

ROSEWOOD

WINTER 2007

WOMEN'S CENTER & SHELTER OF GREATER PITTSBURGH

"It will never rain roses; when we want more roses, we will have to plant more trees."

A Message from the Executive Director



In June, the Women's Center & Shelter began to work in partnership with other women's organizations on the issue of officer involved domestic violence in the City of Pittsburgh Police Department. As you may have heard, three out of four officers promoted by the Bureau in June 2007 have histories of domestic violence.

Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh finds this unacceptable and in response to an effort led by First Pittsburgh NOW and City Council President Doug Shields, joined the growing coalition of community and women's organizations asking for improvements in police policy. First Pittsburgh NOW approached City Council with a request for a public hearing on the promotions. Several hearings and many meetings later, the work has resulted in the resolution for a City of Pittsburgh ordinance that sets basic standards for officer involved domestic violence cases within the Police Bureau. This ordinance was signed by Mayor Ravenstahl and become a permanent addition to the city code on December 4, 2007.

This issue of *Rosewood* will give you more information about our work with Pittsburgh City Council and the Pittsburgh Police Bureau. You will also learn more about the important work WC&S does behind the scenes with Systems Advocacy to help improve various avenues of assistance and intervention for victims. Also, WC&S is now offering a new program entitled "FAMILY – Fathers and Men Improving FAMILY." This is a new venture for WC&S that addresses our desire to offer quality assistance to men working towards change.

WC&S has been busy over the past several months working hard to create systems change to better serve our clients. Thank you for making our efforts possible.

Happy Holidays!

Shirl Q. Regan
WC&S Executive Director



City Council President Doug Shields and Mayor Luke Ravenstahl sign the ordinance into law surrounded by various women's groups and community organizations.

Pittsburgh Police Promotions Cause Public Outcry Resulting in Ordinance

An outcry of disbelief was heard earlier this summer when three City of Pittsburgh Police officers with histories of domestic violence were promoted. At the time of the promotion, one of the officers still had charges pending against him.

First Pittsburgh NOW and City Council President Doug Shields immediately set the wheels in motion to address the situation. As systems advocates, the Women's Center & Shelter (WC&S) joined a contingent of various victims' service agencies and community organizations including: The National Council of Jewish Women, Center for Victims of Violence and Crime, PA NOW, Women and Girls Foundation, FISA Foundation, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape as well as various other organizations and individuals. Through the strength of these organizations and the diligence of the Mayor's Office, Pittsburgh City Council, the Police Bureau, Citizens Police Review Board, and the District Attorney's Office, the City Council unanimously passed the ordinance which was signed by Mayor Ravenstahl into law on December 4, 2007.

There had been no policy in place for officer involved domestic violence or officers with Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders. The *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reported 34 of 846 city police officers have PFA's filed against them since 1995. Two police recruits from the Academy who graduated in November have PFA's against them.

David R. Thomas, Assistant Director of the Domestic Violence Education Program, Division of Public Safety Leadership at Johns Hopkins University, stated as a guest speaker at the September 10, 2007, hearing, "A police officer who batters, has a Ph.D. in battering. He knows how to hurt without leaving evidence, how to act, what to say in court and what to do to keep his victim from coming forward."

"If that abuser is an officer, they're going to be very familiar with the court process and very familiar with the personnel," Thomas remarked.

Ms. Magazine wrote about Pittsburgh's officer involved domestic violence problem in its Fall 2007 issue and cited one study by The National Center for Women and Policing that reported 40% of police officers admit to using violence with their partner or in their family in contrast to 10% of the population as a whole.

Under the ordinance, Pittsburgh police accused of domestic violence will come under more scrutiny, face discipline and have their gun seized based upon the recommendation of the Police Chief. The legislation also guards against hiring police who have a history of violence or any Protection from Abuse Orders.

"We feel very victorious," stated WC&S executive director, Shirl Regan. "We're not done yet," she continued, indicating the need to monitor the ordinance implementation and expand the policy if needed to other bureaus, municipalities and the county.

As Mayor Luke Ravenstahl stated, "A zero tolerance policy is just that... and should apply throughout the entire city of Pittsburgh."

If you are not a resident of the city of Pittsburgh, find out what your local policy is in regards to officers involved domestic violence. If it isn't up to standard – stand up with WC&S and be an advocate for change!



WC&S Executive Director Shirl Regan addresses City Council.

Systems ad-vo-ca-cy (noun): changing the policies and procedures of a system and substantially affective attitudes of personnel throughout that institution.

The Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (WC&S) provides several different types of advocacy. Individual advocacy is one most people are knowledgeable about because it serves the women and children who come to WC&S for shelter, care and empowerment. Many people are also knowledgeable about our legal and medical advocacy, but many people are unaware that we provide systems advocacy. When a system is improved, then every victim touched by that system will benefit. This improvement has a ripple effect and helps more victims than we could ever personally reach.

"There will never be enough shelters to help women and children who are victims of intimate partner violence," stated WC&S Executive Director, Shirl Regan. "Many years ago, WC&S made the decision to educate, train and change other systems that will interact with victims and provide intervention and aid at various points along their journey whether it be with a hospital, the police or their clergy, we want the system to treat the victim with respect and to insure her safety."

Some of the many partners who have collaborated with WC&S to bring about systems change include: the courts; prosecution; law enforcement; the Department of Public Welfare; school systems; Children, Youth & Family (CYF) Services; medical systems; substance abuse systems; mental health systems; housing systems; other human services and governmental agencies.

Historically, systems work by WC&S, in collaboration with many partners, has led to significant improvements in local systems. Some of the results of this past work include:

- A mandatory domestic violence arrest policy in the Pittsburgh Police Department
- Specialized domestic violence sessions in Pittsburgh's Municipal Court

- Domestic violence teams and patient screening for domestic violence in local hospitals
- A model curriculum for domestic violence prevention education used in the Pittsburgh Public schools and elsewhere
- A Specialized domestic violence unit of prosecutors in the District Attorney's Office
- A specialized Protection from Abuse (PFA) Unit in Family Court where domestic violence victims can pursue PFA relief in a private, secure space
- Improved procedures and forms for victims filing for PFA relief
- Model response for clergy for identification of domestic violence victims in their congregations
- Mandatory domestic violence training for all CYF caseworkers and domestic violence screening tools for them to use.

WC&S is also continuing its work to improve the response of the local justice system through its ongoing leadership of the Allegheny County Domestic Violence Task Force. The Task Force was formed by WC&S in 1988 with support from the Court of Common Pleas' Family Division and the District Justice Association. The Task Force is made up of representatives from the courts, the DA's Office, probation,

minor judiciary, law enforcement, legal services, and the Allegheny County Domestic Violence programs.

The Task Force is currently focusing its work on:

- Developing local procedures to implement the Protection from Abuse (PFA) Amendments of 2006 in which weapons owned by a batterer can be more easily confiscated by law enforcement
- Working with DV specialists in adult probation to create critical monitoring notices to hold batterers accountable
- Working with the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit to ensure that only quality programs for batterer's intervention services receive court referrals
- Participating in a family court initiative to improve the court system's response to cases where there is an overlap between domestic violence and child abuse

Systems Advocacy is an essential piece of WC&S's work to fulfill our mission of ending intimate partner violence within the lives of women and their children. Without our collaborative partners who stand beside us in this work, there would be no justice, safety and integrity for the victims of intimate partner violence.

New WC&S Program: “Family” — Fathers And Men Improving FamiLY

WC&S has taken an historic step in the services it provides with a new program, “FAMILY” (Fathers And Men Improving Family). This program is specifically aimed at the abuser who wants to change. FAMILY teaches that domestic violence is not a problem of psychology, but of values. It also supports grassroots, institutional and cultural efforts to stop intimate partner violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

Sessions will cover and help the abuser:

- Change the beliefs and attitudes that perpetuate Domestic Violence
- Realize how you create many of your own conflicts
- Help you accept responsibility for your actions and give up the blame
- Open your blinders as to how your behaviors impact your partner, yourself, your children and your relationship
- Help you give up your control tactics and your entitlement to use them

Entitlement plays a huge role in abuse. In this country, individuals are said to have certain basic human rights. Ideally these rights are valued and protected as entitlements – things to which every citizen is entitled by citizenship. These relate

to the freedom of self-determination and the right to control oneself and one’s own life.

People may also have varying degrees of entitlement at work, due to their position or responsibilities, or as a result of their standing within a community. Typically these are non-abusive entitlements.

However, some entitlement is destructive and abusive. This is true when a person’s sense of entitlement includes the perceived right to dominate or control the personal life of another or to violate or disregard another’s personal rights. These kinds of actions may be used to get their own way, make themselves look better, or advance their own life at the other’s expense.

