

June marks the official start of Summer at the Crisis Center!

What does the month of June represent? School's out! One of the most obvious signs of the start of summer in any community is the children.... kids are everywhere you look, everyday: playing in our parks, jumping into our community pools, lined up for popcorn and candy at a movie matinee... doing all sorts of kid things and just having fun being a kid.

Summer brings out the kid in all of us, and the Community Crisis Center is no exception! We are so excited this summer to be able to provide the children and the families in our Children's Program some fun filled outdoor community activities that we have planned for this summer and let these children just focus on being a kid!

To kick off this summer's Children's Program activities here at CCC, we recently hosted several therapy dogs to come to the Crisis Center to visit the children and staff, and a fun filled afternoon was enjoyed by all!



What's Happening this Summer at CCC

Fridays This Summer

Be sure to check out the Downtown Elgin Farmers Market, every Friday from June 2nd to October 13th, from 3 PM to 7 PM. Please stop by the Crisis Center's booth and say 'hi' on: **August 18th, September 1st and September 29th.**

June 22nd

We put the "Fun" in Fundraiser! CCC's staff and friends are going to see the Kane County Cougars in Action! Join us! Tickets are \$15 and the net proceeds will go to support the Crisis Center!

August 1st

National Night Out – Annual Police-Community Partnership night. See page 3 for details.

August 7th

"Getting Ready for College- Empowerment Self-Defense" class at Gail Borden library from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. CCC's own Juli Brown will be the instructor, the class is free and registration is required through the library.

August 14th - 18th

CCC's Domestic and Sexual Violence Training Week for staff, volunteers, interns and professionals.



Community Impact Update

The Crisis Center is seeing an increase of community need this fiscal year within our Emergency Crisis (EC) Program, with demand for food pantry supplies, personal items and personal care toiletries being up considerably vs last year.

The number of clients that we have served in our emergency food pantry program year to date is +76%

Support from the community for donations of food pantry staples and personal care items would be greatly welcomed at this time. Please see the back page for our wish list of items needed. All of us here at CCC so appreciate your support for those in economic crisis in our community!

The most needed essential care items provided by CCC from July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 were:



+115%
 Emergency Meals*
40,385



+21.5%
 Diapers
48,955



+5%
 Personal Care Toiletries
33,697

5,807 Families have been provided EC services and items this fiscal YTD, trending +45% vs. PY**

* 3 meals per day are provided for each family member in a client's household
 ** Clients are eligible to receive items across multiple categories so this number is not representative of unduplicated families

Our Children's Program has a New Team and Exciting Plans for Summer

The Crisis Center's Children's Program has been an integral part of our organization for the past 48 years as it provides individual and group counseling and services to our shelter and non-shelter parents in addition to counseling services for the children in our community in crisis as a result of domestic violence in the household. The program focuses on peaceful parenting, problem solving, and positive conflict resolution. This year our program welcomed in a new Children's clinical team with the addition of Ann Vetri and Daisy Pena.

Ann is heading up our Children's Program and joins CCC with a Master's degree in Social Work from Loyola University. She brings much experience and a passion of working with children, having worked in Early Intervention for many years prior to joining CCC, in addition to working with children and families at a women and children's shelter in Lake County. Daisy joined the Crisis Center last year as a bilingual case manager. After completing her Master's Degree in Social Work this past May, she was promoted to our Children's Program's Bilingual Counselor. We are excited to have these two on staff and look forward to the program's initiatives that they have planned for our kids this upcoming year.



