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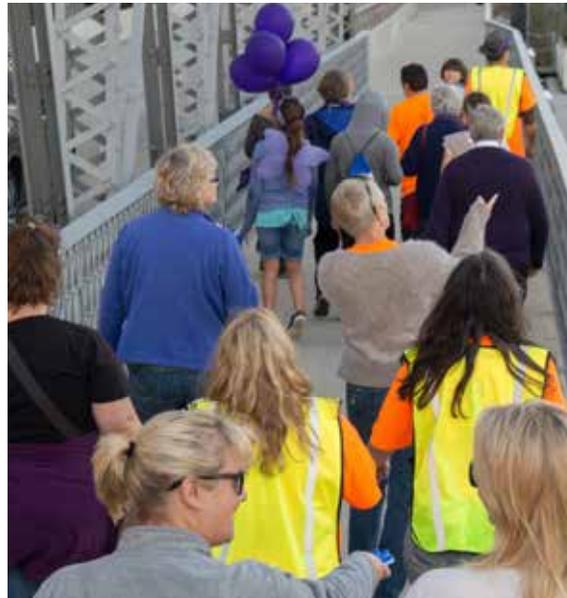
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Walk With Me

HELPObserves October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On Wednesday, October 5, over 50 people gathered at Martin Park in Sturgeon Bay to show their support for and solidarity with victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Adults, high schoolers, Girl Scouts, families and friends joined together on a crisp autumn afternoon to hear from a handful of speakers about how domestic violence and domestic abuse touches the lives of everyone in a community – some directly, some indirectly.

New executive director, Steve Vickman, resplendent in a purple pullover sweater addressed the crowd on his third day at HELP – reminding us all of the importance of community and compassion.

The attentive crowd heard moving stories of strength and resilience as well as inspirational poems selected by Write On Door County's Jerod Santek.

Fortified with a warm cup of cocoa or cider the jubilant crowd took to the streets armed with signs, noisemakers and purple balloons. Their route took them across both downtown bridges and circled around back to Martin Park moments before a rainstorm dispersed everyone.

We wish to thank the City of Sturgeon Bay for the use of Martin Park, GLAS coffee house for the cider, cocoa and coffee and Mark Thiede for setting up the sound system for us.



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#GIVING TUESDAY

We all know about Black Friday – it's all about shopping the Friday after Thanksgiving. Most of us are aware of Cyber Monday – about shopping online.

Giving Tuesday is about giving a gift to a charity or cause that is close your heart. Giving Tuesday was begun at the 92nd Street YMCA in New York City just a few years ago and its popularity is growing quickly.

Two anonymous donors have stepped forward to create a matching opportunity for HELP of Door County on Tuesday, November 29th.



One half of one per cent doesn't sound like much, but, oh my goodness how it can add up!

All of us at HELP encourage you to do as much of your holiday shopping locally as you possibly can. For those times when the item you seek is not locally available and you are shopping on Amazon.com, be sure to click the Amazon Smile button and select HELP of Door County.

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CCR Connections



Domestic violence and abuse are persistent social problems that touch the lives of everyone in a community. Some cases require involvement from law enforcement, the criminal justice system and corrections entities. Other organizations and groups that often are involved include County Child Protective Services, the Human Services Department, all health care providers, local schools, mental health professionals and the clergy.

A Community Coordinated Response (CCR) team brings together key players from each of these organizations and entities to develop strategies focusing on domestic violence and the practices related to victims and offenders. Group members mutually address issues of abuse so that the responses system-wide are consistent and root causes are identified. Learning more about how each of the organizations operates and becoming better acquainted with each other is a bonus.

At the most recent CCR meeting the group learned about the programs HELP of Door County runs for offenders. Alternatives To Violence (ATV) for men meets once a week for 26 weeks and is run by Ed DeMiao with assistance from Cassie Hitzman and Rudy Gonzales. Pamela Johnson runs the 13 week Women Ending Abuse and Violence (WEAV) program.

The focus shared by everyone involved in CCR is safety for victims and accountability for offenders. By developing strategies that improve the way cases of domestic violence and abuse are approached, investigated, assessed and treated, a path to intervention that one day will end abuse is their shared goal.



