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The mission of the Women's Rural Advocacy Programs is to provide supportive services including crisis intervention, advocacy and safe-housing. The priority population, work and dedication is to provide services for women and their children victimized by domestic violence. Assisting to protect battered women and their children from further violence. Committed to bringing women's strengths together in creating empowerment where domestic abuse exists. Educating communities and systems about the realities of violence in the home. Assisting communities in planning and organizing to end domestic violence. The ultimate goal is to work for the major societal changes necessary to eliminate both personal and societal violence against all women and their children. The management team is based on equality, honesty and an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect. Its structure is non-hierarchical and non-bureaucratic. The group as a whole share decision making and responsibilities.

Taking the Bad with the Good

The Minnesota Office of Justice Programs (OJP) made a decision to not provide WRAP with the extra funding needed to fund a 40-hour work week for the 3 full-time Advocates and to rehire a part-time Advocate. This process was, again, competitive with all the other agencies in Minnesota who chose to apply. WRAP depends on the OJP funding in order to provide free, 24/7 confidential services to victims of crime in Minnesota. The funding cuts have resulted in WRAP's Board of Directors making thorough, thought out decisions in order to continue to provide quality services for crime victims in Lyon, Lincoln, Redwood and Yellow Medicine Counties.

We would like to say first and foremost that your support, phone calls, referrals, and collaboration with WRAP over the years have been an enormous part of our success when providing services to the victims of domestic violence and their children. WRAP will continue to provide quality services in each county. The Lyon/Lincoln County WRAP office in Marshall, MN will remain open and still operate out of its physical office space. Redwood and Yellow Medicine Counties will continue providing services "mobily" as they have since January 1, 2013.

It is important to Staff and Board that the services WRAP has provided since 1994, continue. This is why our agency has had to make the changes in our physical office sites in order to continue providing free, 24/7 confidential services for battered women and their children. WRAP is still available for in-services, trainings and presentations.

At this time, there have not been any decisions made by the Board of Directors as to the affects of this denial. After the recent murders in Yellow Medicine County, our services are as important as ever.

Fundraising and grant writing have been almost like full-time jobs along with providing services on a 24/7 basis. Be assured that WRAP's services will continue to be provided in Lyon, Lincoln, Redwood and Yellow Medicine Counties as they have been, and that any changes would be effective October 1, 2013.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

We are grateful to be able to continue fulfilling our Mission Statement. We just have to take the bad with the good and make the best of it.

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If so, please email yellowmedicine@letswrap.com and let us know that is how you would like to continue to receive information about what is going on with WRAP and other important domestic violence information!

The Truth Is...

Safety is a basic human right. Yet, batterers deprive 1 in 3 women in Minnesota of that fundamental right. Batterers use a pattern of tactics to denigrate, dominate and endanger their intimate partners and children-to deny them safety in their own homes, workplaces, schools and communities.

Murder is on the extreme end of the spectrum of tactics that abusers use to exercise power and control over their intimate partners. So far in 2013, 31 Minnesotans have been murdered in domestic violence incidents. Even more startling is that in 2012, 63,267 victims sought services from domestic violence programs. This represents only a small portion of the victims in the state since only about 1 out of every 5 victims seek services.

Contact that may appear non-threatening from the outside can actually be a marker for increased risk and lethality. A batterer is most dangerous when his victim leaves him. There are resources available at your local domestic violence program to help you do safety planning before you leave an abusive relationship. If you or anyone you know is looking for assistance, please contact your local WRAP program at 1-800-639-2350 or the Day One crisis line at 861-223-1111.

Domestic violence is a public safety issue. Keeping victims of domestic violence safe and holding batterers accountable are responsibilities of the entire community. We must all work together-battered women's programs, law enforcement, the justice system, the Minnesota Legislature, the entire community-to promote justice, provide safety, and prevent future harm for all Minnesotans.

Domestic Violence is everyone's business.

