

Women s Resource Center News

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Happy New Year 2002

The Women s Resource Center would like to thank everyone who donated and gave their support this past year. Our volunteers have made a tremendous impact in helping provide much needed services to individuals. The WRC had a very busy year assisting 184 victims, 5 of which were men, throughout the service area. This would have not been possible without the support received throughout the communities.

In November we increased the number of staff to include Dave Watson, former law enforcement officer of the Glasgow Police Department. He will be working full time.

The Board of Directors for 2002 are:

Sue Henderson Chair
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Again, thank you, and we look forward to working with you this new year toward a violence free community.

---The Board and staff

New VISTA

Bobbi Hughes will be the new Child Advocate for the Women s Resource Center. This is a one year VISTA position through the Americorps, Corporation for National Service.

Some of the projects she will be working on are the RESPECT newsletter for youth, the Girl Talk/Boy Talk program and other youth related activities.

February Event



The Women s Resource Center will be holding their annual event called *Men Who Cook for Women Who Wine* on February 15th at the Elks Club in Glasgow from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Teams of 3-5 men will come together to showcase their culinary specialty such as: Men Eating their Way Across Europe, Men Who Love Desserts, Men Who Love to Fry Everything, Men Who Love Wild Game and the Pork Product Police. A \$10.00 ticket, \$5.00 for children, provides the opportunity to enjoy a sample of each specialty and offers every women a glass of wine. Please support the work of the Women s Resource Center, the men who love to cook and the women of this community by joining us for an entertaining evening filled with good food!

Please call the office at 228-8401 if you are interested in having a team of cooks, or if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

Presentations

The Center gives several presentations to local groups and organizations. Some of the recent presentations that have been given have been to the Retired Teachers, Kiwanis, Alpha Beta Sigma Phi, Heirloom Quilters Club, and Respite to name a few. If you would like a presentation given to your group or organization please contact the Women s Resource Center at 228-8401 to schedule a time.

Girl Talk / Boy Talk

The Women s Resource Center will be starting Girl Talk / Boy Talk presentations in the schools for grades 7th-12th in January. Information is presented at each session on topics such as dating violence, sexual violence, hate crimes, stalking, self image, and self harm. The boys and girls are separated and grades are combined into 7/8, 9/10, 11/12. This program was given to various schools last year. Excellent responses have been received from students and the schools administration.

The Center is also working on a program for the elementary grades on bullying.

National Women s History Month

In 1975, during International Women s Year, the United Nations began celebrating March 8th as International Women s Day. In 1999, it was proclaimed to have March designated as Women s History month.

This month was dedicated to: recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms require the active participation, equality and development of women; and to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security.

During this month, we honor the generations of women who have served our Nation as doctors and scientists, teachers and factory workers, soldiers and secretaries, athletes and mothers. We honor the women who have cared for children and the elderly, nurtured families and businesses, served in charitable organizations and public office.

Quote

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it s the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

Respect Newsletter

The Women s Resource Center has recently developed a youth newsletter called RESPECT (***Responding to Ending the Silence & Protecting Each other Courageously Together.***) It was developed to provide students in northeastern Montana with a voice to speak out on issues of non-violence. The newsletter is produced by the Women s Resource Center and created by various students throughout the area. Each issue will include teen issues relevant to non-violence and respect. The newsletter will consist of articles written by teens, for teens with the following sections appearing in future issues:

- Various feature articles on teen issues
- Montana teen-focused news
- Views on media influences and happenings
 - Sports Icons
 - Actors / Actresses
 - TV/ Movie Reviews
 - Music/Magazine/Book Reviews
- Editorial page
 - What s on Your Mind? Q & A
 - What RESPECT means to Me
- Schedule of WRC school presentations
- Local incidents reported

All issues will be posted on the WRC website www.thewrc.org and opinions and views can be expressed via email at women@nemontel.net Newsletters will be distributed to teens in each high school in Valley, Daniels, Sheridan and Phillips counties.

For comments or to get on our mailing list to receive the newsletters contact the WRC at 228-8401.

Quote

Violence is anything that denies dignity and leads to a sense of hopelessness & helplessness.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Rural Response to Domestic Violence

Over the next few months, the Women's Resource Center will be providing a 20 hour training conference titled Rural Response to Domestic Violence to law enforcement officers, advocates, prosecutors and judges within our service area. This conference is a combination of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) curriculum and the Montana Law Enforcement Academy curriculum.

The instructors for this training, Beth Blakeman-Pohl and Dave Watson, are certified by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Montana Peace Officer Standards and Training Council as law enforcement trainers.

This training will cover several topics in regards to a coordinated community response to victims of domestic violence. These topics will include:

The Dynamics of Domestic Violence

Key Definitions

911/ Emergency Call Taking

Officer & Victim Safety

Victim's Rights

Domestic Violence Investigations

Domestic Violence Report Writing

The Booking & Detention Process

Orders of Protection

Domestic **A**ssault **R**esponse **T**eam

Administration & Management
Response

This training has been approved by the Montana Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.) for twenty hours of continuing education credits for all

law enforcement officers who attend.

There will be three separate conferences conducted in Phillips County, Valley County and a combined conference for Daniels and Sheridan Counties. The trainers time is donated by the Women's Resource Center to provide additional education opportunities to agencies that work with victims of domestic violence and their families.

For additional information on these conferences, please contact Dave or Beth at the Women's Resource Center in Glasgow.

Remembrance Quilt

Several quilt squares have recently been purchased, however, there are still many quilt squares available. The quilt will honor those who have survived or past away from breast cancer will be displayed in various organizations. If you would like to purchase a square please contact the Women's Resource Center at 228-8401. Each square is \$20.00, and a portion of the proceeds will go toward assisting people with a breast cancer related health problem.

Resource Library

The Women's Resource Center has recently added to their resource library. Books are now available to check out. The titles of these new books include:

- * *There's No Place Like Home* by Vickie Girard.
- * *The Breast Cancer Survival Manual* by John Link
- * *The Bully Free Classroom* by Allan L. Beane, PH.D.
- * *Guide to Surviving Prostate Cancer* by Patrick Walsh

The Women's Resource Center has many other books on a wide range of topics. Please feel

free to stop by and take a look.

Awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Upcoming Events

***February 15th from 5-8 *Men Who Cook for Women Who Wine.*

***February is Love without Fear month. Look for posters and public service announcements.

***March is National Women's History Month.

***February 24th through March 3rd is Eating Disorders Awareness Week

***March 1st is National Self Injury Awareness Day

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