Christine Webb Miller Joins the Board

Christine Webb Miller, Active Older Adult Coordinator at the Door County YMCA, joined the HELP Board in January. Her three year term runs through January of 2109.

"I strongly believe in giving back to the community and I believe in the mission of HELP of Door County. I feel my connections to and work with older adults will be useful to supporting HELP's programs serving this group of people", said Webb Miller.

HELP Executive Director Steve Vickman adds, "Domestic abuse comes in many forms including sexual, verbal, financial and psychological. As Door County's aging population continues to grow, HELP of Door County's programs devoted to this potentially vulnerable group will grow as well. Christine is a caring, concerned and well respected advocate for seniors and we are delighted to have the benefit of her expertise on our Board."

Meet the new faces of HELP of Door County

STEVE VICKMAN

HELP of Door County's new Executive Director comes to us with years of not for profit executive experience, most recently as director of the Mediation Center in Green Bay and previously as the founding director of the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry. Many of you will recognize his room-illuminating smile from his 2 years as Fund Development and Marketing Director at the Door County YMCA.

Steve and his wife, Patti, have been long-time advocates for domestic abuse programs. They live in Southern Door County with their intrepid dog, Raphael.

"I look forward to the challenge of helping end domestic abuse in our community and assisting the men, women and children in need of our services. HELP of Door County has so many amazing stories of impact to tell which I am excited to share with our community," says Vickman.



MILLY GONZALES



Milly is our Domestic Violence Advocate and comes to HELP with many talents and lots of experience. This Latina dynamo is bilingual and has domestic violence, transitional living and shelter experience. She has also served on HELP's board of directors.

Mother of four, she and her husband Rudi came to Door County 7 years ago from northern Illinois and now live in Forestville, along with 6 chickens and a cat and Penelope, the duck. "Never a dull moment at the Gonzales house", she adds with a chuckle.

"I'm very excited to be working on developing a DV 101 program for area churches and faith leaders – to help them understand the basics of domestic violence", says Gonzales.

JUDY GREGORY

Judy, an adult advocate with a focus on seniors, is another friendly face that will be familiar to many. She has a long and distinguished career of service to the people of Door County when they are most vulnerable during her many years at the Red Cross. Also very involved with the 4H and Girl Scouts, she is beloved by all who have had the opportunity to cross paths with her.

"I get to put my past experiences and community connections to work on behalf of Door County's older adults", explained Gregory. "So many people I talk to just can't believe that elder abuse happens in Door County, but it does."

She and her husband Bill, live in the country just south of Sturgeon Bay.





HELP's Football Jersey Raffles

Pictured at Stone Harbor are Brenda Curtis, Steve Vickman and Anni Lampert.

On two Sundays in October HELP of Door County sold raffle tickets for Packer wear in popular Packer-watching watering holes. Stone Harbor hosted us on October 16th and 30th and Husby's welcomed us for the 30th.

"We are so grateful for the generosity of spirit from Nancy Bertz at Stone Harbor and James Larsen at Husby's. We raised a few hundred dollars and made some new friends – some of whom may know someone who will need our services one day", said Anni Lampert, HELP's Development Director. "And, of course, another big thank you to Thrivent for some important seed money to purchase jerseys!"



HELP Us! HELP Them!

Our Wish List:

The HELP office is in need of:

- 4 foot LED tube lights
- LED flood light bulbs

HELP of Door County provides these items to people in emergency or transitional situations.

Items listed here are not covered by other assistance programs.

- Laundry detergent
- Household cleaning supplies
- Dish soap
- Paper towels
- Lotion
- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Feminine hygiene products
- And we are always grateful to receive gift cards for gas or groceries.

For item drop off, we are at the HELP office Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Thank you so much!

Thank You Nicolet Bank for Shred Day!



Summer Concerts Wine Sales

Balmy summer evenings are perfect for enjoying a concert in the park. The City of Sturgeon Bay puts on a terrific series of concerts every Tuesday night from June through August and encourages local not for profits to come and serve wine. HELP of Door County was delighted to be included. "We work hard to be as visible in the community as we can, not only so people who may need us some day remember we're here, but to remind our friends and supporters, too", says Brenda Curtis, pictured to the left.



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