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YWCA Wheeling



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YWCA Wheeling Over the Edge 2014 by: Lori Jones

On August 22nd and 23rd the YWCA Wheeling held its first Over the Edge Event. Sixty three (63) local residents rappelled from the roof of REDP's Stone Center onto the Plaza in downtown Wheeling. The first event of it's kind in the Valley. The international company, Over the Edge, provides all of the equipment and training for volunteers and program participants on the days of the event.

On Friday August 22nd, the event was kicked off as Rachael Dierkes (Anchor WTRF) rappelled to the ground during the noon news. Saturday morning's festivities began with Patti Kota (YWCA Board President) and Angela Feenerty (YWCA Board member and event co-chair) undertaking the challenge while people watched from the chicken coop. As events kicked off, Mary Kay Cosmetics Independent Consult-

ants held a Family Feud competition for businesses or individuals who raised over \$1,200. Ziegenfelder's Budget Pops won the Family Feud competition.

There was fantastic community support for this event, as 26 local businesses donated to our success; which was greatly appreciated for the role they played to assist us and in turn the more than 5,400 women, children and men who seek services from the YWCA Wheeling every year.

It was exciting and rejuvenating to watch so many people step out of their comfort zones to help raise funds for the YWCA while having amazing experiences. However, it would not have been a success without the community coming together to help in so many ways, either by sponsoring a friend or family member or showing up to cheer them on, as

they made the journey to the ground.

The event will be held on August 24th, 2015 this coming summer, each participant is asked to raise \$1,000 for the opportunity to rappel, most used facebook to help promote their intentions to rappel while asking family and friends to help them reach their goal. All proceeds will stay in the valley to help victims of domestic violence, homeless women or women in recovery, women in need of clothes or people fighting discriminatory barriers.

Thank you Ohio Valley for following the YWCA Wheeling Over the Edge for women and children and helping us raise over \$50,000.

**OVER THE EDGE
GIFT CERTIFICATES
ARE AVAILABE BY
CALLING 304-232-
0511.**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Your YWCA Wheeling is Dedicated to Eliminating Racism, Empowering Women, and Promoting Peace, Justice, Freedom, and Dignity for all.

OUR PROGRAMS

Cultural Diversity Community Outreach
(CDCO)
Family Violence Prevention Program
(FVPP)
Women Inspired in New Directions
(WIND)
Women's Residence
(Homeless)
"Y" Not Repeat Boutique

Call 304-232-0511 for more information

UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ COSMIC BINGO Friday March 27, 2015 at YWCA

◆ Tribute to Women at YWCA Monday April 20, 2015, log onto www.ywcawheeling.org for nomination forms.

Call 304-232-0511 for more information

Regular Schedule

Monday: Lifeskills Parenting Class 10—11 am

Marshall County DV Support group 10-11 am

Tuesday: Anger Management FOCUS Group 5:30-6:30 pm child care available upon request

Ohio County DV Support Group 6:30-8:00 pm child care available upon request

Wednesday: Life Skills Recovery 10-11 am

Friday: BINGO 6:30 pm Doors open at 5 pm

Saturday: Autism (Jan. 10 & Feb 14)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

There is No Excuse for Domestic Violence. By Michelle Harriman

Silence will not protect you or your family. Domestic violence thrives when we are silent, but if we take a stand and work together we can end the cycle of abuse.

October was domestic violence awareness month. Throughout the month, The YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program raised awareness about domestic violence in Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel counties in West Virginia. Domestic violence awareness activities included:

- 7 Billboards with the YWCA information and the NO MORE campaign
- Marshall County Commission signed a resolution recognizing October as domestic violence awareness month
- A candle Light vigil was held in Marshall County

on October 20 at the courthouse

- John Marshall students created posters focusing on co-occurrence of domestic violence and animal abuse, they are displayed at the Marshall County Animal Shelter
- John Marshall cheerleaders wore purple ribbons in their hair recognizing domestic violence awareness month and an announcement was made during the home football games
- Miss West Virginia, Paige Madden, visited John Marshall High School and spoke about domestic violence
- Several educational presentations were held in the schools and in the community.
- The US Attorney's office

partnered with the YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program to implement the Coaching Boys into Men program.

Domestic violence is an ongoing problem in our community.

The YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program assisted 442 clients from July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 to include 176 crisis calls and 472 total bed nights for adults and children.

