

Community News

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Winter 2009

"We're Always Home" 847-697-2380

22nd Annual Benefit Auction "A Magical Night"!

Abracadabra, let the magic begin! Join us for an evening of fun & magic to be held at the dazzling Q Center in St. Charles. The merriment begins with cocktails and silent auction preview at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 followed by Live Auction at 9:00. Co-chairs, Karen & Dan Fox, and a committee of dedicated volunteers are pulling together a wonderful event that will include hundreds of interesting, useful and unique items and a delicious meal all for a good cause. Tickets are \$100 per guest, 1st time attendees receive \$20 off their ticket.

Community Crisis Center
22nd Annual Benefit Auction

A Magical Night

Saturday
March 14, 2009



What You Can Do

Be a Sponsor: From Platinum to Friend there is a sponsorship level to meet your needs. Sponsorship entitles you to various advertising in our auction booklet and at the event, higher levels receive complimentary tickets to the auction.

Make a Donation: We welcome items or certificates for any of the following categories: Home Sweet Home & Holidays; Outdoor Living/Garden; Fitness & Sports; Novelty Items/Showbiz; Personal/Health/Beauty; Antiques & Collectibles/Art; Planes, Trains & Automobiles; Children & Family; Food & Fine Dining; and Live Auction. High on our list this year are trips, kayak, iPod, plasma screen television, digital camcorder, and special events or sports tickets.

Volunteer: Scores of volunteers are needed for daytime set up and evening management on 3/14/09. If interested please contact Arlene at (847) 742-4088.

33rd Anniversary Dinner Highlights

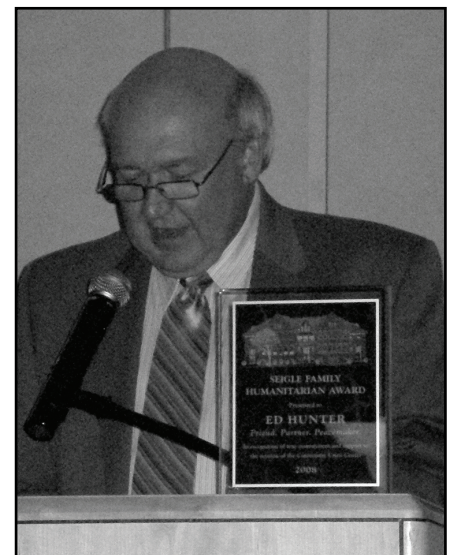
The Community Crisis Center celebrated our 33rd year of service with a dinner on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at The Heritage Ballroom, Elgin. Gretchen Vapnar, Executive Director, gave a State of the Agency address, The Seigle Family Foundation Humanitarian Award was presented to Ed Hunter, Provena Saint Joseph Hospital, the Wanda Lingle Employee Award was presented to Susana Napoli, CCC Bi-lingual Legal Advocate and The Heart of the Center Volunteer Awards went to the following:

- Rick & Patti Krenz, Annual Krenz Scramble Golf Outing on behalf of CCC
- Joanne Marshall & AT&T Pioneers, organize a yearly backpack and school supply donation
- Bill McFarlane, makes weekly deliveries of donations to CCC
- Melissa Mershon, organizes a yearly 4th of July lemonade stand and donates the proceeds to CCC
- Phyllis Wear, Volunteer Hospital Advocate

Special Acknowledgement to:

- Rep. Ruth Munson
- Senator Michael Noland

Judy Cornelius and Susana Napoli,
CCC's 2007 & 2008 Wanda Lingle
Employee Award recipients



Ed Hunter, The Seigle Family Foundation
Humanitarian Award recipient



New Business Line

The Community Crisis Center has separated our Crisis Line from our Business Line in hopes of being more efficient to all callers. Business callers may dial 847-742-4088. Crisis calls or any professional calls in regard to clients may dial 847-697-2380.