Many men learn growing up that they are entitled to have power over women. They also learn that women are to yield

or submit to men, especially in intimate relationships. This male entitlement includes, for some men, the right to use any means necessary to keep women in line including humiliation, threats and violence.

This sense of entitlement to control others is the root of nearly all domestic abuse, from the “mildest” disrespectful verbal abuse to the most severe physical and sexual violence. This is true even when other factors like alcohol/drug abuse, mental illness, unhealthy relationships, or poor social skills are involved.

FAMILY will help men become aware of their behaviors and help them change their behaviors. To enroll in FAMILY or for more information, call **412-687-8017 X 340**.



Changes to the WC&S Annual Report

In an effort to streamline our publication costs and be more environmentally friendly, WC&S has decided this year to not do mass printings and mailings of our Annual Report.

You are welcome to view and print out your own copy of our 2006-2007 Annual Report online soon – please check out our website at www.wcpspittsburgh.org. On the bottom navigation bar, click on “News and Events” and then click on “Newsletters & Annual Reports” in the upper right hand corner of your screen.

Thank you for your support of this change. If you have questions or would like to know how to access our annual report if you are not connected to the internet, please call Ellen in Development at **412-687-8017 ext. 331**.

Kudos!



To **Sally Power, her Board and volunteers at Treasure House Fashions on McKnight Road**, for holding a Girls' Night Out in

late May for the women in Shelter. Gift certificates to Treasure House Fashions were given to the women, along with shoes from The Elephant's Trunk, a boutique in Sewickley. Treasure House Fashions is one of four Thrift Store Partners with whom WC&S works to accept clothing donations from our supporters. Women in Shelter receive vouchers so they may shop at those Thrift Store Partners at no charge. To learn more about how you can donate your gently used items to Treasure House Fashions and other WC&S Thrift Store Partners, please log onto www.wcpittsburgh.org and check out the "Clothing Donations" section under the "Ways to Help" drop down menu.

To the **wonderful women from Fifth Third Bank**, who visited the Shelter in June and prepared a lovely dinner for the women and children. The group also brought donations for the women in shelter.



Pictured from left to right are: Alisha Phillip, Jennifer Iarussi, Jody Amos and Bernadette Smith

To **Pittsburgh employees of FedEx**, who organized a cell phone drive as part of their participation in the annual four-day Sci-Tech program at the Carnegie Science Center in mid-November.



▲ To the amazing 40-member team from **Deloitte & Touche**, for choosing WC&S to be the recipient of their Day of Caring in early June. The team was busy in several areas of the agency: donating shelving to reorganize our storage space, cleaning and reorganizing the Shelter Store, donating plant and gardening products and brightening our outdoor spaces with flowers, donating and building a picnic table, power washing outside surfaces, cleaning and organizing the Shelter kitchen, along with providing a pizza lunch for the women and children.

To the **Three Rivers Rotary**, for once again choosing WC&S to be the recipient of proceeds from its annual Wine Tasting at the Rivers club in late June. The event raised \$3,000 for WC&S.

To the **Executive Women's Golf Association**, for once again honoring WC&S as the beneficiary of their annual July golf outing at Diamond Run. Golfers participated in a lovely donation drive and proceeds from the event earned \$1,700 for WC&S.



To **Macy's at Ross Park Mall**, for choosing WC&S to be the beneficiary of their INC fashion show in September. The event raised more than \$925 for WC&S.

To the non-profit **Pajama Program**, who donated 20 pair of women's and children's pajamas and four stuffed animals to the women and children in Shelter.

To **Marshalls** for donating to WC&S \$725 in proceeds of their October Celebrity Shoe Auction. Celebrity shoes from Law & Order: SVU star Mariska Hargitay, NFL great Tiki Barber and actress Tori Spelling were on display in Pittsburgh and auctioned off to benefit the agency.



▲ To **Fidelity Mortgage's employees at the Green Tree office**, for inviting the children in Shelter and their moms to come to a Halloween party thrown by Fidelity. The company paid for the transportation to the party and employees dressed up and handed out candy to the little ones. The children were also treated to Halloween cartoons, a pizza party and were given items from a book and donation drive.

How Can You Help?