You can make a difference by taking a stand against domestic violence. If you or someone you know is a victim, the YWCA FVPP is here 24/7 to assist. **Call our toll free hotline at 1-800-698-1247.**

There is no excuse for domestic violence.



Pictured above: The NO MORE Man, located in the YWCA Lobby, come in and sign to show your support of NO More Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault



Bethany College student at a Domestic Violence Awareness Event 2014

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What Is An Advocate?!

By Vicki Masters

The definition of an advocate is; one who works on behalf of, or in support of, a cause, program or issue.

The YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program is full of advocates that do just that. I think advocacy should include “TO EMPOWER”

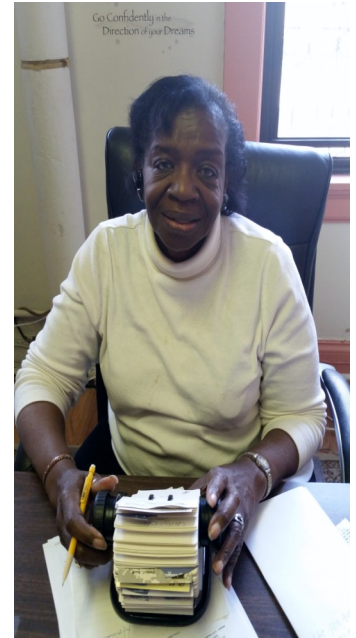
One of the most important tasks, that an advocate does, whether it is an outreach advocate, child advocate or employment advocate, is to empower domestic violence survivors to make their own choices.

Use your voice!!

New Face for a New YWCA Program by Rhonda Hayes

Barbara Crease has joined the team in November as the new WIND director. Please welcome her as she joins YWCA Wheeling in eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. The YWCA Wheeling offers far more than safe housing in it's new program, Women Inspired in New Directions. Each client in our non-treatment recovery program is given individual attention and offered professional

case management, life-skills courses, regular peer counseling, mentorship and access to educational and vocational training. We have been able to successfully assist 16 women this year as they have worked to re-enter society and begin new lives in recovery, free from addiction and criminal behavior. Many of them have successfully reunited with their children and are moving forward in their own housing. We have seen many successes this year.



Barbara Crease, WIND Director

United Way Day of Caring by Kate Monroe

The United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley kicked off their campaign September the 10th with the Day of Caring. This event brings local business volunteers to United Way Agency's for a day of difference to local non-profits. We are grateful for the difference they made at Judy's place, located in Wetzel County. With a total of six volunteers, the group – with pride – took care to paint several rooms in the building, along with pressure washing the exterior of the property and thoroughly cleaning the basement. What may be just a day for a group of volunteers can make a major difference to a non-profit agency and the clients that they serve. This, in turn, creates a comfortable housing opportunity for women. Clients can then utilize a service they need to rebuild their lives as a stepping stone to obtaining permanent, safe, and stable housing.

To quote one volunteer who participated, John Bloom: "I did not know any of the other volunteers until after I got there. I was amazed by the outstanding work and team effort of all who participated. It was great to work with such good people for such a great cause."

Many thanks to all of our volunteers for contributing their time and talents for making a difference in the lives of others!



2014 United Way Volunteers



On the Web: ywcawheeling.org or by mail: 1100 Chapline St. Wheeling W.V., 26003

Sometimes Hide and Seek Is Not A Game
It's Survival

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What is BIPP? by: John Nardone

BIPP is an acronym for Batterers Intervention Prevention Program. It is a program offered by the YWCA for men who are abusive in their domestic relationships. So many times, when an abuser calls to say that they have been ordered to take the class, they will say that they have to sign up for the “anger management” class.

BIPP IS NOT ANGER MANAGEMENT!! BIPP is a class that shows the abusers how to eliminate violence and abuse within their domestic relationships.

About four years ago, the YWCA FVPP expanded its BIPP program to encompass Marshall County. The class was started with three clients and it grew, quickly. Since its inception in 2010, the Marshall County class has grown to serve over 60 participants.

The majority of the men who attend this class are ordered from Magistrate Court in lieu of serving a jail sentence. Once these men complete the class and all fees are paid, their sentence is over and they can take their newly learned skills home and put them into practice.

The BIPP program consists of 32 sessions. Each week a different topic of domestic violence is covered. The participants that are in attendance are expected to participate and, most do.

Facilitating this program has its rewards and its pitfalls. Of all the participants that take this class, if only one participant can learn to live a violence free life, it's a shovelful of dirt taken out of the mountain that we know as Domestic Violence.



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