



Community Crisis Center

Crisis Line 847-697-2380

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.

30th Auction Success!

The Annual Benefit Auction held on 3/11/17 at the St. Charles Q Center, is the largest fundraiser for the Crisis Center. The theme for this year's gala was "Night and Day". Our featured music was provided by Riley Elmore, whose appearance on "The Voice" has made him a local celebrity.

Terry Dunning and daughter Shawn Dunning were the guest auctioneers. The crowd was lively and the bidding was robust! Hot items includ-

ed a trip to Africa and a beautiful hand made birdhouse.

In addition to the Silent and Live Auctions, old favorites were back, including the Wine Pull and Beer Pull. This year we added a Gift Card Pull.

It was a wonderful evening with delicious food, exciting items and good friends. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, or attended; we couldn't do it without you.



Save the Date for 31st Auction 3/10/18

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What is new at the Crisis Center?

Something is always happening at Community Crisis Center and we are excited to announce the following:

1. The Community Crisis Center Training Academy:

Especially aimed at persons who are interested in obtaining CEUs for LSW/LCSW; LPC/LCPC; CDVP and/or CPAIP these Academy trainings will include topics around Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Partner Abuse Intervention. The next training (March 17 from 8:30-12:00) will be "Addiction Co-occurring with Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Partner Abuse Intervention." If you are interested, or for future training information, contact Kim Schellin-Rog at kschellin-rog@crisiscenter.org or call her at 847-742-4088 ext. 112.

2. Counseling Comes to Hampshire, Pingree Grove, Carpentersville:



Pingree Grove had a population of 124 in 2000 and is now more than 4500.

The Crisis Center has received a grant to support counseling in growing rural areas of Kane County. As a result, Domestic Violence counseling is now available closer to home for residents of Pingree Grove, Hampshire, and Carpentersville. **To schedule at any of these places, call the Crisis Line at 847-697-2380.** We continue to offer counseling services in Streamwood and St. Charles as well as in Elgin.

Celebrating Life

Sally Hoffman left a legacy of caring

Sally Hoffman a passionate and dedicated advocate for children, human rights, equal rights, and non-violence died on December 29, 2016 following an extended illness. For 17 years she was the Coordinator of the Children's Program at Community Crisis Center, where she worked tirelessly to provide a safe nurturing environment where children are free to express feelings, play peacefully, learn non-violent behaviors and begin to understand the dynamics of domestic violence. She was responsible for developing and expanding the programming for children from families dealing with domestic violence or homelessness. During her time at the Crisis Center she grew the program to include counseling and therapeutic support to children and teen witnesses of domestic violence and offering family counseling and parental support to the mothers of these children. She developed the theme "*hands are for helping, not hurting*" which we still use as a helpful tool for working with preschool and elementary school-aged children.

Sally worked within the Elgin Community. She was an original member of the All Peoples Interfaith Pantry Board, serving on that board for 15 years. She also was on the original committee for the Elgin Community Toy Giveaway, continuing on that committee for several years past retirement from the Crisis Center.

After retirement in 2007,

Sally worked to advocate for victims of domestic violence and their children within their faith community. In November of 2008 the Blackhawk Presbytery (89 Presbyterian churches in northern IL) began a Domestic Violence Awareness Network with 5 pastors and Sally as facilitator.

She also guided the Safe Church Policy Task force for her church, First Presbyterian Church in Elgin, guiding them through the process of writing a policy in 2008.

Sally received numerous awards from church and community including being the first recipient of the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence volunteer award "One Mission, One Voice."

In 2013 year The Community Crisis Center was proud to give Sally the *Partners in Peace Lifetime Achievement Award*. This award is given to persons who have devoted their lives to the pursuit of safety for Domestic Violence Victims and healthy living for all.

Sally was a peacemaker and an excellent role model for children and adults, quietly leading by example. Involved, caring, passionate, dedicated and committed to what she believed is right she helped others do and be more than they ever thought possible.

Sally was a dedicated advocate for ending violence against women and breaking the cycle of violence.

We are grateful to have had Sally in our midst.



Sally and another staff member working with the children in the CCC Garden.

We only do what we do with the aid of the community

Elgin Kiwanis

Community Crisis Center, Inc. received a **\$2,750** grant in February that will cover the cost to purchase fresh milk, baby formula and breakfast foods for the children and infants staying in our Shelter Program.

