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Community Newsletter

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Letter from the Director

Dear Friends,

BPA is saving to purchase of a van and needs your help. Advocates provide crisis-related transportation services for survivors of family violence and sexual assault. Transportations for survivors may include accessing shelter, the police station, the courthouse, and the hospital. While clients are in shelter receiving case management services advocates also provide transportation to obtain and start jobs, find permanent safe housing, enrolling children in school, and attend counseling and medical appointments.

The van will allow us to continue scheduled transports, approx. 3-5 times per day for clients residing in shelter and respond to individuals in crisis all over Douglas County, from Reedsport to Canyonville. Access to a car is a major factor in being able to obtain and sustain employment, in caring for children, and important in being able to maintain independence and safety. This is certainly true in rural areas, where limited public transit services make it impossible for women trying to gain access to domestic violence service providers or the legal system.

BPA continues to meet the overwhelming demand for services to empower survivors to make safe choices and receive support services and you can help by making a financial contribution. In 2013, we responded to over 3,400 crisis calls and 860 crisis interventions, with 174 women and 107 children staying in the shelter. This immediate service is invaluable for many survivors. Some would not be able to get to safety without this type of assistance. While this type of service is critical in the short-term, creating a transportation program that will assist survivors to achieve long-term independence and ongoing safety is essential as well.

Sincerely,
Melanie Prummer,
Executive Director

Welcome Stacy, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers are essential to the mission of Battered Persons' Advocacy and each volunteer brings unique knowledge and skills to our organization. Some volunteers have experience with either family violence or sexual assault and some with both. When I joined Battered Persons' Advocacy there were great volunteers already working with the organization who instantly made me feel welcome and whose knowledge made my job easier. One volunteer in particular stood out because of her obvious dedication to the organization and to clients. Furthermore, this volunteer is attempting to learn all aspects of advocacy for family violence including training, direct client services such as legal advocacy, crisis line, outreach, while continuing her college education and raising a family. These of course are not easy tasks.

Our volunteers exhibit a dedication to learning how to serve clients and are willing to give up their valuable time to assist staff with accomplishing the mission of the organization and this volunteer is no exception. This volunteer is someone that any staff member can count on at a moment's notice to jump from a task such as helping clients at shelter to answering phones at the public office to helping clients fill out a restraining order application. Volunteers such as this person make it easier for staff to assist clients and have excellent interactions with clients that are positive and allow clients to make more informed decisions.

You can download our volunteer application and view upcoming trainings on our website at www.peaceathome.com.

Over 60 volunteers gave over 15,000 hours of time, which is equivalent to 7 full-time staff members.

Support and empowerment make a difference

Amber came into the office in crisis after receiving a referral from a mental health professional. She was obviously upset and after looking outside the advocate realized that there was a pet outside. She asked the client if she had a dog with her and she replied that her dog was with her but had left her in the car because she was sure the dog could not come in. This was causing Amber some distress so the advocate advised her to bring the animal inside which helped lower the stress level of the client. After bringing the pet inside the client was slightly calmer and we began talking. Amber described the violence she was experiencing with her longtime boyfriend and that she was afraid. She was afraid of being separated from her pet but because BPA has a kennel she was able to keep her pet with her at shelter.

After Amber began her stay at shelter things began to get better for her. She became more stable and with the support of an advocate she created a plan that would allow her and her pet to stay safe and make plans for the future. She was able to reestablish connections with family, where the contact before was minimal. The client is now in a safe home with her pet, which has been great for her well-being and mental health.

Survivor Feature

"I wrote happy, joyful, loved, alive, and strong. As long as I am strong I'll always be put together and solid. I put orange and yellow around myself because I am staying bright."

Artwork by Survivor created in Support Group.



Our Thanks

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Investing in Programs & Projects

2013-2014 Grants

Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation

- > Technical Assistance Fund – supports board and staff training
- > Preventing Violence – Healthcare Response Grant

Ford Family Foundation

- > Holiday Grant Program – assisting needy families with food and clothing
- > Leadership Training & Strategic Planning Grant
- > Critical Needs Grant – Repair women's shelter bathroom

Greater Douglas United Way

- > Community Impact Grant – improving the health and safety of families
- > Member agency – supports services to survivors throughout Douglas County

Oregon Community Foundation

- > Crane Creek Foundation – General Operating Support & Matching Gift
- > Whipple Foundation Fund – to help families with the stability they need to reduce the impact of family violence on children and their ability to learn
- > Douglas Community Fund – repair windows at women's and children's shelter

Roseburg Rotary Duck Race for the Prevention of Child Abuse

- > Supports specific programming for children receiving shelter services

Verizon Wireless – West Area Hopeline Foundation

- > Supporting Legal Advocacy Services

Women United for Douglas County

- > Funds AmeriCorps position to help families become self-sufficient

Save the **Date**

4th Annual
Valentine's
Gala & Dance
Competition

Saturday, February 21st, 2015
6pm-10pm
Seven Feathers Casino Resort

Flavors of Love Food Stations & Wine
3 Stunning Tango Dance Performances by 18 local couples
Purchase Tickets: www.bpadancecompetition.com

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