

THE MISSION of Every Woman's Place & Webster House Youth Services is to improve and enhance the lives of women, youth and families in crisis in our community by providing and advocating for services which lead to their safety, their emotional and economic self-sufficiency, their productivity, and their ability to participate fully in our society.

AWAWARENESS

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



As this agency grows, we are so thankful to people who recognize the need to help women, youth, children and families in our own community to

live a safe and productive life.

In the past year, we have recognized an increase in need for all services for homeless and at-risk youth, domestic violence victims, and families. Although the poor economy

does not create domestic violence, it may exacerbate it. Your commitment to help with the basic needs of safety, shelter, and food is what will keep our community strong for years to come.

With that in mind we would like to take a moment to recognize some of the generous contributions made to the agency through various events and fundraisers. A great deal of time and effort goes into creating an event that will raise awareness and funds to help abused families and youth in risk in our community. We are so grateful to you for all your hard work.

- Susan P. Johnson

GOLF FOR KIDS

The United States Golf Association has awarded Webster House Youth Services a grant to teach young teens how to golf as part of the Golf For Kids Program. Although the USGA funds programs throughout the country, this is the only grant awarded in West Michigan. The program ran for four weeks with four separate sessions. Kids in the greater Muskegon County, Northern Ottawa, Oceana, and Newaygo counties met at Lincoln Golf Club and received golf training from area PGA Professionals and local golf coaches. After the week-long training, they receive a Junior Membership to Lincoln Golf Club. The Junior Membership allows them to golf with their golf mentor for free throughout the remainder of the summer. "This is a fantastic opportunity for the youth of our community to learn a lifelong sport. Many of the kids here have never been on a golf course or played golf before. Lincoln Golf Club is proud to be able to teach these kids not just the game of golf but life lessons, honesty, and respect. These traits are inherent in the game. We hope these skills continue with them for years to come," Jim Kueny, Lincoln Golf Professional. The program wrapped up Friday, August 7.

FREEDOM RUN

A Memorial Poker Run and fundraiser for Webster House Youth Services and Make A Wish Foundation.

On Saturday, July 11th more than 14 area motorcycle gangs participated in the 2nd Annual Freedom Run to honor fellow fallen riders. Flags were made for each group that attended in force; they will be flown at Pats Roadhouse all summer long.

The event was a fundraiser for Webster House and for Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan; proceeds will be split between

the two agencies. The event raised \$20,000! The Freedom Run will be featured in the Thunder Roads Michigan Magazine next month. Thanks to everyone who participated in the run!



AWAWARENESS

FASHIONABLY GENEROUS



Thanks to NUVO College of Cosmetology for hosting the 1st Annual Fashion Competition on June 16. Not only did they collect a whole carload of clothing and food, but also nearly \$800 in funds to support Every Woman's Place. Thanks for your help!

WE WILL MISS YOU JOANN...

This month our community lost an incredible woman... JoAnn Corbin. JoAnn has been a volunteer and supporter, along with her husband Pat, for many years. JoAnn was a volunteer for Cheers and Chocolate the past 10 years, she helped raise funds along with the GOOT Girls, and helped organize many more events. We are honored to have had JoAnn as one of our supporters. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Pat in this time of loss. *Cheers* JoAnn.

DATING VIOLENCE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE SUCCESSFUL

With the recent coverage of domestic violence events in the media, now is the time to talk to teens in our own community about healthy relationships.

Thanks to a grant from the Alcoa Foundation, many students are currently, or have recently, participated in the Dating Violence Program.

"The Dating Violence Program, generously funded by the Alcoa Foundation, is evidence of our commitment to preventing domestic violence and Alcoa's support of our community. This is an investment in the future of Muskegon County's young people that is generating a great deal of excitement hear at Every Woman's Place/Webster

House Youth Services," commented Dr. Susan Johnson, CEO of EWP/WH.

Over 300 teens have participated in this educational opportunity in the last few months. Schools such as Bunker Middle, Muskegon Heights High, and Three Oakes Academy, as well as several church youth groups, have all benefitted from this program.

"There has been a public outcry by youth for this program. We have received many letters from school-age youth and have read the newspaper with comments from teens," commented Dr. Johnson. "Parents can help, too. There are early warning signs of an abusive relationship:

extreme jealousy, controlling behavior, quick involvement, mood swings, alcohol and drug use (where there was none prior), explosive anger, isolates your daughter/son from friends and family, uses force during an argument, shows hypersensitivity, blames others for his/her problems or feelings, verbally abusive, has abused former partners, or threatens your child with violence."

For information about the program or to set up a time for EWP/WH to present to your class, please call 231-759-7909 and ask for the Dating Violence Program Coordinator.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

If you would like to help Every Woman's Place during the month of October to get the word out about domestic violence, please contact the development department at 231-759-7909. The agency has several events to help bring out awareness of this issue that has affected so many of our friends and loved ones right here in the greater Muskegon County area in the past year. Please consider what you might be willing to do help.



LILLY JOYCE, PHILANTHROPIST EXTRAORDINAIRE!

Thanks to our little Lilly Joyce who has managed to collect thousands of diapers for the agency over the past year. Her gifts started coming in during the holidays last year. She continues to be an inspiration to all of us at Every Woman's Place/Webster House Youth Services. The agency is always in need of diapers for children of abused women as well as the babies of homeless and at-risk youth. Thank you Lilly!



International studies show that one in three women will experience abuse by a significant other in their lifetime, while 40% of all murdered women are killed by their husbands or lovers. These statistics are staggering, but **Every Woman's Place** and **Webster House Youth Services** are here to strengthen families. Our programs range from domestic violence prevention to youth programs geared toward helping youth make positive decisions about their lives. Our goal is to keep families healthy and safe in the greater Muskegon County area.



A WORD OF THANKS

Here at the agency, we are blessed with many kind words of thanks on a daily basis. Today we would like to share one with you. This letter was received from a young mother last fall and I am sure it will touch you as it has touched us. Without the generosity of our donors, we would not be here. If you know someone that has donated to Every Woman's Place and Webster House Youth Services give them a pat on the back - for this mom and for so many others like her.

"To whomever gave us the back to school items, I would like to say thank you very much. You really don't know how badly I needed those items. You probably just made it so my kids do not get teased anymore. I am thankful to each and every person that understands how something so small can mean the world to the person who is receiving these items.

Thank You!

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2010

2010 will mark the 11th anniversary of Cheers and Chocolate. The event will be held at the new Culinary Institute of Michigan. The agency is looking forward to a bigger and better event in the new venue. In the past, more than 500 guests have attended the event. This year we

expect the new facility will be conducive to a larger group with broader appeal. If you or your company would like to support this event with a sponsorship, please contact our Director of Development, Christina Scarpino. Many sponsorship packages are available at many levels.



Chef Robb White, Department Chair, Culinary Arts / Food and Beverage Management / Baking and Pastry of The Culinary Institute of Michigan, Baker College of Muskegon

AGENCY NEEDS LIST

Please consider donating the following items to help the shelters for women and homeless youth

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Hair Gel and Moose
- Combs and Brushes
- Linens for Twin Beds
- Blankets
- Games
- Diapers
- Towels and Washcloths
- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Non-Perishable Food Items
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Vegetables and Fruit
- Canned Meats
- Cereal
- Baby Formula
- Baby Food

Thank You!



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Call for referral.

231-759-7909

All groups and counseling are completely confidential and free of charge.

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Call for referral.

FAMILIES

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550 Wood Street
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