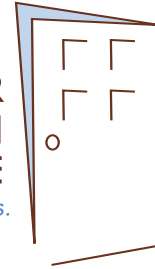


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SAVING OUR COMMUNITY ONE PERSON, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME...

a message from Martha Herm,
Executive Director of The Center for Prevention of Abuse



When we see friends and family lose jobs, cars, homes, and college opportunities, it's easy to understand their overwhelming feelings of powerlessness and hopelessness. With the stroke of a pen, one's world can be turned upside down forever.

Now add a stroke of a hand, constant screaming and yelling, a slap in the face, or a deluge of ugly put-downs to a family who is also suffering from the economic crisis. Disaster reigns!

Take the case of "Lisa" who was ordered by her abusive husband to embezzle money from her employer in order to supplement the family's budget. While we don't condone Lisa's actions, we can understand why she felt overpowered by his threats of taking away their five children, killing the dog, further beatings, and homelessness. Long

story short, Lisa was caught and now has a felony conviction on her record.

A felony record prevents a person from getting many jobs and signing leases for public housing and some private housing. How could Lisa leave a house and relationship, even though abusive, to start over with a black mark hanging over her head and five young children to support? In spite of the odds, Lisa finally broke away and she and her children spent two years in our transitional housing program.

They used all of our services – latchkey for the children after school so that Lisa could hold down a full-time job; court assistance with an Order of Protection and the divorce; counseling for the children and for Lisa; groceries, clothes and toiletries as needed from our pantry of donations; financial planning

for her embezzlement debt; and emotional support. Now they have their own place and are doing well but continue to participate in programming here at The Center.

While there was a cost to society for The Center's intervention in Lisa's life, it is miniscule compared to the cost of putting Lisa or her husband in jail and their kids in foster homes. There is also the potential cost to us all if the five children were to become abusers or victims as adults. We have been able to break the cycle of violence in this family and help empower Lisa to care for her children as a single parent. In saving Lisa, we are saving our community from further disaster.

In Peace,

TROUBLING TIMES MEAN GREATER NEED

Everyone feels the stress of these troubling times, but individuals and families on the brink are experiencing more abuse. Here's an indication of what The Center is serving. These percentages reflect growth in demand from March 2008 to March 2009:

- Orders of Protection in Tazewell County are up 56%
- Orders of Protection in Peoria County are up 50%
- Shelter Nights are up 41%
- Elder Abuse new contacts are up 57%
- Sexual Abuse client services are up 25%
- Hotline Calls are up 17%

**The Center for
Prevention of Abuse**

The Center for Prevention of Abuse is the only agency in Illinois that provides combined services to victims of domestic violence, child and adult sexual abuse, and elder abuse, along with abuser re-education. We offer prevention, intervention and education services for all ages. Our trained staff is also available 24/7 for confidential crisis and advocacy support.

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Race a Duck...Stop Abuse!

The 21st Annual Duck Race to benefit The Center for Prevention of Abuse

Sunday, August 30, 2009

Fun begins at 12 noon
Ducks race at 3 p.m.

Peoria Riverfront in front of Old Chicago
120 SW Water Street

Your contribution of \$5 can change a life. The Center is the only agency funded by the State of Illinois to provide comprehensive intervention and prevention services to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse.

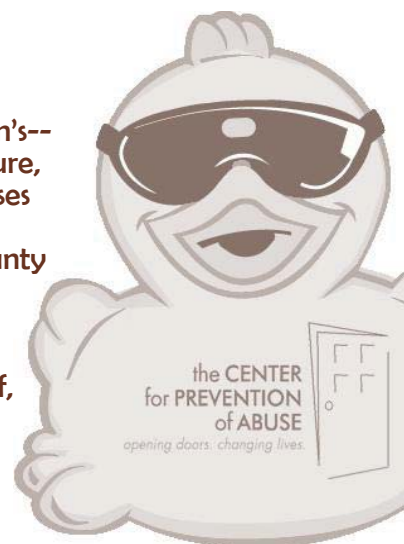
Entry Forms for the upcoming Duck Race are included in this newsletter.

This year's top prizes are:

- *\$5,000 shopping spree at Sherman's-- you can choose appliances, furniture, HDTVs, home theaters or mattresses
- *Rainbow Carnival Castle Playset with free installation in the tri-county area.

Additional prizes include a \$1,000 Savings Bond from South Side Bank, rounds of golf, sunglasses and an array of gift certificates. For a complete list, see the enclosed Duck Registration Form or visit our website:

www.duckrace.com/Peoria



Duck Soiree and All That Jazz— Mark Your Calendars for August 6!

Enjoy cool jazz and hot hors d'oeuvres at this year's Duck Soiree and All That Jazz, Thursday, August 6, at the Par-A-Dice Hotel.

You'll hear the music of Derel and Ellen Monteith, enjoy fabulous food and celebrate the Duck Race sponsors at the event hosted by Par-A-Dice Hotel from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will also include a silent auction.

Tickets are \$10. They may be purchased by calling Lisa at The Center, 691-0551, or emailing lprather@centerforpreventionofabuse.org.

For our latest updates, please visit www.centerforpreventionofabuse.org

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Quackin' For The Cause

It's Duck Race Season again! The Center invites you to enjoy some fun summer activities and support the Duck Race. You can see a game or attend an event while you champion The Center. For a complete list of duck sales dates and locations, please visit our website at www.duckrace.com/peoria

July Dates:

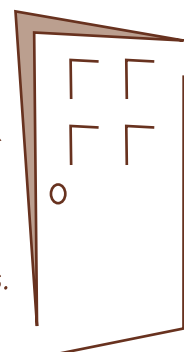
5	noon to 5 p.m.	Par-A-Dice Super Cruisin'—Antique Car event with proceeds to benefit The Center
10	6:30 p.m.	Peoria Chiefs

August Dates:

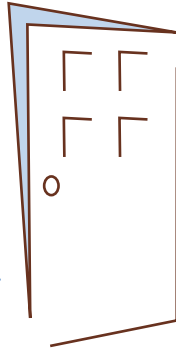
6	5 to 7 p.m.	Duck Soiree and All That Jazz at the Par-A-Dice Hotel
14	6:30 p.m.	Peoria Chiefs
28—29--30		Erin Feis
30	12 p.m.	Duck Race celebration begins at noon on the Riverfront
	3 p.m.	Duck Race!

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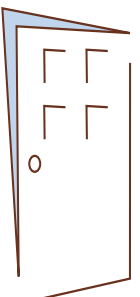
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