

# Women's Resource/Community Support Center

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## Community Law Center

The Resource Center is pleased to announce that Peter Tomaryn, our Victim Witness Advocate, recently passed the Montana State Bar and has been admitted as an attorney in the State of MT. Peter will continue to work with our organization as we have entered into a

memorandum of understanding whereby we will be able to offer his legal services to qualified individuals who are the victims of domestic and/or sexual violence. Peter will provide these services to individuals, per our arrangement, on a pro-bono basis.

Peter is establishing the "Community Law Center" in the old stone "Title Building" next to the courthouse on Bannack Street. He will also conduct his private law practice from this location. Should you have any questions about this new program please contact us.

If you or anyone you know needs to speak to an advocate, please call our 24/7 hotline:

**1-800-253-9811**

Or

**1-406-683-3621**

## Director's Corner

Dear Friends,

It seems impossible that 2011 is coming to a close but, with that said, WRC has much to report and reflect on. Over the year the staff, dedicated advocates and volunteers have served a total of 893 clients in Beaverhead and Madison Counties. One of the new trends identified in providing services to victims in 2011 is how many average citizens have been impacted negatively by the national economic downturn. Unfortunately, many families and individuals have lost their homes, jobs, security, and comforts of living. Due to this issue we are experiencing nationwide, families are falling apart. The stress of unhealthy and substandard living conditions has created negative circumstances our nation will suffer from for years to come.

The core of our services continues to provide opportunity for holistic change for women, men, elders, children, and minorities. WRC has been providing domestic and sexual assault services to victims for over 33 years. The staff takes pride in evaluating services annually in an effort to continue to provide best practices, and to adapt to the most prevalent needs in our service area. As we continue to make great strides in providing services we hope the community and our surrounding friends continue to support our mission.

I am amazed at the support our community provides to those in need all year long, but the Holiday season brings out the best contributions. This year I want to make special mention of those who come forward to provide substantial gifts to those in need. Thank you

everyone, your generosity exemplifies your humanitarian qualities!

**Helping Hands Cathy Cottom  
Highlighters 4-H Club  
Horse Prairie Hay Shakers 4-H Club  
Melrose Rainbows  
FCCLA Twin Bridges HS Club  
UMW Women's BB team  
National Guard Armory  
Peak Bottling  
Dillon's Rotary Club  
Dillon Elk's Club  
Andrew Belice  
Linda Guinnard  
Scentsy Heather Schipman  
Dillon JC Auxiliary  
Debbie Pierce  
Madison Co. Women's Club  
Jim's Smoke Shop  
Parisian Cleaners  
Di's Place  
& many anonymous donors**

**Thank you!!!**

**The gift of giving is more fulfilling than receiving.  
Kelly McIntosh, Exec. Director**

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## Madison County Officer Awarded for Exceptional Service

Deputy Ian Hallenius has been recognized by the Women's Resource Center for his outstanding effort in providing safety for our clients.

During the spring of 2011 a mother and her two children were fleeing from a domestic violence situation in another county in Montana. They arrived in Madison County and sought the services of the Madison County Sheriff's Office for safety. Deputy Hallenius responded and met with the mother. Although none of the violence had occurred in Madison County, Deputy Hallenius realized the seriousness of the situation and called our hotline. After conveying the nature of this case, Deputy Hallenius

transported the family to the Beaverhead County Law Enforcement. Advocates from our center then placed the family in our Safe House. The mother applied for and was granted a Temporary Protection Order against her husband.

Within one month the mother and her two children were able to transition out of the Safe House, and move to another community where they were safe. The mother obtained a job and the children were transitioned into schooling and childcare successfully.

This is a major success story that would not have happened had Deputy Hallenius not realized the danger to the family, and

sought the services of the WRC.

WRC presented Deputy Hallenius with a plaque for "Service Above and Beyond the Call of Duty", for handling the above situation with outstanding care and concern for the family.