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The Board of Directors is responsible for program review, and policy-setting, and long-term planning of the organization. They also hire and evaluate the performance of the Executive Director.

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Annual Thanksgiving Feast Continues

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elgin has for the past 24 years organized and hosted a traditional turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day for those alone or in need. Each year hundreds of guests dined on roast turkey and all the trimmings. This year St. Joseph's group was unable to host the event. Rebecca Albert, a Crisis Center founding mother, volunteer and mother of Crisis Center employee Karina Albert-Sheppard, heard that the event was cancelled and couldn't drop the feeling that something must be done. A caterer by trade she gathered her troops and daughter and with the assistance of all a feast to feed 1,000 was organized in two weeks time.



Karina Albert-Sheppard and Rebecca Albert



From the Executive Director

January 2009

Dear Friends:

In each newsletter I try to share with you some of the 'miracles' we experience everyday at the Crisis Center and to express to you our gratitude for all you do in support of our mission. This January issue most often includes New Year wishes as well as some predictions about the upcoming year in terms of funding, services etc.

We are all aware that these are difficult times for nearly every person and each and every entity—for profit or not-for profit. Under that dark cloud of economic uncertainty, I was finding it difficult to write of optimism and hope. Then, each of our staff received the following letter from one of our newest staff members.

I hope you will find it as sweet, meaningful, and insightful as we did.

Dear Friends,

I love the end of the year. It is an opportunity to spend a little quiet time, reflect on what has gone before, calculating the obstacles, triumphs, set-backs and successes. It is the opportunity for new beginnings and the finishing of old business. It is a time to think about where we are at and where we want to go and, should it be necessary, re-assess our priorities.

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude. - Denis Waitley

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. - Melody Beattie

The end of the year inevitably brings thoughts of letters not written, phone calls not made, chances not taken... We can never correct the past, only make better use of the opportunities we have tomorrow. I have a heart full of expectation for 2009 and, when I wish that it will be our best year ever, it is not idle words spoken it jest.

It is really my prayer that, by the end of 2009, we will be able to look back and say, "I am in a better place". For those of you who celebrate Christmas, may it be blessed and peaceful. If you are going on holiday, may you travel safely and return with your spirits renewed.

Wherever you may walk, may you walk in Grace!

Peace,

Gretchen

Gretchen S. Vapnar
Executive Director

Nearly 600 people came to Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin on November 27th and enjoyed a glorious dinner. Thank you to all who participated in this event. The following individuals and businesses made contributions to this fabulous event:

Anonymous
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Rita & Dave Covey
Cyril Friend
Wayne & Pam Jensen
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Dave & Jean Muntz
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Rebecca Albert Catering
St. John's Lutheran Church, Elgin
St. Joseph's Church, Elgin
Shuring, Inc.

People to Know



Mary Thies lives in The Greens of Elgin Retirement Community and she likes to knit. Not knowing what to do with all of her knitted items she offered them to her neighbors who in turn wanted to pay her for her efforts. Mary took the payments and donated them to the Community Crisis Center. This December the Crisis Center received a donation that brought Mary's total donation to \$5,021.

Mary has lived in The Greens since 2002. A long time Elginite, she is the eldest of 13 children and worked at the Elgin Watch Factory even after she married, an unusual occurrence for her generation. Mary, a remarkable, independent woman, will be 96 years old this March and we would like to thank her and all of her neighbors for supporting the Community Crisis Center. Her continual donations make it possible for us to provide critical services to those in need.

Ellen MacGregor, a founding mother of the Community Crisis Center, passed away in December 2008. Ellen, a School District U-46 elementary teacher, was fiercely independent and championed women's causes most of her adult life. After retiring from teaching, she remained connected to the Crisis Center as a volunteer. She helped with mailings, clerical work and fundraising events. Ellen would also drop by every month or so for lunch and would bring dessert.

