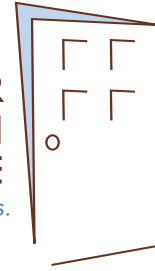


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FRONT AND CENTER

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



Dear Friends,

The Center was in the news a great deal this summer and we would like to give you an update on those news stories.

Duck Race Update

Hundreds of onlookers watched 17,764 rubber ducks swim in the Illinois River to support The Center for Prevention of Abuse. We increased our duck sales by more than 2,200 over last year and raised \$111,000! In this economy, this was an amazing accomplishment. Thanks to all of you—our donors, supporters, sponsors, volunteers and staff—for a record setting race.

Our Duck Race is a fun raiser as well as a fundraiser. Quacky, our duck mascot, and the duck race bring home the “stop abuse” message in a way that is understandable and comfortable. We know that knowledge enhances safety and self-sufficiency, so we hope we reached many people who didn’t know that we are here to help.

State Budget Update

We are tremendously relieved that the original cuts of 75% of state funding for domestic

violence and sexual abuse services did not come to pass. However, there were cuts of 10% which amounts to nearly \$100,000. We are continuing to go forward, having cut some positions, and constantly looking for innovation and collaboration so that we can do more with less.

Unfortunately, in these troubled economic times, the demand for our services has risen by 50%. Stresses of losing jobs, decreased income and dismal forecasts undermine many family relationships. Now, more than ever, we must provide resources to keep our community safe.

Shelter Roof Update

Stimulus funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUD) have finally started flowing through the City of Peoria to us so that we can begin replacing the roof on our 24 year old emergency shelter building. This grant, plus another from the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, makes this needed repair possible. A wonderful outcome of this funding is that any contributions to The Center go directly to services for victims of

abuse and to prevention education programming.

Board News

The Center extends a heartfelt thank you to Jeff Corron, Cathy Emmanuel, Daetta Jones, Gary Matthews and Pat Wilson for their strong leadership and meaningful service as members of the Board of Directors for the Center. We welcome new members Sue Bosich, Elliff, Keyser, Oberle & Dancy, P.C.; Martha Diebold, Methodist; Jackie Furniss, Illinois Mutual; Lisa Gates, Tribune Interactive; Kelli Stokes, Caterpillar Inc.; and Sean Vanslyke, Ameren Illinois Utilities.

Thank you to outgoing officers Bob Williams, president; Nancy Wright, vice president; Pat Wilson, immediate past president Mark Scheirer, treasurer, and Dorothy Abbott, secretary. New officers are Nancy Wright, president, Mike Baynard, vice president; Mike Murphy, treasurer; Sandy Gallant-Jones, secretary and Bob Williams, immediate past president.

In Peace,

**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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To Build a Safe, Peaceful Community.

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The Duck Race Rocks!

The 21st Annual Duck Race raised \$111,000 for The Center for Prevention of Abuse. Thank you to our sponsors:



Better Banks • Commerce Bank • First Bank • Old Chicago • Peoria Banking Center • PersonalCare • Tom and Donetta Jenn Busby Bank • Fitch Heating and Cooling • Clark Management • Huber Brothers • McGladrey and Pullen, LLC • Simmons Little Johnnies Hedger & Meyers • Horan & Company • Kramer Chiropractic • Legacy Investments • Mike Murphy Ford • Traders Realty • Peoria Fire Department Peoria Park District • Peoria Disposal Company • Schauble Real Estate Team

Thank you to our volunteers—selling, transporting, tagging, racing, gathering and shipping close to 18,000 ducks is daunting, but thanks to the powerful participation of more than 200 people, including board members, sponsors, staff and community volunteers, it worked. When you consider the state of the economy this year, you can see how the generosity of this community with volunteer hours and financial support is amazing and yields record-breaking results.



Above: Plucking The Winner—Carolyn Coulter picks out the winning duck under the watchful eyes of (from left) Martha Herm, executive director, Mary Jo Schettler, representing naming sponsor Par-A-Dice Hotel-Casino, and Nancy Wright, Board president.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Did you know:

- DV occurs in 1 out of 4 heterosexual relationships, and it is predicted that similar rates exist in LGBTQ relationships.
- About 34% of the reported victims of DV were between 19 and 49 years old.
- Over 38% of the victims who reported incidences of DV were people of color.



Walk a Mile in My Shoes To Raise Awareness of Domestic Violence Prevention

Saturday, October 24 at Peoria Civic Center

8:00 a.m.—Meet/Late Registration at Peoria Civic Center. 8:30 a.m.—Walk Starts

9:00 a.m.—Women's Lifestyle Show Starts—Free entry for walk participants wearing t-shirts.

Pick up t-shirts at Center for Prevention of Abuse, 720 W. Joan Ct., Peoria 61614
Join The Center for Prevention of Abuse and Women's Lifestyle Show to raise awareness of Domestic Violence. Your \$15 entry fee includes a long-sleeved t-shirt and entrance to the Women's Lifestyle Show.

Entry Form: Walk a Mile in My Shoes—please send in by Oct. 8 to reserve correct shirt size

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address _____

City and Zip Code _____

T-shirt Size: Youth Large _____ Adult Small _____ Adult Medium _____

Adult Large _____ X Large _____ XX Large _____ XXX Large _____



Method of Payment:

Check Enclosed Credit Card MC Visa

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Waiver of Liability

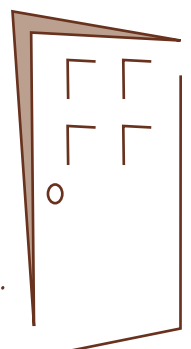
I, the undersigned, agree to indemnify and hold The Center for Prevention of Abuse harmless from all cost, expense and liability arising out of my participation in Walk a Mile in My Shoes. I do hereby waive all claims for damage or loss to me or my child's person or property which may be caused by any act, or failure to act by The Center, its officers, agents or employees arising directly or indirectly from my or my child's participation in this event; and I hereby assume liability for any loss, damage or other liability from such event. Important: Walkers under age 18 must have this form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor

Date the CENTER
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MORE THAN JUST A PURPLE RIBBON

The Center for Prevention of Abuse is happy to partner with Women's Lifestyle Show to build Walk a Mile in My Shoes, a walk to raise awareness of Domestic Violence Prevention. The walk will be held at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, October 24, immediately before the Women's Lifestyle Show opens at 9 a.m. Walkers can gather at 8 a.m. at the Peoria Civic Center. Anyone participating in the walk receives free entry to the Women's Lifestyle Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you to the Women's Lifestyle Show for their generous support!

Here is a list of public events for October:

- Oct. 12—16, Forty Hour Domestic Violence Training Program, in cooperation with Bradley University's Division of Continuing Education and Professional Development, to be held at The Center for Prevention of Abuse
- Oct. 13, Alcove Day at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center
- Oct. 19, Healing through Art, Pekin Office of The Center for Prevention of Abuse, 401 Court St.
- Oct. 23, Unmask Domestic Violence, a fundraiser at Not Your Average Joe in Dunlap.
This begins at 6 p.m. and includes gourmet refreshments. Cost is \$35.
- Oct. 29, Night without Violence event at the Pekin Dragon Dome
- Poster Display at Illinois Central College/East Peoria Campus during the months of October and November

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