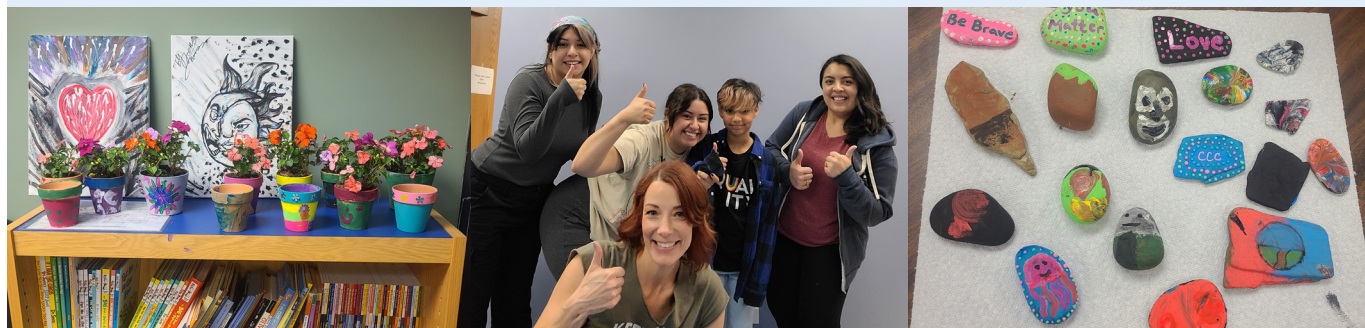
To kick off their expanded program, last month Ann and Daisy, their families and a few volunteers came together over the weekend to give the program's offices and rooms a fresh face by painting the entire Children's Program area in our facility, as well as reorganizing the activities and counseling rooms, and the children's clothing donations area. The children absolutely love their bright, new surroundings and are looking forward to some of this summer's planned activities, which include attending several movies in the Park at Festival Park, going to the Planetarium at School District U46, several trips to some local pools and the Kohl's Children's Museums.

Why a Children's Program is so Important in DV Trauma Treatment

Our Children's Program's mission is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where children are free to express feelings, play peacefully, learn non-violent behaviors, begin to understand the dynamics of domestic violence and cope with trauma. Our program provides counseling services and activities to children and adolescents who have witnessed or experienced domestic or sexual violence and or who are traumatized by homelessness. Services are available to the children in our Shelter Program along with their parent and also to the children of non-shelter walk-in clients.

Statistics indicate that through a combination of education, talk and play therapy, children can begin to heal from traumatic experiences and re-establish their ability to play and relate to others, thereby enhancing their self-esteem. In children's discussion sessions, CCC's counselor will employ evidence based 'best practices' and recognize that the therapeutic and development needs of each child will vary by age for those impacted by crisis at home. Addressing and educating children and parents about domestic/sexual violence and trauma is a stepping stone to preventing further violence in their lives.

CCC is open 24/7 and our hotline is professionally staffed 24/7 for anyone in the community who is in crisis. Through the work that we do and services that we provide to the community every day, we continue to reduce the problems and barriers facing child victims, while addressing their individual needs. The services that we provide are free of charge through our Children's and Shelter Programs and are unduplicated in our service area. We also network with other community agencies to refer clients for additional assistance when necessary.



National Night Out is August 1st

Are you aware of **National Night Out** and how it is celebrated in your community? On the first Tuesday in August every year, across the US and Canada, communities and police departments come together to promote a community building campaign that encourages and embraces police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. Since 1984, more than 11,000 communities across the country come together and participate in this annual event.

This year CCC is proud again to be an ongoing part of this effort in our community. In the summer days leading up to August 1st, the Crisis Center's Advocacy team will be conducting "Roll Call Presentations" at various community police departments in our region, to introduce our agency, our work and strengthen our partnerships with local law enforcement.

Fun Times with Long-Time Supporters and New Friends at CCC's Benefit Auction and Gala



Long-Time supporters of CCC, Robin and Mark Seigle, at this year's Gala

In addition to raising critical funding for the Crisis Center every year, our annual Auction and Gala this Spring provided a wonderful evening of fun for both our long-time supporters and many new supporters alike. CCC was so pleased this year to have a sold-out crowd of more than 300 guests attend our Annual Gala, including so many new friends to the Crisis Center. Our hope is that our new friends stay in touch with us, continue to help support our mission for many years to come, and become old friends in short order.