We at the Crisis Center are grateful for Ellen's work done on the agency's behalf. We appreciate her strength and commend her for being true to herself. She will be missed, but not forgotten. A memorial service was held on December 15, 2008 at The Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva and The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister, recited a poem that captured the essence of Ellen MacGregor that we wanted to share with you.

*God bless our challenging friends -
the cantankerous, who do not suffer fools gladly - or grudgingly, either,
whatever their station or power or rank;
the forthright and the alarmingly honest,
who have no filter to speak of
between thought and speech;
the opinionated, their certainties shaped
by both reason and longing;
the awkward, the stubborn, the loyal, determined, the ones who have learned
how they've had to be strong.
God bless the ones who are demanding and pushy - who regard with respect
those who firmly push back.
God bless the ones who seem hard and prickly -
who are so much more fragile than they would appear,
who need so much - and give so much,
whose edges are softened by passion and love.
God bless all our friends -
our loved ones -
our neighbors -
God bless all the challenging people.
And since that would be all of us -
God bless us, every one.
Let us move into silence together . . .
All people are challenging, different, odd -
we need from each other
compassion and patience.
We need from each other
kindness and understanding.
May we be so blessed
And may we so bless others, all the days of our lives.
Amen.*

May your New Year be filled with blessings - and yes, may we move into a time of true peace for all ~

The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, Senior Minister
The Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, Illinois



Yes Virginia, the Holiday Spirit is Alive & Well

Thank you to every person, business and group that made a cash contribution, baked cookies, donated a coat, knitted hats and mittens, supplied holiday food baskets, read to a child, made crafts, and so much more. We are indebted to your commitment to the Crisis Center; without your on-going support we would be unable to provide round-the-clock services to our community. Together we make a difference, today and always.

The Community Crisis Center was once again blessed with a wonderful outpouring of support during the holiday season.

- 625 holiday meal baskets were dispersed to families in November and December
- Dozens & dozens of cookies were donated for the shelter, holiday parties and our lobby guests
- Hundreds of winter coats and a gazillion hats/mittens/gloves/scarves have been donated and given to those in need
- At the Elgin Area Community Toy Giveaway more than 6,000 new toys were donated and dispersed to 3,000+ children from 1,100 families
- 390+ volunteers organized and staffed the Elgin Community Toy Giveaway
- 118 women & children attended the Annual Clients Holiday Party
- Members of Delta Sigma Theta planned, provided gifts, food and activities for the Client Party

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARDS

The Community Crisis Center put out a call for help to fill our Emergency Food Pantry and the response was wonderful! Faith communities, schools, organizations, business and municipalities organized food drives to fill our shelves. Our food pantry fills the gap when other local food pantries are closed. Last fiscal year 1,110 individuals received 15,994 meals from our pantry and 2,096 individuals received 3,908 referrals to 2 area food pantries.

Our pantry may be full now, but it will empty quickly. So, we continue to need your help to fill it on a regular basis. Following is a list of the most needed items. Take this list to work, church, clubs, organizations or friends:

Non-perishable canned and boxed goods
Canned fruit/applesauce
Soups/Raman noodles
Ravioli/Spaghetto's/chili/sloppy Joe mix
Cereal
Rice
Dry beans
Pasta and sauces
Macaroni & cheese
Saltine and graham crackers
Powdered milk

Please contact Lisa at 847-742-4088 for more information or to make a donation.

Holidays for All

On Christmas morning in the shelter women know that Santa is coming for the children because they participate in the process by wrapping their own children's gifts to be placed under the tree by our Midnight staff. What the women DON'T know is that Santa is coming for them as well. Each woman in the shelter receives a laundry basket filled with wrapped presents, including pajamas, slippers, a towel set, an alarm clock, journal, wristwatch, and shower gel set. The women were truly surprised and very, very grateful for these gifts.

Several of the women signed a card expressing their gratitude. Remarks included:

"Thanks so much for the wonderful Christmas gifts. They are greatly appreciated."

