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Fall 2006



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The mission of the Family Crisis Center is to partner with the community by providing safe refuge and comprehensive services responsive to the individual needs of women, children, and men who are experiencing domestic violence, sexual, assault or child abuse.

The Value of Volunteers

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. -- DeAnn Hollis

How do you assign a dollar amount on the dedication, hard work, and passion that volunteers offer? Volunteers save the Family Crisis Center thousands of dollars each year helping the Center to better serve the community. Taking a hotline shift, sorting clothes at the thrift store, helping out as receptionist, making sandwiches for Pedal Thru the Pines cyclist or decorating for Festival of Trees, volunteers are making a difference in the Center and the community. Volunteers not only give of their time and talents, but often become donors as well. Through the time they invest volunteers convey to the community that the organization is a valuable resource. The show of their support helps to bring in more volunteers, donors, and clients.

By assigning a dollar value to the documented time volunteers give these hours can be used as in-kind match for State and Federal dollars. If thrift store volunteers were paid minimum wage the time they give would have cost the Center \$27,000 last fiscal year and at nine dollars an hour \$47,000. Hotline volunteers that work after hours during the week and around the clock on weekends at minimum wage would have cost the Center \$27,000 and at nine dollars an hour would have cost \$47,000. Event volunteers saved the Center \$8,000 or \$15,000 respectively. During the 2005 fiscal year (October 2004- September 2005), all of the documented volunteer hours saved the agency between \$60-100,000. This savings went to support the vital services the Center provides. The \$100,000 translates to: 3,125 nights of shelter, 1,298 youth counseling sessions, and 8,396 youth receiving prevention education presentations. Without volunteers the Center would not be able to make the difference it does in the community. **The Center would like to thank everyone who gave of their time, talents and energy to make this vital work possible!**

Center Services FY 2006

- 579 Prevention (anti-violence & anti-victimization) programs presented to 6,434 elementary & 5,230 middle/high school students.
- 144 volunteers provided 15,490 hours of service
- 1,538 individuals received crisis services
- 6,259 hotline called were answered
- 6,252 nights of shelter for 174 adults and 195 children
- 27 adults and 30 children received supportive housing
- 78 shelter children received counseling
- 159 non-residential children received SHAPE counseling
- 147 adults received counseling
- 207 adults participated in Adult Violence Intervention Program & 74 adults participated in the protective parenting group.

Community SANE Program Honored At Banquet



From left to right: Charlotte Pietsch (Fundraising Manager), Sherry Murphy (Executive Director), DeAnna Gillespie (SANE Coordinator) and Cathy Henzen (Crisis Team Coordinator) at awards banquet.

The *Sexual Assault Integrated Nursing Team (SAINT)* that services Bastrop, Fayette, Lee and Colorado Counties was honored at Bastrop's Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet for the compassionate care they have bestowed to the community. The members of the team are Coordinator DeAnna Gillespie, Cynthia Abraham, Kassy Behrens, and Mary Pierce. A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is an RN who has been specifically trained to provide comprehensive and compassionate care to sexual assault survivors, demonstrate competency in conducting a forensic exam to include evaluation for evidence collection and has the expertise to provide

effective courtroom testimony.

Prior to the development of the SAINT program, adult and child victims of sexual assault in Bastrop had to be transported to a hospital outside the community for acute exams. Adding to their trauma, victims had to endure the one to two hour drive and then were often asked to wait in the public areas of emergency rooms for long periods of time. It was not uncommon for this process to last anywhere from four to twelve hours. A child, whose assault took place more than 72 hours before the outcry, often had to wait in excess of three weeks before they

could be scheduled to be seen by a physician in Austin or Bryan-College Station for a chronic exam. This delay not only added to the trauma but also impeded the criminal investigation. A SANE program provides benefit to the community because with accurate evidence collections and more prosecution, more sexual assault felons will be prosecuted rather than them continuing to offend. In addition, the message that a survivor receives is that: ***Sexual assault is a serious problem for the community and needs the communities full support.***

Have Fun Volunteering for Fundraising



Volunteers working a rest stop at Pedal Thru the Pines.

