



Community Crisis Center Crisis Line 847-697-2380

Serving the Community since 1975

Summer 2019

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

Gretchen Vapnar Honored at Reception

Board Renames Building to Recognize 44 years of service.



Gretchen S. Vapnar, Executive Director of Community Crisis Center was honored at a Retirement Reception held at IMAGO on June 13.

Violence and watched over the beginning of the longest running abuser program in the State of Illinois.

Honors received included commendation from the governor of Illinois, a declaration from the state legislature, and the renaming of the Crisis Center building to the **Gretchen S. Vapnar Community Crisis Center.**

Surrounded by friends of the Community Crisis Center which included present and former co-workers, business leaders, political supporters, family, and friends, Gretchen was honored for the work she has done in bringing Community Crisis Center from a small house which could house 14 persons to the large facility which serves many community needs. Gretchen was also an integral part of beginning the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic



Gretchen Vapnar and the Community Crisis Center Board of Directors

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Congratulations to Lea Conrad, Coordinator of Children's Services. Lea was honored for her work at Community Crisis Center by receiving the Marie Grohlich Social Service Award Presented at the May 9 YWCA Leader Luncheon.

NOTE: We received a set of keys tucked away in a bag of donated items. If you are missing your car key, please call our receptionist. **847-697-2380.**

**Thank You to all who supported our 32nd Annual Benefit Auction.
Co-Chaired by Karen & Dan Fox, the auction hosted over 350 guests.
A great time was had by all with music, laughter, great silent auction items
and exciting bidding during the live auction.**



We couldn't do it without you! Thank You Gala Sponsors!

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April Is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Consent was the focus for Sexual Assault Awareness Month this year. Consent is more than asking for permission. It includes respecting boundaries and accepting whatever response is received. Consent is a healthy way to share physical intimacy.

Since 2001, April has been designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Through the years the message has moved from making people aware that sexual assault is a problem, talking about "No means No," to making us all aware that only a freely given "Yes" means "Yes'.

For resources or presentations on Consent or other issues surrounding Sexual Assault, contact us at: ckarp@crisiscenter.org.

I ASK for Consent Community Crisis Center

The Vagina Monologues

For the 20th anniversary of her play, author Eve Ensler added some new monologues to the collection.

In May, Elgin Community College and the Community Crisis Center gave 2 performances of the updated play.



The Vagina Monologues presented in May 2019



Crisis Center Thanks Longtime Board Member:

Cathy Olson has been involved with the Crisis Center as a volunteer since 1989. She joined the Board of Directors in October 2004. She served as Vice

President July 2009-June 2010, President July 2010-June 2012 and Past President from July 2012-June 2014.

After 15 years of service on the board Cathy and her husband, Tom, fulfilled a lifelong dream to live near the mountains by relocating to Colorado in March of this year.

Cathy started her career as an emergency nurse. She

earned her MSN degree in 2009 and is now the Director for the Institute of Quality, Safety, and Injury Prevention for Emergency Nurses Association. ENA is the only professional nursing association dedicated to defining the future of emergency nursing and emergency care. Prior to ENA, Cathy was the Emergency Department Manager at Mercy Hospital Aurora. In addition to her management duties, she established protocols and provided education to staff on providing care to sexual assault/domestic violence survivors.

Cathy is a lifelong Elgin resident with a long, rich history of volunteering and community service. We thank Cathy for her service to the Crisis Center and wish her and Tom many years of enjoyment.

PROJECT BACKPACK

Hosted by Elgin Community College, and in partnership with School District U-46 and other community resources on August 3, 2019 from 9 am until 1 pm. Project Backpack provides backpacks filled with school supplies for area children.

Donations can be brought to Community Crisis Center anytime through August 2.



CELL PHONES

Wondering what to do with an old cell phone? Consider donating it to the Crisis Center. Our program is sponsored by Shelter Alliance. Through Shelter Alliance, non-profit organizations raise funds through collecting and recycling used cell phones. Shelter Alliance has contributed of \$2,500,000 to social service organizations nationwide.

For more information, please contact Mary C. at mcimms@crisiscenter.org or call 847-742-4088.

Calendar

Drop-In Domestic Violence Support Groups:

- Thursday:** 7:00-9:00pm English
***Wednesday:** 6:00-8:00pm Spanish
***Friday:** 9:00-10:30am English (Expressive Art)

*Childcare Provided

- August 2nd** 9:00 am—1:00 pm. Project Backpack (ECC)
August 19th-23th 40 hour training for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Month of October Domestic Violence

Community Crisis Center, Inc. Board of Directors



Community Crisis Center Board Members pictured here left to right:

Row 1: Lisa West, Mariana Barriga, Rachel Hernandez, Cathy Olson

Row 2: Rev. Donald Jay Frye, Sherry Totzke, Carol Payson, Chathia Johnson, Keith Brill

Missing: Mario Karayannis

The Board of Directors is responsible for program review, and policy-setting, and long-term planning of the organization. They also hire and evaluate the performance of the Executive Director.

2019 Board of Directors

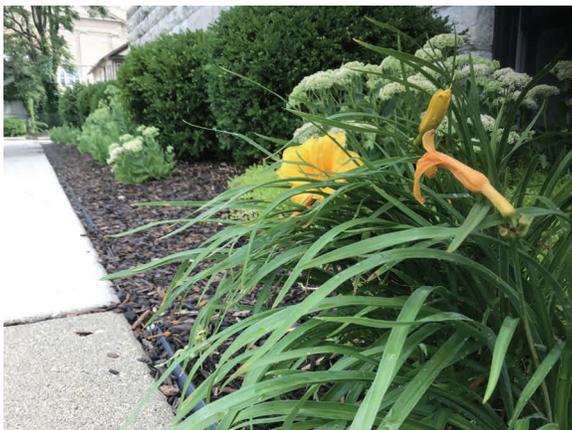
Keith Brill, President	Mariana Barriga	Carol A. Payson
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Current Needs List

- Deodorant for men & women
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Lip balm, & dental floss
- Brushes, combs, picks, & hair accessories (headbands, elastics, clips, barrettes, etc.)
- Small & large bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash
- Black hair care products (shampoo, conditioner, oil sheen, pomade/grease, edge control)
- Boys new seasonal clothing sizes 18 months - boys size 8 (Small)
- Diapers – Babies: sizes 4, 5 & 6 and wipes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper
- Facial tissue, band aids, antibiotic ointment, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, antacids
- Twin size blankets

NOTE: There is always a need for non-perishable food items in our food pantry.

For ongoing needs, visit our website at www.crisiscenter.org.



Thank You to Sow Little Thyme Garden Club!

Sow Little Thyme Garden Club members and a landscaping crew has once again mulched our outdoor spaces and planted flowers to make a fine summer garden for us. This club holds a Perennial Plant Sale in May; proceeds benefit the Crisis Center. They also provide spring and fall clean-up as well as design and regular maintenance of our gardens. We are grateful for their care!