"Thank you for everything and I am very grateful and appreciate all of your help."

"Thanks for making my Christmas great!"

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Program: providing information and resources to victims and their family members/significant others that include counseling; legal and medical advocacy; and emergency response to area hospitals by trained volunteers

The Community Crisis Center is planning several opportunities for the community we serve to reflect on how sexual assault is impacting our community and what we can do as a community to work together to end gender violence. More information will be available in March on our website, www.crisiscenter.org



"Plants for Peace"

CCC Sexual Assault Program is organizing a plant sale to benefit the department and agency. Flowers are available in flats, planters and hanging baskets. Orders are due April 1st with an expected mid-May delivery to be picked up at the Community Crisis Center. Contact Kim at 847-742-4088 or kshellinrog@crisiscenter.org if you are interested in ordering and/or selling and for additional information.



Sexual Assault Advisory Committee

Sexual Assault Advisory Committee of the Community Crisis Center is comprised of representatives from community agencies that come together quarterly to share the challenges sexual assault victims experience in many settings in the community as they access other services.

Dave Berg,
Kane County Child Advocacy Center

Judy Bland,
Kane County State's Attorney Office,
Victims' Rights Unit

Karlene Cappell,
Provena St. Joseph Hospital

Denny Clouse,
KidsHope United

Lorie Hermesdorf,
Elgin Community College Police Dept.

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Elgin Police Department Crime
Prevention Unit

Joann Stingley,
Elgin Police Department

Kim Schellin-Rog,
Community Crisis Center Sexual
Assault Program Coordinator

Calendar of Events

April 2, 2009	Elgin Community College Community Room Stalking Awareness presentation by ECC Officer Lorie Hermesdorf	11 am - 12:30 pm & 4 pm - 5:30 pm
April 8, 2009	Judson College Student Cafeteria	10:30 am - 2:30 pm Informational Booth
April 9, 2009	Elgin Community College Community Room Walk the Walk	11 am - 1 pm & 4 pm - 6 pm
April 14, 2009	Elgin Community College ATC Auditorium Sex, Lies and Alcohol video viewing and discussion	11 am - 1pm & 4 pm - 6 pm
April 16, 2009	Elgin Community College ITC lounge Sexual Assault Awareness Rally	6 pm-8 pm
April 21, 2009	Elgin Community College Community Room Roundtable discussion on How to Respect Girls	11am - 1 pm & 4 pm - 6 pm
April 22, 2009	Judson College Student Cafeteria	10:30 am - 2:30 pm Informational Booth
April 23, 2009	Elgin Community College Community Room Roundtable discussion on How to Help a Friend	11am - 1pm & 4pm - 6pm
	Huff Elementary School Sexual Assault: What is it? Bilingual presentation	6 pm - 8 pm
April 28, 2009	Elgin Community College Community Room Roundtable discussion on Rape Myths: What are they and how can I stop mistaken beliefs?	11 am - 1 pm & 4 pm - 6 pm
April 29, 2009	Elgin Community College Alumni Room RAD (Rape Aggression Defense System Self Defense) presentation by ECC Officer Lorie Hermesdorf	10 am - 12 pm
April 30, 2009	Elgin Community College Alumni Room RAD (Rape Aggression Defense System Self Defense) presentation by ECC Officer Lorie Hermesdorf	5 pm - 7 pm

CRISIS CENTER PROGRAMS & SERVICES

ECONOMIC CRISIS PROGRAM: providing information and resources to individuals and families who lack sufficient shelter, food and support. Services include shelter; counseling; financial assistance; emergency food; outreach to the homeless; and transitional living program.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM: providing information and resources to individuals and families that include emergency shelter; counseling; legal medical and welfare advocacy.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM: providing information and resources to victims and their family members/significant others that include counseling; legal and medical advocacy; and emergency response to area hospitals by trained volunteers

BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM: counseling support groups offered to individuals who are abusive to family members/partners/significant others.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Services provided to children of adult clients include emergency shelter; school and social service agency advocacy; and counseling.