WRAP would like to thank the following for their support in our mission to educate and support women and children experiencing domestic violence:

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| ✂ Danebod Lutheran Church of Tyler, MN | ✂ Ardella Quanstrom in honor of Teresa Mittners |
| ✂ St. Genevieve Church CCN of Lake Benton, MN | ✂ Mavis & Jeff Sandgren |
| ✂ Augustana Lutheran Church WELCA | ✂ Daniel & Susan Larson |
| ✂ First Lutheran Church WELCA of Marshall, MN | ✂ Greg & Kathy Gill in memory of Kara Monson and Chris Panitzke |
| ✂ Salfers Food Center of Wabasso, MN | |
| ✂ St. Dionysius CCW of Tyler, MN | ✂ All individuals who have donated quilts, personal care items, and other miscellaneous items |
| ✂ First English Lutheran Church of Tyler, MN | |

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

These activities were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress. Such legislation has passed every year since with NCADV providing key leadership in this effort.

In October 1994 NCADV, in conjunction with Ms. Magazine, created the "Remember My Name" project, a national registry to increase public awareness of domestic violence deaths. Since then, NCADV has been collecting information on women who have been killed by an intimate partner and produces a poster each October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, listing the names of those documented in that year.

The Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday in October. NCADV hopes that events in communities and regions across the fifty states will culminate in a powerful statement celebrating the strength of battered women and their children.

<http://www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth.php>



The Staff, Board and Volunteers of the Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. would like to thank USBancorp and US Bank for the generous opportunity to be a recipient of the funds raised during the 12th Annual Charity Event Spaghetti Dinner held on August 7, 2013. Without their support of our mission Statement, SMSU, donations and those who came out to eat that night, WRAP would be struggling a little harder today to provide greatly needed services in Lyon, Lincoln, Redwood and Yellow Medicine Counties. We are extremely appreciative of the support they have extended to us due to the budget cuts that the WRAP organization has currently experienced.

Thanks to the USBancorp's generosity, WRAP will be able to continue providing services, and most importantly, safety to victims of domestic violence and their children. Unfortunately, domestic violence is something that affects our community as a whole and knows no boundaries. It doesn't care if you are rich or poor, educated or illiterate, or live in metropolitan or rural areas. The harsh reality is that in 2012 there were at least 14 women and one man who were killed by a current or former partner. Three friends or family members died as a result of domestic violence. (Annual Femicide Report, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women). Rural battered women in particular face unique problems, but a battered women's program can provide personal support, safety planning, information about options available, transportation, legal information, safe shelter, and referrals to financial assistance, job training, and education (Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women/ www.mcbw.org).

Once again, we at WRAP thank the USBancorp for the generous opportunity. Because of you, donators and those who came out to eat, our community is a better and safer place!



Thank You!

Local support of WRAP is critical to meet increasing costs to deliver services.

WRAP has provided services to victims of domestic violence for over 19 years.

Your contribution to the program is greatly appreciated!

May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun
And find your shoulder to light on



DONOR INFORMATION

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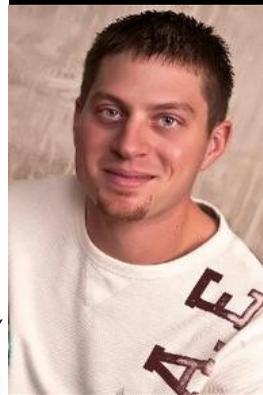
WRAP is a non-profit organization. Your gift to the program is tax deductible. A receipt for your donation will be sent to you upon request.

MAIL DONATION TO: WRAP, Box 1193, Marshall, MN 56258

Blessed be the memory of Kara Chris



Kara Monson, 26, was gunned down inside her Granite Falls home in the early morning hours of September 2, 2013. Police say her ex-boyfriend, Andy Dikken, pulled the trigger. He is also suspected of killing Chris Panitzke, 28, who Monson had recently started dating. Panitzke died September 8th at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, where he had been airlifted after being shot on September 2nd at Monson's home. On September 17, Dikken was brought to the Renville County Sheriff's Office in Olivia, MN by family members who had been cooperating with the investigation and search for him. He is currently in custody in the Yellow Medicine County Jail in Granite Falls, MN.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



WRAP participated in the 2013 National Night Out celebration at Justice Park in Marshall. The event involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials and is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anticrime programs, and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. It also sends a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It featured visits from emergency personnel, exhibits, youth events, safety demonstrations and seminars.