Periodically, the Resource Center will give this award to a law enforcement officer who has gone beyond the call of duty to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Connie Bauers, Director of ASH Program

*"The happiest people I have known have been those who gave themselves no concern about their own souls but did their utmost to mitigate the miseries of others."*  
Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
(1815-1902); Social Activist

## 2011/2012 Wish List

The vision of our organization seems simple on the surface. We wish to address people's needs in a non-violent, non-confrontational manner. Of course, this becomes very complex when taking into consideration the diversity of issues mixed with the unique characteristics that make up an individual. The following is a list of items or services that continue to be dire needs of our clients and represent areas in which we are not allowed to use grant funds. To make a special gift towards any of these or for further details, please call 683-6106.

### Items

**Updated Security System for Safe House - \$5,000**

**ADA Approved Ramp - \$2,000**

**Household Amenities - \$500**

**Company Vehicle - \$10,000**

### Services

**Pro Bono Legal Services Provided\* - \$5,000**

**Basic Life Essentials Emergency Fund\* - \$1,000**

\*These services require screening by staff and are given only upon approval of the Women's Resource/Community Support Center.



Community members joined us for a candle light vigil in honor of those whose lives have been lost of affected by domestic violence. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

## Girls for a Better Future

'Girls for a Better Future' will be meeting at Dillon Middle School each Wednesday after school in Room 17 - all 7th and 8th grade girls are welcome. Our goal is to empower girls by connecting them with others and opening their eyes to social pressures. By providing parents, teachers, and community members with as many possible resources and skills available to us, we first raise awareness about their capacity to serve as agents of change and then enlist their action. With in-

creased control in their lives, greater challenge from adults, and closer commitment to their communities, **girls will and do thrive.**

With curriculum from 'Healthy Girls Hardy Women,' girls will work on:

- Identifying pressures that affect girls;
- Brainstorming negative and positive female role models;
- Comparing of real life bodies to Barbie's measurements;

- Critiquing media portrayal of females and males.

According to girls who have participated, the group is a place where they feel they belong, where other girls are there for them, and where they can discuss a variety of issues. They develop connections and trust with other girls, and learn to support one another.



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## High School Anti-Bullying Workshop

This year, we will be working closely with Beaverhead County High School in kicking off a new workshop to prevent bullying in and out of school. BCHS is an exemplary school when it comes to violence prevention, and we look forward to building on the foundation of success. NCBI Missoula is a chapter of a national organization that has worked with elementary, middle and high schools, and

higher education throughout the world to create more inclusive, safe and welcoming learning environments. In particular, NCBI works to prevent: teasing, bullying and harassment; youth violence; and prejudice and inter-group tensions. NCBI offers a systemic K-12 approach that builds a coalition of concerned teachers, staff, administrators, parents, community leaders

and students to create a more caring and safe school environment for all. NCBI works with each school district to create a team of leaders who set and implement district wide community building and violence prevention goals. Workshop curriculum includes: Exploring Cultural Identities; Cycle of Oppression; Examining Misinformation; and Ally-Building Skills.

*"Some people won't be happy until they've pushed you to the ground. What you have to do is have the courage to stand your ground and not give them the time of day. Hold on to your power and never give it away."*  
Donna Schoenrock

## Annual Duck Race

The Sixth Annual Duck Race sent almost 500 ducks into the river, racing to bring home cash prizes to their lucky owners. Two adorable duck toys (pictured right) were donated and raffled off as well. Congratulations to all the winners! See you next year!



Photo by Gregory Jones @ Grizzly Photographics

## Parent Group Calendar

Oct. 14th - "Halloween Costumes on a Shoe String" by Judy Ulrich

Oct. 27th - Dillon Library Tour

Nov. 10th - Tour and Demonstrations by Orme Dentistry

Nov. 22nd - Fire Safety at Dillon Volunteer Fire Dept

Dec. 8th - Police car demonstration by local law enforcement

Other events, date TBD:

Ambulance Tour

Healthy activities w/children

Arts & Crafts

Birthdays on a Budget

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*Happy Holidays!*