SPEAKERS BUREAU AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION: presentations are available on a variety of topics suitable for schools, business, churches, clubs, groups and organizations.

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Domestic Violence Program

Dear Friends:

The Community Crisis Center wants to thank the community for its participation in Domestic Violence Awareness activities during the month of October. A variety of opportunities were provided for persons to increase their knowledge about domestic violence and the resources available at the Crisis Center: Displays at area libraries, the annual Partners in Peace Breakfast, a focus on Domestic Violence in 14 faith communities, banner signing and collection of night ware for shelter residents by Sherman Hospital employees, an all day conference for faith communities, a Stand Up/Don't Stand By event at Gail Borden Library, and Feast for Peace (Van's, Bookers, and Paul's restaurants donated a percentage of profits on designated days).

Domestic Violence most often takes place in homes, behind closed doors, but it affects the whole community. It threatens the safety and well being of individuals and families. It perpetuates behaviors and attitudes that lead to violence on the streets. The good news is that there is help. There is hope. Thank you for helping us get this message out and for continuing to partner with the Community Crisis Center through out the year.

Sharon Burner, LCSW, CDVP

Domestic Violence Program Coordinator

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Ashley Wootton's 7th grade homeroom class from St. Mary's Catholic School in DeKalb was challenged to give back to those in need during the holiday season. The class chose to make a cash donation to the Community Crisis Center's Children's Program; in December they donated \$126.25 collected from their allowances.



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Children's Needs List

- After school snacks: juice boxes, individual fruit and pudding cups, granola bars, microwave popcorn, raisins
- Dress up costumes, hats, jewelry
- New backpacks
- Umbrellas
- Clorox wipes
- Clorox Anywhere Hard Surface Spray
- Batteries: AA, C and 9V

Volunteer News

Following is our greatest need for volunteers:

• **Food Rescue Pick-up:** The Community Crisis Center receives donated food from three area restaurants that augment our Emergency Shelter Program. We are in need of volunteers to pick up the food from these restaurants and deliver it to the Crisis Center on a weekly basis. We pick-up food from the following places once a week:

KFC/Pizza Hut Dundee Avenue, Elgin
Pizza Hut Chicago Street, Elgin
Long John Silver/Taco Bell Summit Street, Elgin

Please contact Arlene at 847-742-4088 if you are interested in being a Food Rescue volunteer.

• **Interpreters:** to provide vital assistance to non-English speaking clients. Interpreters are needed for telephone and in-person counseling, advocacy and financial assistance services. The greatest need is for those who are fluent in English and Spanish. Other languages are also needed. Please contact Arlene at 847-742-4088, T-T-H, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

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 In memory of Jane Kreecker
 Ms. Joanne Engers
 Mr. & Mrs. Rod Stoner
 In memory of Dan Lake
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lake
 Ms. Linda Roth
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July 1, - December 31, 2008

In honor of my friends, Alyson, Kristin, Heidi, & Sherry
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 In honor of Mary Michael Callahan
 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Johannesen
 In honor of Community Crisis Center
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 In honor of Robin & Tim Erickson
 Ms. Georgi Benedyk & Ms. Ann Majkowski
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 In honor of Lowell & Nancy Haire
 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Peddy
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 Ms. Barb Wascher
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 In memory of Will Stewart Jr.
 Ms. Lindsey Harris
 In memory of Jennie, Robert & Helen Stoner
 Mr. & Mrs. Rod Stoner
 In memory of Wesley Wear
 Ms. Phyllis Wear
 In memory of Dick Woelfel
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 In memory of Virginia Woods
 Mr. John L. Woods
 In memory of Robert Zoller
 Ms. Pamela Zoller