The Kiwanis Club of Elgin has partnered with the Crisis Center for years to improve the lives of our youngest clients. "When we ban together we can accomplish great things. We are so honored to partner with the Kiwanis Club of Elgin." said Gretchen Vapnar, Crisis Center Executive Director.

Multifilm

In addition to a regular monthly donation, Multifilm Packaging Corporation, an Elgin owned and operated packaging film producer, has matched employee December donations. Multifilm is one of the world's largest producers and converters of piece-wrap film. Our many thanks to Multifilm for supporting our mission.

ECC Hosts the Long Red Line 250 participate



The Long Red Line event concluded with attendees forming a long red line of hand-made scarves around Jobe Lounge.

[For more information about One Billion Rising, click here](#)

Elgin participated again in the global movement, One Billion Rising, to stop rape and violence. For the fifth year, events are being held around the world to support an end to rape and violence.

Elgin's event, The Long Red Line, was held in the Jobe Lounge at ECC. Approximately 250 persons joined together to support those who have survived rape and violence, and to call for an end to this crime.

Event sponsors included: ECC, Community Crisis Center, YWCA, Ecker Center for Mental Health, AAUW, CERL, Fox Valley Citizens for Peace and Justice, Open Door Health Center, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Elgin.

Holiday Recap

Over the holidays we had many special times with our clients.

- There was a client party hosted by CCC and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.
- Santa made a Special stop at the Crisis Center with a specially selected gift for each child.
- All residents had gifts under the tree on December 25th.
- The Crisis Center participated in the Community Toy Give-away which provided 788 families with gifts for 2,134 children.



District U-46 Dream Academy Girls Groups pictured above with their teacher, Sarah Mary Borden (center), and Domestic Violence Community Educator, Ruth Peterson (right) raised over \$400 to provide gifts for the children. In addition the Dream Academy held a food drive to aid our emergency food pantry.

Needs list:

We are in great need of non-perishable food for our Emergency Food Pantry. Consider having a food drive.

Appreciated food items include:

Canned fruit
Canned meat meals
Cereal/oatmeal
Jelly
Macaroni & cheese
Peanut butter
Pinto beans, dry 1# bags
Pork & beans
Powdered milk
Saltine crackers

Soup/ Ramen noodles
Spaghetti noodles 1# bags
Spaghetti/marinara sauce
Spaghettio type canned items
Tuna
White rice 1# bag/box
Can Openers

Remember our homeless clients need small servings with easy open lids.



Community Crisis Center Board 2017

Our Board of Directors for 2017:
We welcome new board member Rev. Donald Frye.

Board Officers

Keith Brill - President '17
Mario Karayannis - Treasurer '18
Betty Rauschenberger - Secretary '17

Directors:

Mariana Barriga '17
Darlene Burnap '19
Donald Frye '20
Chathia Johnson '17
Cathy Olson '18
Sherry Totzke '18
Lisa West '17

Calendar

Ongoing:

Drop-In Domestic Violence Support Groups

Thurs 7:00-9:00 pm English
*Wed. 6:00-8:00 pm Spanish
*Fri. 9:00-10:30 am
(Expressive Art)
English
*Childcare Provided

March 17 — Addiction Co-occurring with Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Partner Abuse Intervention (Training Academy)

March 11 — Annual Auction Gala

April – Sexual Assault Awareness Month

May 11 — 7pm Community Crisis Center Sexual Assault Department and ECC present Eve Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues"

May 22-26 — Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Training

ECC Theatre in collaboration with the Community Crisis Center announces auditions for the award-winning play

The Vagina Monologues by Eve Ensler.

Auditions dates/times/locations:

Monday, March 20 7-9 p.m.
Tuesday, March 21 7-9 p.m.

Auditions will be held in Room H247 at the ECC Arts Center, located in Building H, on ECC's campus at 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, 60123.

Audition Information: We are casting 10-15 roles for women. Auditions are open to ages 16 and up. Anyone under the age of 18 will need to present a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian in order to audition. We will email a permission slip after you have signed up for an audition. Auditions will consist of readings of selections from the script during 30-minute audition appointments. Please familiarize yourself with the play. Copies of the script are on reserve at the ECC library.

Rehearsals and Performances:

Rehearsals begin Monday, April 3 and will run Monday through Thursday 7-10 p.m.

The performance is Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

Sign up for an audition appointment at:

<https://eccartscenter.wufoo.com/forms/rnbuslj1k8gsp0/>.