Community Leader Shows her Moxie

Congratulations to Rabbi Klein for being this year's ICASA Moxie Award Recipient. The Crisis Center nominated Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein for the 2023 Moxie Award given by the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA). On May 17th more than 200 people from Rape Crisis Centers around the state of Illinois

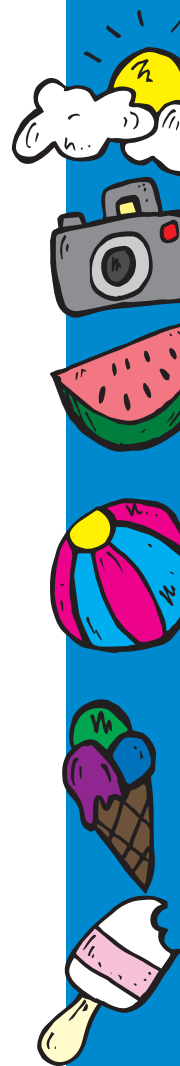


gathered to attend ICASA's statewide conference luncheon, where ICASA Director, Carrie Ward, presented the award to our community's own, Rabbi Margaret. She was hailed as a Social Justice Warrior who has served survivors of sexual assault since 1982 when she began to volunteer on the domestic & sexual violence hotline at Tufts University. In her acceptance remarks, she encouraged all present to give voice to the voiceless, and stand up for victims everywhere. It is fitting to honor Rabbi's lifelong commitment to this important issue. Everyone here at CCC extends our heartfelt congratulations!

Volunteer Corner

The Crisis Center is so appreciative of all the volunteers that visit us weekly to help us out in many areas that need tending to here at our facility, whether that be helping out in sorting and putting away the donations that we receive from the community on a daily basis, or tending to our front yard gardening needs, or by offering an extra set of hands at one of our many fundraising events throughout the year.

We have some fun activities nights planned for this summer with our resident clients that we need some volunteers for. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marissa Laurie at mlaurie@crisiscenter.org





OUR VISION

To eradicate violence and end crisis

OUR MISSION

Community Crisis Center's skilled, caring individuals provide 24/7 crisis intervention, resources and shelter

Since 1975 the Community Crisis Center has focused on being 'always home' for individuals and families in crisis in the Fox Valley Region of Northern Illinois. Whether that crisis be domestic or sexual violence, financial need, or emotional anguish, the Crisis Center's mission is that our skilled and caring individuals provide 24/7 crisis intervention, resources and shelter to those in need.

Our organization is often the last hope for those with few to no resources or support. Through the generous support of our community partners, residents and community funders, we are able to provide those in crisis not only with 24/7 year-round critical social services, assistance with shelter, transportation, and personal care resources but with legal, medical and educational advocacy as well.

CRISIS CENTER'S SUMMER WISH LIST

- Diapers: Size 4, 5, 6, and 7
- Baby Wipes
- Toiletries: Toothbrushes (individually wrapped), toothpaste
- Canned Food items: Ready to Eat with pop top – ravioli, chili, tuna, soups, single serve fruits
- Boxed Cereals

The Crisis Center provides services through the following programs that are staffed 24/7 by professionally trained staff with a minimum requirement of a bachelor's degree in a related field.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Program

This program provides emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling, court and hospital advocacy, support groups for victims and support groups for victims' children.

Abuse Intervention Program (AIP)

This program provides off-site individual assessments and individual and group counseling to those individuals who have been abusive to intimate partners or family members

Children's Program

This program provides a safe, nurturing environment where children are free to express feelings, play peacefully, learn non-violent behaviors and gain age-appropriate knowledge about domestic and sexual violence and trauma.

Economic Crisis Program

This program offers emergency shelter for homeless women and children; financial assistance for housing, utilities and transportation; emergency pantry that provides food, diapers, personal care items and limited clothing; and in-person counseling.

The Community Crisis Center helps victims find their voice. We help perpetrators learn alternatives to abuse. The impact of our work is substantial in that we constantly strive to improve the lives of victims, perpetrators and those individuals and families in need, with the by-product benefit of improving our community as well. We would not be able to do this critical work or provide these critical programs and services to any individual or victim in need in our community without the help and support of our generous donors, funders, volunteers and community partners.



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