MEMORIALS
July 1 - Dec. 31, 2008

In memory of Jim Aydt
 Ms. Kate Bernhard
 In memory of Beth Berkson
 Dr. Solomon Secemsky & Dr. Virginia Secemsky
 In memory of Chuck Brieger
 Ms. Suzanne Brieger
 In memory of Fern Burkhardt & Francis Hathaway
 Mr. & Mrs. Tobias W. Miller
 In memory of W. James Burnidge
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 In memory of Ida Cartright
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 In memory of Doris Dieckman
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 Ms. Pat Hedley
 In memory of Dan Dopke
 Ms. Diana Dopke

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Matching Gifts: through your company's matching gift program. Thousands of companies, small and large, have Matching Gift programs which can double or even triple the individual, tax-deductible contributions made by their employees. Your employer may be one of them!

The process is simple: ask if your company has a Matching Gift program. If so, obtain a matching gift form from your personnel or human resources office or matching gift coordinator, fill it out completely and send this form along with your contribution.

Recycled Greeting Cards: for the past several years we have collected used greeting cards at the Center for this project. The project, organized by Nancy Sisler, has raised more than \$66,000 for the Crisis Center. If you are interested in donated used greeting cards it would be most helpful if:

- Cards were no older than 5 years
- No photo cards
- Do NOT donate fronts only, we need the verse
- No Christmas cards, we have plenty
- Yes to sympathy cards, we have few



Cellular Phone Collection: The Community Crisis Center has been participating in a recycling program since April 2004. Shelter Alliance, a program of GRC Wireless Recycling, is a private sector business based in Florida dedicated exclusively to socially responsible cell phone recycling. Shelter Alliance offers shelters and social service



organizations cash for collecting old cell phones. This program pays \$1 to \$25 for phones that can be refurbished.

Since we began participation in this program we have received \$17,338.87 from donated cell phones; \$5,424.74 was collected in FY '08. Proceeds from collection can raise thousands of dollars for such needed programs and services. Shelter Alliance has contributed over \$2,500,000 to social service organizations nationwide.

Cell phone collection "drop boxes" are currently established at the following locations in the community:

- Community Crisis Center, 37 S. Geneva St. Elgin
- Streamwood Police Dept, 401 Irving Park Rd., Streamwood
- Hoffman Estates Police Dept, 1200 Gannon Dr., Hoffman Estates
- Piece of Cake Bakery, 304 N. River Rd., E. Dundee
- Kane County Recycling Center, 540 S. Randall Rd., St. Charles
2nd Sat. of the month

The Community Crisis Center requests and appreciates that the public bring their used, unwanted cell phones and battery to these locations during working hours.

The Community Crisis Center is additionally soliciting local businesses to initiate collection campaigns with its employees, customers and vendors. We encourage businesses of all types to participate in this program. Please contact us at the number below.

Contact: Jeri Hodal 847-742-4088 or jhodal@crisiscenter.org



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(In the Wing Park Shopping Center at Wing St. & N. McLean Blvd. On Elgin's Westside.)

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Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm, Sunday & Monday Closed

Volunteers still needed, contact Arlene at 847-742-4088.

Shelter Needs

- 1st Aid Items: band aids, antibiotic ointment, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, antacids, throat drops, cough syrup, benadryl
- Laundry items: powder laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets
- Dishwashing liquid (like Joy)
- Dishwasher powder/liquid (like Cascade)
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Paper towels, facial tissues, toilet paper
- Aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic storage bags
- Ground coffee (regular & decaf)
- Ceramic coffee mugs

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

The Community Crisis Center receives funding from: United Way of Elgin, Northwest Suburban United Way, United Way of Central Kane County, United Way of Metropolitan Chicago. We urge you to give generously to your local United Way. When you donate to United Way, you are supporting all of the area agencies that work together to provide services to those in need. ONE of every THREE people in our community benefits from your continued support of the United Way.



Calendar of Events . . .

March 14, 2009 . . . 22nd Annual Benefit Auction

April 2009 . . . Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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