There are many different ways people can volunteer for the Crisis Center. One of the ways is by volunteering for one of the Center's annual fundraising events. These events include: Festival of Trees, Annual Dinner & Dance Gala and Pedal Thru The Pines cycling event. The Center could not put on these fundraisers without the support of dedicated volunteers.

Each year volunteers come together with new ideas, new inspiration, and enthusiasm to create unique and entertaining fundraisers for the Center. Volunteers work together to form planning committees, secure donated items for auctions and door prizes, decorate, invitation mail outs,

recruiting friends and family to volunteer, preparing food, auction, door price and raffle items, and marketing the event to the community. Each agency event brings back volunteers who are eager to lend a hand, welcome the new volunteers and support our event. Special event volunteers enjoy seeing each other. They share a spirit of camaraderie, a place in the community where they are needed and where their time and talents are truly appreciated.

The Center know, everyone's time is precious; we live in a world where there is so much to do, and not enough time to do it in. Special event volunteers

can select projects that fit their time availability. The Center honors its volunteers and the history of community service they bring with them. It takes incredible people to do this work. We are grateful for the special event volunteers who have shared their lives with us and honor the work past volunteers have accomplished. We are always looking for new special event volunteers to help make each event a successful and meaningful experience.

-Charlotte Pietsch
(Fundraising Manager)
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Volunteer Appreciation Day

The month of April is nationally recognized as Volunteer Appreciation Month and on April 27, 2006, the Family Crisis Center Board and staff honored all of the Center volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Reception where a special Board of Directors' award was presented to the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) nurses.

The event was held at the Aqua Water building. The

room was colorfully decorated in green and white. The theme this year was "Volunteers Leaping into Action". Each table had a centerpiece of a leaping frog jumping into the air symbolizing how Family Crisis Center volunteers are dedicated and committed individuals ready to leap into action. The event honored the dedicated service volunteers have given to the Center.

The Volunteer Reception provided the opportunity for the staff and board members to meet the volunteers and personally express their appreciation. That evening volunteers ranging from age 13- 88 were honored.

There was lots of food and door prizes for all those who participated in the event.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Bernie Jackson at 512-321-7760 or e-mail her berniej@familycrisiscenter.us



SANE Nurse being honored with a Board of Directors award

Special Projects

Aside from volunteering the Center's direct services, office duties, and fundraising events; the Center also has volunteer opportunities for the special projects. These special projects include the Awareness Months (Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Child Abuse Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month), school supply drive, Thanksgiving Dinners and Santa Bear. These special projects allow volunteers to help raise awareness in the community and help those in need in their community. For more information on how to donate or volunteer for these special projects contact Bernie Jackson at 512-321-7760 or berniej@familycrisiscenter.us



Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Purple Ribbon Campaign

Letter From Center Volunteer

"I have been a volunteer for the Family Crisis Center in Bastrop, Texas since 2005. I volunteer at least 20 hours per month on the Hotline. I have had the opportunity to work on the Back to School Drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Santa Bear as well as the Grand Opening of Bits & Pieces Retail Thrift Store.

Unfortunately Domestic Violence is real in our

society and there is a need for volunteers in many aspects of the work that is done to support victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse.

I believe as a volunteer, I am doing my part to help the employees of the Family Crisis Center and the clients this agency serves. It has been a very unique and rewarding experience and I

encourage everyone to give back to the community by volunteering at the Family Crisis Center or other non-profit organizations that are meeting the needs of people in our society."

Sincerely,
Carol A. Armstrong
Certified Public
Accountant
Bastrop

Festival of Trees Cash and In-kind Donors November 19, 2005

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 Richard Banks, Realtor
 Rising Phoenix Adventures
 Rockne Grocery
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 Roxie's Crafts
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 SANE-Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
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Annual Dance Cash and In-kind Donors January, 14 2006- Evening on the Nile

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 Sandra Matthijetz

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 Schulenburg Lions Club
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Peddle Thru the Pines Cash & In-kind Donors, March 4, 2006

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Golf Tournament Cash & In-kind Donors, May 13, 2006

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THANK YOU! Our special events are just one avenue of support from the community. The Center would like to extend its thanks to the many individuals, businesses, churches, civic groups and others that gave of their time, their talents, their resources, and their financial support to the Family Crisis Center. All of these donations mean so much to the Center and our ability to help the many individuals fleeing violent situations find safety, comfort, support and a range of services that help them on their road to healing, self-sufficiency and dignity.