The first National Night Out took place on Tuesday, August 7th 1984. That first year, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states. National Night Out now involves over 37 million people and 15,000 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

For more information: <http://www.natw.org/about-nno/>

IMPORTANT INFO!

Although WRAP has been hit hard by State budget cuts recently and had to close our outreach offices, we want to remind everyone that

WRAP is still providing services to domestic violence victims in Lyon, Lincoln, Redwood and Yellow Medicine Counties.

All of the services we offer to victims of domestic violence are still the same as they were prior to the budget cuts. WRAP still provides free, 24/7 confidential services. Please feel free to contact us using the contact information on the back page of this newsletter!

Halloween Safety Tips

Ghouls and goblins will take over the night. But even scary creatures need to be safe and celebrate Halloween night. Halloween's greatest hazards aren't vampires and villains, but falls, costume mishaps and automobile collisions. WRAP wants your family to have a safe Halloween so we're providing these tips, the Lucky 13:

1. Map out the route the you plan to roam, so adults are assured you'll find your way home!
2. From the bravest of superheroes to the noblest of knights, everyone should remember to bring their flashlights!
3. If you visit a house where a stranger resides, accept treats at the door and, please, don't go inside.
4. When you get ready to put on your disguise, use face paint instead of masks, which will cover your eyes.
5. Always remember, before you embark, to wear light-colored clothing to be seen in the dark!
6. Whether you walk, slither or sneak, do it on the sidewalks and not in the street.
7. As you roam through the neighborhood collecting your treats, please look both ways before crossing the street!
8. Wigs, capes and costumes are flammable attire, so avoid open flames to prevent a fire!
9. Use a glow stick instead of a candle so your jack-o-lantern isn't a safety gamble!
10. You may fly on a broom or a space ship from Mars, but please be on the lookout for drivers in cars!
11. Monsters and zombies should stay off the lawn, and only visit homes with their porch lights turned on!
12. You may be dressed as a werewolf, a cat or a frog, but be cautious around strange animals, especially dogs.
13. Have a grown-up inspect your candy when you're done trick-or-treating to remove open packages and choking hazards before eating.

GIRLS AND WOMEN HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD ...

BUT VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS AND WOMEN CAN BE A SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLE TO REACHING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

IN THE U.S., WE STILL HAVE STAGGERING RATES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS AND WOMEN

40 PERCENT

of teenage girls ages 14-17 say they know someone their own age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend

At least one in three girls is sexually abused by the time they reach the age of 18

EVERY 2 MINUTES

Someone is sexually assaulted in the U.S.

91 PERCENT OF VOTERS AGREE that "living a life free of violence is a basic right for everyone and it goes against our values when girls and women are beaten and raped. When this right is violated, we all have a duty to help."

But right now **ONLY 27 PERCENT** of voters are very likely to get involved in preventing violence against girls and women in their community.

WE NEED A POWERFUL MOVEMENT THAT WILL MOBILIZE SOCIETY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS AND WOMEN

Our Movement's Strengths:

- Government support /VAWA
- National infrastructure
- Successful systems change
- Passionate, committed advocates
- Broad public support
- Survivors

Our Movement's Challenges:

- Burnout
- Resource scarcity
- Silo'd field
- Limited funding for advocacy
- Limited focus on social change
- "A movement of NO"

WHAT DO WE NEED TO BECOME A POWERFUL ENGINE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE?

WE MUST ALIGN AROUND A COMMON VISION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE AND MOVE TOGETHER STRATEGICALLY TO ACHIEVE IT.