

Volunteer Update

Community Crisis Center

January, 2017

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

~Oscar Wilde

Happy New Year!

We certainly had a busy holiday season here at the Community Crisis Center! Here at the Crisis Center, 41 volunteers provided 236 hours of service to shelter residents and walk-in clients. Many of those volunteers served in two or more positions during the month. And at our Elgin Holiday Toy Giveaway, 260 volunteers served 788 families in shopping for new toys for 2134 children—all the while surviving a bitter cold snap! Personally, working alongside all of our awesome volunteers at the Toy Giveaway was the highlight of my December. I am already looking forward to next year!



Thank you again for all of your service to the Crisis Center in 2016. I wish all of you a wonderful start to the new year!

Warm regards, Melissa Owens

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Heart of the Center Volunteer Awards

Congratulations to Paul Burris, Judy & Luis Cabrera, Tony Dillard, Sylvia Hiple, Willard Dulabaum, Randy Lemcke and the Elgin



Golden K Club, recipients of this year's Heart of the Center Volunteer Award, presented at our 41st Anniversary Dinner on November 10th. We are grateful for your contributions to the Crisis Center!

COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER, INC MISSION:

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

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Dinner Service for Residents in Shelter

Our dinner calendar for January and February is pretty wide open right now for donations of dinner service and/or resident activities. If you have wanted to cook a meal for our residents, or if you have an activity in mind such as a game night or a glamor night, now is the perfect time! We typically have anywhere between 20—30 women and children in shelter at any given time, and dinner service is usually around 5:30. Meals can come to us fully prepared and ready for residents to serve themselves, or a group of a few volunteers can cook and eat with our residents and provide a light activity afterward, or any combination in-between. Please call me to discuss your perfect dinner service with our residents!

Donation Management

We are looking for a volunteer to come in once a week in the month of January to help with donation management and sorting of clothes, toys and food. Timing is flexible; however, morning or early afternoon would be preferable. If interested, please call or email me to discuss details. I can take one volunteer for four weeks or four volunteers for one week each, so if you have availability for just one week and would like to help out, don't hesitate to ask!

Martin Luther King Food Drive Sorting

I will need a couple of volunteers on Tuesday and possibly Wednesday, January 17th and 18th, to manage food donations that will come in from the Martin Luther King food drive in Elgin. A system of sorting the food is established already, we just need a couple of volunteers to do the sorting! Please contact me ASAP if interested.

Christmas in Elgin!



Toys awaiting shoppers after expert volunteer staging at the Elgin Holiday Toy Giveaway.



Santa (AKA volunteer Randy Lemcke) checks his list during the Christmas Brunch for resident children.



THE LONG

FEBRUARY 14, 2017


10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Jobe Lounge

Elgin Community College
1700 Spartan Drive

Join the global movement, One Billion Rising,
to stop rape and violence. Bring a red cloth,
any length or material, any shade of red.
Share your personal symbol of strength and solidarity.

For more information, contact the
Office of Student Life at 847-214-7392,
Community Crisis Center at 847-697-2380,
or visit the Facebook Page at
The Long Red Line: One Billion Rising/Elgin



RED LINE



Unitarian
Universalist
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Ecker Center
for Mental Health

eliminating racism
empowering women
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Mark Your Calendar

February, 2017

Teen Dating Violence
Awareness Month

March 11th, 2017

30th Annual Gala and Auc-
tion Fundraiser!

February 14th, 2017

10:00—11:30am at ECC
The Long Red Line / One
Billion Rising to stop rape &
violence.

April, 2017

Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

Donation Needs

- Help fill our Emergency Food Pantry! Food donation needs can be found at https://www.crisiscenter.org/pdfs/Crisis_Center_Emergency_Food_Pantry_List.pdf.
- Non-Food donation needs, including personal care items and children's items can be found at <https://www.crisiscenter.org/pdfs/CCCNONFoodDriveList.pdf>.
- We have a great need for diapers of all sizes, but especially sizes 4, 5 & 6.

Thank you!



Thank you to the many donors who provided coats and winter wear for our Annual Coat Giveaway. While the Coat Giveaway will continue through the end of January, we are pleasantly fully stocked with coats in our coat room, with an excess of coats ready to be hung. We will begin accepting winter coat donations again in the fall.