dr., Elgin, IL 60123

Elgin Township – Supervisor Office

729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin, IL 60123

THE National Bank

3151 U.S. 20, Elgin, IL 60124

United Way of Elgin

1797 N. LaFox St., South Elgin, IL 60177

Desired Items Include:

Folders (two 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

Supply fair recipients must demonstrate residency within Elgin Community College (ECC) District 509 or school enrollment within ECC's district for Fall 2014. Please bring a medical card, school registration form, report card, or birth certificate to this event.

Limit one (1) backpack with school supplies per student.

Backpacks are first-come, first-served.

Back-to-School supplies will be distributed on Saturday, August 9 9 a.m. Spartan Events Center (Elgin Community College)

For more information about Project Backpack (event details or to volunteer): visit www.project-backpack.org, contact Elgin Community College at 847-214-7392, or para más información, por favor habla 847-695-8686.

Want to Donate?

Make cash/check payable and send to:

ECC Foundation

1700 Spartan Dr., Elgin, IL 60123

Include "Project Backpack" in the memo line

Donate online via:

ECC Foundation www.elgin.edu/eccfoundation

(under "Make a Gift" tab, indicate the designation of "Other" and add Project Backpack)

Sponsored by: Elgin Community College (Student Life, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Student Government), ECC Faculty Association, ECCP3, Community Crisis Center, Kane County Regional Office of Education, Kane County Teachers Credit Union, School Districts 300 and U-46, and United Way of Elgin