

Women s Resource Center News

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Valley County Combined Campaign

The Valley County Combined Campaign is gearing up for the 2002 fund drive. Again, the door-to-door collections have been replaced with a county-wide mailing campaign which began April 29th through May 11th. Contributions are still being accepted after this date.

This is the 20th year for the Valley County Combined Campaign and we appreciate your contribution that goes toward supporting the following organizations: Special Olympics, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, American Red Cross, Women s Resource Center, Crime Stoppers, Scottie Day Care, and Valley Respice.

Benny Hochman

The Women s Resource Center hosted Holocaust survivor Benny Hochman on May 7th.

He spoke to northeast Montana communities about his experiences of growing up in Lodz, Poland, being taken away from his family by nazi soldiers at the age of 16 and surviving the Nazi death camp, Auschwitz, and the concentration camp, Buchenwald. Mr. Hochman s message teaches tolerance and addresses the reality of hate crimes in our lives today.

Over 700 students from Glasgow, Medicine Lake, Plentywood, Dodson, Westby, Nashua, Scobey, Whitewater, and Hinsdale came to listen to Mr. Hochman s presentation at the Glasgow Highschool. Approximately 175 community members came to the evening presentation.

This was a great opportunity for Northeast Montana and the Women s Resource Center would like to bring more presentations to the community. A special thank you goes to those who made donations to help support

this presentation: *First Community Bank, Valley Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Big Sky Airlines, Valley Respice, Markles, Valley Electric, Northern Electric, Nemont Telephone, Valley Telecommunications, NCI Internet, Sagebrush Cellular, Plaid Square, Glasgow Highschool, and Don & Sheila Fast.*

Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Month

May is Elder Abuse Prevention month. The U.S. has 44 million persons age 60 or older, and 36 million people with disabilities. In the last decade, the number of domestic elder abuse reports investigated by Adult Protective Services across the nation has increased by more than 150 percent.

Older persons deserve honor and respect, not abuse. If you know an elderly person who is being mistreated, neglected or harmed in any way, call Adult Protective Services at 406-228-8221 ext. 54 or the Women s Resource Center toll free at 1- 877-972-3232.

****Age is something that doesn t matter, unless your cheese. ----Billie Burke*

Men Who Cook for Women Who Wine

In February the Women's Resource Center hosted the first annual event for Men Who Cook for Women Who Wine. Ten teams of 3-4 men got together and cooked a variety of food samples such as soups, pasta, breads, dips etc. The community support for this event was overwhelming. The food was excellent and the cooks did a wonderful job and had a great time.

The top award called the Golden Whisk was awarded to Skip Erickson and Dennis Baadsgaard. The Spoon full of Lovin was awarded to the *Death by Dessert Team*, Jeff Cole, Rob Brunelle, and Dick Wiens.

This was a great evening full of unexpected excitement and fun, and all proceeds went to assist victims of violence in the community. Plans are underway for this annual event next year.

Manhood, Sexism, and Violence Guest speaker Chuck Derry

The Women's Resource Center hosted a guest speaker Chuck Derry. Mr. Derry presented to the Scobey and Plentywood schools on April 17th. He also presented to the public at the Nemont Friendship Room in Scobey on April 16th and at the Jubilee Room in the Sheridan County Court House.

The presentations focused on violence against women and children, and on male socialization. The presentations were attended by youth, law enforcement, victim advocates, teachers, hospital workers and others interested in working toward a violence free community.

Police Officer Recognition

The Women's Resource Center has recognized Officer Bruce Barstad of the Glasgow Police Department for the Sexual Assault Prevention Officer Recognition Award for outstanding service to victims of sexual assault. This is an annual officer recognition award for sexual assault prevention awareness month in April.

Volunteers Opportunities

Reward yourself by giving back to your community. The Women's Resource Center, serving Valley, Phillips, Daniels, and Sheridan Counties is looking for volunteers for a variety of projects. There are many volunteer opportunities available and we are looking for women, men, youth, senior citizens or anyone who has a couple of extra hours to spend for a worthwhile cause.

These are just a few of the opportunities available:

Special projects. These projects range from taking tickets, raising donations from purchases of our merchandise at an event, making craft items such as awareness ribbons or display baskets, coordinating and assisting with receptions after presentations or helping with display booths at health fairs and county fairs. See our upcoming events calendar for special upcoming projects.

24 hour crisis line. Can't sleep? Work odd hours? Want to be available for someone in need? Volunteer on our 24 hour crisis line. This includes answering our crisis line and providing individuals with resources and information. The crisis line can be remote call forwarded to any phone, even a cell phone. There is 20 hours of training involved with volunteering as a crisis line advocate.

Safe home provider. Have the kids moved away? Do you have an extra room? Volunteer for a safe home provider. This includes hosting a victim of violence to stay at your residence for up to 72 hours. Training is involved with volunteering as a safe home provider.

Clerical. This includes, assistance with copying and stapling of informational packets for trainings, library organization

and upkeep.

If you or anyone you know is interested in any of the volunteer opportunities call 228-8401 or stop by our office to find out more. Thanks.

**** Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. -- Margarete Mead*

Youth Support Group

If you are a youth survivor of sexual assault, you can feel safe and be supported in a sexual assault survivors group for girls ages 13-18.

The survivors group is designed to promote healing by offering healthy coping strategies, empowerment techniques and tools for increased self-esteem, to help you remain a survivor. The group is free and confidential. Call the Women s Resource Center if interested or for more information at 228-8401.

****Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art. Garson Kanin.*

Kids Art in the Park

The Women s Resource Center will host Kids Art in the Park on June 16th. This event will be for kids to honor their father s on Father s Day.

This fun filled event will include displays of children s artwork about their fathers displayed, face painting, and other exciting activities.

The afternoon will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Bundy Park in Glasgow and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Each family can pack their own lunch and join the festivities! Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the Women s Resource Center at 228-8401.

****Don t just count your years, make your years count.--- Ernest Meyers*

Upcoming Events

*****May is Elder Abuse Prevention Month.** Look for displays and information in the newspaper and on the radio. For more information, please contact the office.

*****Children s Art in the Park for Fathers Day, June 16th**

*****June 17th, 18th, 19th** 20 hours of Rural Domestic Violence training in Plentywood for Law Enforcement, judicial personnel, Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, hospital personnel, youth and adult probation.

*****July 15-17---** 20 hours of Rural Domestic Violence training in Glasgow

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