



Community Crisis Center, Inc.

Serving the Community since 1975

We provide Safety, Hope, Advocacy, Respite and Education for those impacted by crisis and violence in the Fox Valley Region and Illinois.

Holidays—2017

The holidays are upon us, and there is much scurrying about the building.

For the Crisis Center the winter holiday season began with the winter wear giveaway (see page 3), and has continued with over 300 families receiving turkey and fixin's for Thanksgiving.

Future plans include a holiday decorating party for the residents. Aided by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Crisis Center staff, residents will prepare the shelter living room area with holiday decorations followed by carol singing.

Next we will turn our attention to the Elgin Holiday Toy Giveaway which is December 14. Last year over 6,000 toys were provided to families in the Elgin, South Elgin area. More information about this is available on page 3.

Then more fun with a resident holiday brunch including a visit from Santa, and gifts for Christmas morning.

Christmas is always an exciting time around here, and your help is needed and appreciated!



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Thanks for Coming CCC Open House 2017

Over the weekend of October 29, Community Crisis Center was proud to have over 175 persons come to see the changes we have made.

Visitors were greeted at the front door where a mural painted by Tracey Padron, and supported by Nancy and Art Schueneman, greeted them. Finished in 2016, the mural was painted as part of our 2015 celebration of 40 years of service to the Elgin and sur-

rounding communities.

From there they went to the 3rd floor and began their tour of the building. Along the way, staff were positioned to tell the stories of persons who had been helped here.

Often heard at the end of the tour was, "I knew you were here, but I had no idea of all the things you do."

We really enjoyed the opportunity to give our friends and supporters an opportunity to see what we do.

If you attended, thanks for coming. If you missed it, watch for the next one!



Part of the mural includes Founding Mothers, Venita Leach, Sally Brown, and Becky Albert. This portrait greets everyone as they come up the stairs to enter the building.

Save the Date!

SPRING GALA

March 10, 2017

Partners in Peace



The 22nd Partners in Peace Breakfast honoring those who in the course of their work provide support to victims of Domestic

Violence was held at Elgin Country Club on October 13th.

This year's award winners were:

- ◆ Judge Kathryn Karayannis
- ◆ Carpentersville Police Dept.
- ◆ Women on the Brink Committee Childcare Project
- ◆ Amy Sierra & Pam Ely-Juvenile Justice Center,
- ◆ Latanya Hill-Kane County Court Services
- ◆ Mary Shesgreen, Lifetime Achievement Award



Pictured l—r above are recipients: Griselda Hernandez, Chief Michael Kilbourne, Latanya Hill, Jennifer Ford, Judge Kathryn Karayannis and Mary Shesgreen; not pictured Amy Sierra & Pam Ely.

Domestic Violence Rally Recap

October 26 was the Domestic Violence Rally at Elgin Community College. Located in the Seigle Auditorium, attendees were privileged to hear from Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon.

Attorney McMahon highlighted some interesting statistics including a recent study that showed that while Kane County overall felonies are on a downward trend, this is not true of Domestic Violence incidents which remain constant. He suggested that many mean that indeed victims are no longer hiding the violence that they have been enduring for years, and that more awareness is helpful in bringing



State's Attorney Joe McMahon speaks to rally attendees

perpetrators to court. He introduced his staff and shared with us both their successes and frustrations.

Following State's Attorney McMahon was Anna Whitmer, Coordinator of the Abuser Intervention Program at the Crisis Center. Anna explained how abusers are helped and reaffirmed that the learned behavior of domestic violence can be unlearned.

The program ended with a vigil honoring local persons who died at the hands of their abusive partners.

Other events for the month included a presence at area libraries and a panel presentation led by Kane County Sheriff Donald E. Kramer.



Candles shine during the vigil for those who did not survive domestic violence.



Kim Schellin-Rog, Crisis Center Domestic Violence Program Coordinator, opens the evening's events.



Holiday Help!



Each year we are asked how to help us for the holidays. Here are some suggestions:

1. **Donate toys for the December 14 Elgin Toy Giveaway.** Unwrapped toys can be taken to the Grand Victoria Casino or brought to CCC at any time through the 12th of December. We especially need gifts for teenagers. See website below.
2. **Volunteer to work the Toy Giveaway.** Sign up on the Toy Giveaway Site — www.elgintoygiveaway.org
3. **Bake or buy cookies for our lobby.** For some, these may be the only holiday cookies they get.
4. ***Purchase holiday gifts for residents.** Women’s gifts include—Pajamas, Slippers, Hat & Scarf set, Journals and pens, Towel sets, Wristwatches, Fleece Blanket or Afghan, Lotion & Shower Gel set, Calendars/day planners (purse size), \$20 gift cards — Wal-Mart or Target
5. ***Purchase gifts for children in shelter :** Extras are used for birthdays throughout the year. Dolls, doll clothes, books, tool sets, toddler/pre-school toys, cars/trucks/garage, Legos, craft/art supplies, board games—all ages
6. ***Purchase teen gifts:** watches, radios, costume jewelry, manicure sets, diaries/pens, basketballs/footballs/soccer balls, lotion/shower gel, etc.
7. ***Gifts for the Crisis Center:** holiday ribbons, bows, tape, DVDs: G, PG, PG-13 for children and adults, diapers (sizes 4,5,6), toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant (men or women), disposable razors, small and large bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, soap bars, gently used/new bath towels, laundry detergent (HE only), dishwasher packets, dishwashing liquid

***Please bring all gifts by December 17, 2017**

We are taking winter wear donations until December 31. — See page 4 for more information on what to bring.

We count on holiday donations to the food pantry — See page 4 for information on what to bring.

Thank you Tweyen, Inc.

Have you seen our new website yet? If not, be sure to check it out. A special Thank you goes out to Tweyen, Inc. for creating this beautiful and functional website for us. Tweyen, Inc., is a national marketing firm, locally headquartered in Arlington Heights. Thank you for your donation!

THANK YOU!

To all who donated online to the Community Crisis Center on Giving Tuesday, 11/28/17.

With your contributions we raised \$22,510!