WC&S is honored to have so many kind friends and supporters. Many of you often ask, "How can I help?" Here are some ideas:

- Make an end-of-year monetary donation to WC&S.
- Buy Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery gift cards to use as holiday gifts – The Rock Bottom Foundation donates a portion of the proceeds back to WC&S.
- Gather a team of walkers for WC&S for the May 2008 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community – walk for WC&S and 100% of the money you raise will come back to us!
- Visit www.hippurse.com and purchase a HipPurse from their "Hands-Off" line. HipPurse LLC has chosen WC&S as one of its four "flagship" charities and will donate 2% of the profits from online "Hands-Off" purchases back to WC&S throughout the year.
- Make a gift to WC&S in your will.
- Organize a donation drive for items from our Wish List. New towels of all kinds (bath, hand, kitchen) and new linens for twin beds are always welcome.

Thank you in advance for your donation as we wrap up 2007 working together to create violence-free homes and safe communities.

theWish list

Household Items

- Flatware
- Sets of plates (especially plastic non-disposable)
- Sets of plastic drinking cups
- Cooking/serving utensils
- Pots/pans and skillets (sets are welcome)
- Roasting pans
- Microwaveable dishes
- Kitchen towels, dish cloths & oven mitts
- Sponges and other cleaning tools
- Food storage containers
- Twin size sheets sets (solid or print are fine)
- Bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths

New Clothing Items

- Underwear: women & children variety of sizes
- Bras: women & teenage girls variety of sizes
- Socks: variety of sizes
- Sleepwear & slippers: variety of sizes
- Sweatpants & sweatshirts: variety of sizes
- Diapers: variety of sizes

African American Hair Care Products

Hair products can be purchased at CVS, Wal-Mart, Giant Eagle or Sally's Beauty Supply.

- Pantene products for women of color
- Motions hair care products
- Dark & Lovely hair care products
- Pro Style hair gel or hair jam
- Isoplus hair spray & hair sheen
- Pink moisturizer lotion
- Hair mayonnaise conditioner
- Hot Six oil & carrot oil
- Hair relaxer/perm kits (Dark & Lovely)

Gift Cards

- Giant Eagle, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Shop & Save and Target

Thank you!



Time is Running Out! Don't Miss a Wonderful Giving Opportunity! Pension Protection!

If you are over age 70 1/2, time is running out on a special opportunity for you to make a tax-free gift to WC&S.

Last year Congress passed the Pension Protection Act of 2006 which allows individuals aged 70 1/2 or older to make direct distributions from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) to qualified charities. Unfortunately, this bill will only be in place until December 31, 2007 — so time is critical.

If you think a direct IRA transfer is an effective way for you to make a gift to WC&S this year, please talk with your advisors and then contact your IRA custodian to transfer the desired gift amount to WC&S. Ellen Gamble, WC&S Development Director, is available to help you each step of the way in making a direct distribution from your IRA to WC&S. Please call or email Ellen at 412-687-8017 or gamblee@wcpittsburgh.org.

Save the Date – Mark Your Calendars for these WC&S Events!

Station Square's Tick Tock Rock New Year's Eve with the Gin Blossoms!

Monday, December 31, 2007

Don't miss a chance to rock in the New Year with national recording artists the Gin Blossoms. Visit Station Square restaurants and stores and win your chance to have a "Meet 'N Greet" with the band. Parking proceeds, raffle tickets and donations benefit WC&S. For more information log on to www.stationsquare.com or www.wcpittsburgh.org.



Spring Clothes Out

Wednesday, May 7, 2008
Renaissance Hotel
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at this wonderful domestic violence awareness and networking event as we proudly present the 2008 Ted Craig Humanitarian Award. For more information log on to www.wcpittsburgh.org.

Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community

May 2008
TBD

Lace up your sneakers, form a team with your family and friends and join WC&S at Heinz Field on the North Shore for Highmark's Walk for a Healthy Community. WC&S needs walkers to participate – and we'll get to keep 100% of the money you raise! Help us meet the challenge. More information to come!

For additional information about WC&S special events, please call Molly in Development at 412-687-8017, ext. 338.

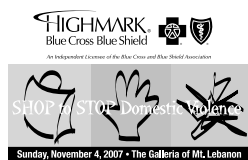
Event Wrap-Up!

Spring Clothes Out

Thank you to all who attended Women's Center & Shelter's Annual Spring Clothes Out at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel on Wednesday, May 16, 2007. Over 200 people attended the event raising \$69,593. Accepting the Ted Craig Humanitarian Award were Bob Racunas, Esq. and Mary Ann Troper-Malley of The Neighborhood Legal Services Association's Pro Bono Protection From Abuse Project.

The evening was capped off by a wonderfully brave and eloquent survivor speech from a woman who had found help and hope for herself and her young son through the use of WC&S Legal Advocacy Departments and the Civil Law Project.

