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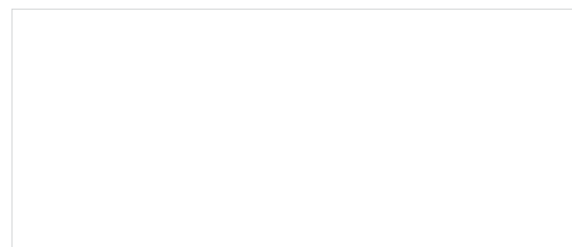
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Safe Harbor receives program funding from the Sheboygan and Plymouth Area United Way.



Now, during this year's campaign, we join with the United Way in asking you to please give generously to support the many programs funded by the United Way.

As an agency that serves hundreds of families each year we know the impact your dollars can have, making a difference in the lives of women and their children trying to live safely, free of violence.

Thank you!



SAFE HARBOR NEWS

Safe Harbor Restructures for Growth

Safe Harbor's Board of Directors wants you to know about some important recent changes at our agency.

Mary Fontanazza, Safe Harbor's first employee and its Executive Director for the last 18 years, has accepted the new position of Director of Advocacy. This shift will allow Mary to focus her efforts on local, regional and statewide advocacy issues. Mary's voice on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault is well known and respected, and we are pleased she has agreed to continue this work on Safe Harbor's behalf.

Succeeding Mary as Executive Director is Teri Strub, formerly our Associate Director. Teri has been with Safe Harbor for three years and is leading the 929 Niagara building project, the future site of our combined administrative and shelter facility. Teri has broad business and fundraising experience and is well known in the Sheboygan area. We believe she will be a fine leader of our

agency.

Joining Safe Harbor in the newly created role of Director of Services is Katherine (Katy) Pruitt. She has education and experience in domestic violence and sexual assault programming, and a broad and deep knowledge of those issues. Formerly with Advocates of Ozaukee (Ozaukee County's version of Safe Harbor), Katy has participated in research, on public panels, and at conferences on the subjects of domestic violence and sexual assault. We feel very fortunate to be able to add Katy to Safe Harbor's dedicated staff.

With these management moves we are building on the support, hard work and dedication of the past so Safe Harbor can do even more in the future. It's because of supporters like you we are able to grow agency, whose services are vitally needed. On behalf of the board and staff, thank you for your support of Safe Harbor.

MISSION STATEMENT

Safe Harbor is dedicated to the prevention of all forms of domestic abuse and sexual assault in the community through raising awareness, education, and providing safety, shelter and support for all victims.

Administrative Offices Move to 929 Niagara in October

By the time you receive this newsletter, our administrative offices will have moved. Even though the project is not complete, we were able to occupy the lower level of our new building at 929 Niagara Avenue as of October 1. This means we start saving money previously needed for rent! It also means our former location address of 1930 North 8th St. is no longer valid. Our post office box address is unchanged; P.O. Box 582, Sheboygan, WI 53082-0582. Our office phone number is also unchanged at (920) 452-8611.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Vigil Set

Every October since 1991 Safe Harbor has held a Lantern Vigil to mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We invite the Sheboygan County community to join us, not only to mourn those who lost their lives because of domestic violence, but also to celebrate the courage of those who have survived.

We know there are victims and survivors whose names and stories we will never know because of the silence that cloaks domestic violence. We have been able to document 23 domestic violence homicide victims from Sheboygan County dating back to 1971; eight have been murdered since our first Lantern Vigil.

We believe domestic violence, because of its significant impact on an individual's overall physical and

mental health, plays a role in countless other deaths each year.

The featured speaker for this year's vigil is Karren Kraemer. She is the founder of the *Broken Wings Network*, an Oconomowoc-based organization dedicated to providing education and resources for the prevention of domestic violence and homicide. Karren's daughter Becky, a domestic violence victim, has been missing since December 2003. Karren believes Becky was murdered by her abusive boyfriend.

The vigil will be held at the **Deland Community Center** on the Sheboygan lakefront on **Monday, October 27**. The program begins at 6:30 P.M.; **doors open at 6:00 P.M.** We hope you will join us. For more information please call Mary Fontanazza at 452-8611.

A Projected Timeline for the New Shelter

October:

- Administrative staff moves from rented offices to the lower level of the two-story building at 929 Niagara Avenue
- Work continues on the second floor shelter common rooms and bedrooms
- Merchandise donations to Safe Harbor begin to be received and housed at the new building
- The elevator addition is completed
- A new community meeting and training room building begins to be erected on the property
- Our permanent sign is put in place!

November:

- The meeting and training building is completed
- Tours of the facility by invitation and open house - watch for information on our website and in the paper

December:

- A security fence is erected around the yard
- Holiday gifts are distributed from 929 Niagara

January:

- Shelter operations move to 929 Niagara
- The current shelter is sold

Donor Listing

Our complete list of cash donors for 2008 will be included in our 2008 Annual Report. The Annual Report will be sent to all newsletter recipients in February.

From the Board President

It's an exciting time at Safe Harbor! This agency, the only one of its kind in Sheboygan County, is on the cusp of significant growth. That growth will be focused in the areas of education and prevention programs.

We know the best way to prevent crimes of domestic abuse and sexual assault is through education and raised awareness. Our new combined office and shelter location at 929 Niagara will provide the space we need to ramp up our education and outreach work. In so doing, eventually we will become an agency that delivers prevention programs and also

has an abuse shelter; right now we are an abuse shelter that also has prevention programs. The distinction may seem minor, but it represents a strategic shift in focus. **We want to do more to prevent these crimes and reduce the toll on families.** Our new facility and organizational focus will allow us to pursue that goal.

We know the features of the new building will make our staff's work more efficient; we expect their work will also be more effective. Our employees will finally have the room they need to work, and some resources they need to develop and expand programs and services. We look forward to sharing news



John Garland, Board President

of our progress with you.

It is a measure of the quality of our community that Safe Harbor exists, to provide help and hope. It is a measure of our community's commitment to Safe Harbor that we dare to expand our agency's work. We're excited to get started.

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John Garland
Board President

From the Shelter Advocates' Desk



Every year Safe Harbor is fortunate to have people and organizations donate gifts at the holidays for us to pass on to the families we serve. Organizing the gifts and planning for their distribution is a big job! Would you or someone you know be available to **volunteer to help us distribute holiday donations?** Days and times for helping are **Tuesday and Thursday afternoon - evening, and Saturday mornings.** If you are able to help any of those days and time of day, please call the shelter at **452-8611** and ask for Brenda.

For the many of you who donate gifts, please note: **gifts should be unwrapped and delivered to 929 Niagara Avenue by Dec. 15. Please call ahead to our administrative staff, 452-8611 when delivering.**

We have a special need for **gifts for teens.** Please see our wish list on our website for ideas. Thank you!

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