Volunteers Who Assisted with Events for FY 2006

Sabrina Alba
Laura Alderman
Mabel Alexander
Sonya Amaya
Kenny Arellano
Jim Barringer
Melissa Barringer
Al Bauer
Kenny Bauer
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Sandy Broadway
Sue Brubaker
Shella Brummitt
Gene Castillo
Jo Castillo
Sherry Clark
John Cline
Bill Colbert
Peggy Colbert
Tim Crowe
Kent Dawson
Charlene Deiso
Charly Deiso

Joyce Ethridge
Celina Fabela
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Kathy Ford
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Levi Garlick
Bill Gilstrap
Debbi Goertz
Jason Goodman
Glenn Gruetzner
Linda Hart
Jack Harzke
Chad Hayes
Mike Henderson
Al Hoerig
Patty Hoerig
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Ray Hurst
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Vera Preston-
Jaeger
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Zia Lowe
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Albert Matus
Margie Matus
Lori Mc Daniel
Charlie McDaniel
Calvin Mikeska
Stacey Mikeska
Stephanie Mikeska
Kathy Mills
Jennifer
Montgomery
Patty Montgomery
Larry Moomey
Linda Moorecock
Missy Morse
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Chase Parobek
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William Pina
David Potter
Tim Psenik
Frank Rainosek
Aliesha Richardson
Caroline Robertson
Felicia Rodriguez
Judy Seymore
Isabel Shaw
Claude Smith
Louise Smith
Bill Stanberry
Lori Tuggle
Tiffany Turner
Larry Vasek
Estela Villegas

Larry Wachsmann
David Warren
Billy Waters
Maurine Weber
Rick Welch
Susan Wendell
Charles Whitmire
Emily Wilkins
Stephanie Winkleman

Donations can be made to the Center in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. During the last year the following have given in honor/ memory of:

Ann

By: Gary T. and Jane M Heinrich

Lamar Wiginton

By: Joyce Wiginton

Virginia Riha

By: Prince & Sherry Murphy
By: Multi-shot, LLC

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How You Can Volunteer!

Do all you can with what you have, in the time you have, in the place you are.

-- Nkosi Johnson

Volunteering is a very rewarding way to give of yourself and your expertise. There are different ways that you can impact the community positively by volunteering. The rewards are as unique and personal as your reasons for wanting to volunteer. *Too busy? We can work with you to provide rewarding experiences, whatever your schedule. Think you don't have any skills to offer? You would be surprised!*

As a **hotline volunteer** you can volunteer from the comfort of your own home. You will receive ongoing training from the agency that will allow you to **provide this critical service from your home**. The hotline is forwarded to the volunteer's home weekdays after 5 p.m. (after office hours) and on weekends and holidays. Hotline volunteers provide information and resources to callers as well as connect victims with the on-call Crisis Advocates. If you prefer to work with people **face to face, volunteering as an advocate** may be the job for you. Volunteer advocates provide support services, intakes and screening to walk-in individuals seeking assistance. There are also volunteer opportunities that focus on working with children. We need volunteers to help with educational and group activities for children. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Bernie Jackson at 512-321-7760 or berniej@familycrisiscenter.us.

About Our Organization...

The Bastrop County Women's Shelter, dba Family Crisis Center started in 1981 from a coalition of rural Texas women with a shared vision of offering hope, support, and assistance to women and children victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse. Since becoming an incorporated nonprofit in 1983, the Family Crisis Center has evolved into a community leader for specialized services for rural victims. The Center provides the following services: prevention/education, crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, housing, and violence intervention /prevention.

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