Shop to Stop Domestic Violence — A Success!



The Women's Center & Shelter recently held its Fifth Annual Highmark Shop to Stop Domestic Violence Fundraiser at The Galleria of Mt. Lebanon on Sunday, November 4, 2007. The event welcomed 600 guests for an evening of fun and shopping, great food, a huge Chinese and Silent Auction, as well as B.E. Taylor live in concert, raising over \$100,000 for WC&S.

Honorary Chairs for the event were Aaron Walton, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, and his wife Gloria. Various local celebrities also turned out to support the event by participating in a "Strolling" Fashion Show including: Kelly Frey and Andrew Stockey, from WTAE-TV; Mary Robb Jackson from KDKA-TV; Newlin Archinal from WPXI-TV; Tall Cathy from WKST; Beth Bershock from WLTJ; PJ Maloney from KQV Radio and former Pittsburgh Penguin, Peter Taglianetti.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event possible, especially our sponsors: Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, UPMC, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Fusion Singles Network/fusionprivateclub.com,

SAVE Walk

More walkers than ever before took part in the 4th Annual Strides Against Violence "SAVE" Walk. Approximately \$30,000 was raised and more than 250 walkers laced up their tennis shoes on Sunday, October 14 and met at Flagstaff Hill in Schenley Park to walk in support of six local non-profit victims services agencies including: Alle-Kiski HOPE Center, The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime, Crisis Center North, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, Womansplace, and Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. Thanks to WC&S longtime friend Breathe Yoga for warming us up before the walk and holding a special class prior to the event to benefit SAVE Walk.



(First Row) Aaron Walton, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and his wife Gloria; WC&S Executive Director Shirl Regan; Mary Robb Jackson – KDKA-TV; Kelly Frey – WTAE-TV; and WC&S Board President, Linda Thier.

(Second Row) Andrew Stockey – WTAE-TV; Newlin Archinal – WPXI-TV; Tall Cathy – WKST-FM; and PJ Maloney from KQV Radio.

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Honor & Memorial Gifts – February 21, 2007- November 15, 2007

The holidays are a perfect time to think about the Women's Center & Shelter. The holidays are especially difficult for our clients in Shelter, help make it easier with a contribution to WC&S in the name of a loved one. Honor a life. Memorialize a spirit. Show your love with this thoughtful gift.

In Memory of Remembered by

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Mr. & Mrs. William A. Boyd

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Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Varvaro

Our mothers – Susan, Sally, & Betty
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Stubna

Our parents, Tom and Shirley Phillis, for their 50th wedding anniversary
Ms. Kaia L. Phillis & Mr. John R. Sipple

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Ms. Kaia L. Phillis & Mr. John R. Sipple

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Mr. Robert A. Lazear

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Judges Take Tour of WC&S

The Women's Center & Shelter welcomed judges and court staff from the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Family Division on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007. The tour of WC&S was part of several site visits to various service providers to get a better picture of the programs each organization has to offer. The judges were very impressed with the facility and services of WC&S.

WC&S Associate Director, Janet Scott and Legal Director, Lorraine Bittner, guided the judges and court staff on a tour that included a history of WC&S and an explanation of WC&S funding, the various programs offered to women and their children, how shelter and hotline operate, the medical advocacy work done at several local hospitals, as well as the early prevention/intervention work with the Pittsburgh Public School System through our education department. The judges and court staff also learned more about the WC&S Legal Department and the legal advocacy work and legal representation offered free of charge to help victims who are proceeding through the legal system.



"Of all the tours we do, this is by far the best organized," said Administrative Coordinator for the Juvenile Court, Ted Kairy. "Each department has something to say."

Judge Guido DeAngelis also applauded WC&S, "The Community in general is unaware of the extent of the resources WC&S provides." He continued, "From my own interaction (with WC&S) within the community, the Shelter is seen as a place for housing of victims. Shelter is only a fraction of what WC&S does and the services it provides."

Pictured in front from left to right: WC&S Associate Director, Janet Scott; Judge Guido A. DeAngelis; Judge Kathleen R. Mulligan; WC&S Domestic Violence Outreach Worker, Diane Allen; Children's Court's Jackie Hill; WC&S Legal Director, Lorraine Bittner.

Back left to right: Judge Dwayne D. Woodruff; Juvenile Court Eric Joy; Judge Thomas E. Flaherty; Juvenile Court's Ted Kairys