

Be Safe

Domestic and Sexual Violence Services

SafeCenter
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Spring 2018

News from SafeCenter. Clinton and Shiawassee County's leading authority on domestic and sexual violence issues.

WEAVING THE VISION 10TH ANNUAL DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

April 26, 2018

Hawk Hallow Golf Club • Lakeview Room

15101 Chandler Rd. • Bath, MI 48808

Reception: 5:30 PM • Dinner: 6:00 PM

\$35.00 per person

Keynote Speaker: David J.H. Garvin, MSW, LMSW



Mr. Garvin received his Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Eastern Michigan University in 1983 and a Masters Degree in Social Work from Wayne State University in 1986. In 2011, he was appointed to Chief Operating Officer of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County.

Mr. Garvin has received many awards and acknowledgements for work in domestic violence prevention and treatment. He has been featured on local, regional and national television, as well as highlighted in newspapers, magazines and social work publications. He is a founding member of the Battering Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan (BISC-MI).

Music by Jim Spring and Pooh Stevenson

**Please watch Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for
silent auction items!**

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April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and teal is the official color used to promote awareness, education and healing. Throughout April SafeCenter promoting awareness through a variety of events, wearing teal, and speaking with the community.

How can you participate?

Have discussions with your peers.

Post on social media #wewearteal #embraceyourvoice #SAAM

Tell a friend about SafeCenter. It's never too late to get help!

Follow SafeCenter on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

Get involved! Become a volunteer, donate items or make a financial gift!



This April, SafeCenter is partnering with the Shiawassee Arts Center and the Clinton County Arts Council to display The Clothesline Project.

The Clothesline Project offers women that have experienced violence the opportunity to design a t-shirt sharing something about their experience. Those t-shirts are then hung on a clothesline as an exhibit for the community to view.

It is our hope to bear witness, assist in the healing process, educate the community, spread awareness, and join the nationwide support network. If you are a survivor, or know a woman that is, and would like to contribute a t-shirt, please contact Jen at 989-723-9716

Two Locations & Four Dates!

When: Sunday, April 29, 2018
12:00 pm-3:00 pm

Where: Shiawassee Arts Center
206 Curwood Castle Dr.
Owosso, MI 48867

When: Thursday & Friday April 19-20, 2018
10:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday, April 21, 2018
10:00 am- 2:00 pm

Where: 215 N Clinton Ave
St Johns, MI 48879

SafeCenter Actively Educating the Community

SafeCenter has been playing an active role in our community through a variety of educational and informative presentations.

Each staff member molds their presentation around their expertise. We are happy to visit your business, school, or community meeting to provide any number of these presentations. Additionally, we are willing to work with you on a tailored presentation!

If you are interested in having a presentation done please contact Stephanie at 989-723-9716.

Current Presentations Include

SafeCenter Services

Darkness to Light

Healthy Relationships

Sexual Assault

Domestic Violence

Human Trafficking as it relates to Domestic and Sexual Violence

Sexual Abuse Can Be Physical and Non-Physical

The effects of sexual abuse suffered in childhood extend throughout the life course of a person. It affects a person's self-esteem, their ability to develop healthy boundaries and trust, and sustain healthy relationships. It is important to talk about sexual abuse to help adults who may be questioning the experiences they had as a child. It is essential to believe the person when they are able to tell. Children need to know that they can speak openly to a trusted adult and that they will be believed. Victims of sexual abuse should always be reassured that they are not responsible for what has happened to them.

Sexual abuse occurs whenever one person dominates and exploits another by means of sexual activity or suggestion. Abusers can be indirect in their abuse by fondling and professing love or grooming a child to take on an adult role. This grooming can also involve special attention from an adult in exchange for unwanted sexual favors. Others use threats and scare tactics to coerce a child. Physical contact plays a role in most sexual abuse; however, it does occur and causes great harm even when no touching is involved. Sexual abuse perpetrated on a child can involve physical contact, non-physical contact, and/or exploitation. Non-touching sexual offenses include:

Exploitation: Exposing children to pornographic material or using children in pornography

Exhibitionism: Deliberately exposing a child to the act of sexual intercourse or masturbating in the presence of a child

Exposure: Exposing oneself in front of a child for sexual gratification

Understanding the devastating effects of abuse and the dynamics of the abuser is a first step in healing. The effects are long lasting and affect the victim's self-esteem and create interpersonal problems that carry into adulthood. Victims often suffer from psychological and physical problems. These physical complaints can manifest as medically unsupported headaches or back pain. Many victims exhibit self-defeating or acting-out behaviors such as self-mutilation, suicide attempts, promiscuity, and may abuse drugs or alcohol.

Shelter Needs

Always need

Plastic Totes	Plastic drawer sets
Brooms/mops/dustpans	Twin blankets
Bath towels/washcloths	Laundry baskets
Gas cards	Transportation passes

Clothing

Adult – (Sizes S,M,L,XL- 3X) sweatpants, sweatshirts, socks, undergarments, bras
 Child sweatpants, sweatshirts, slippers
 Children’s pajamas, shoes & boots

Personal needs

Conditioner	Pregnancy Tests
Body Wash	Lotion
Brushes	Diapers size 4 & up

Household

Bleach	Floor cleaners
Spray disinfectant	White vinegar
Fabric softener	Stain remover
Dish soap	Laundry detergent
Toilet tissue	Paper towels
Dishwasher detergent	

Kitchen

Aluminum Foil	Vegetable oil
Spices	Butter
Barbeque Sauce	Sugar/brown sugar
Syrup	Buns
Mayo	Cooking oil
Coffee creamer	Mustard
Utensils	Non-perishable foods

Miscellaneous

Address labels	DVD movies
Gift cards	Area rugs
Outdoor mats	

Shout Out! 2017-2018 Volunteers

- ◇ Alysa Badour
- ◇ Carol Wooley
- ◇ Carol Walikangas
- ◇ Chris Jones
- ◇ Debby Kloosterman
- ◇ Jesse Goldman
- ◇ Jim Rasmussen
- ◇ Joshua Perry
- ◇ Mike Zamarron
- ◇ Rachelle Bennett
- ◇ Sam Safi
- ◇ Scott Rowell
- ◇ Shiawassee Youth Center
- ◇ Shiawassee Youth Advisory Council

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◇ Child Care Assistant
- ◇ Donation Pickup/Delivery
- ◇ Maintenance/Repair
- ◇ Newsletter
- ◇ Office Assistant
- ◇ On-Call Crisis Intervention
- ◇ Shelter Assistant
- ◇ Special Events
- ◇ Transporter
- ◇ Yard/Garden Work

We Need You

Statistics show that one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. We all know someone who has gone through this pain. SafeCenter could use your help reaching this vulnerable segment of our society: the men, women and children whose lives have been affected by violence. By volunteering your time or giving your financial support, you can help us give survivors of domestic and sexual violence the tools to empower themselves to move forward with their lives. Consider contacting SafeCenter to offer help in a variety of ways. Your gift of time can be invaluable in providing the care and comfort these survivors require.

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Sponsors listed donated
to SafeCenter between
October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

Along with monetary donations,
SafeCenter received in-kind
donations totaling \$34,870 for
the above time period.

Philanthropic support is very important to us and we make every effort to ensure there are no omissions or misspellings. Please forgive any oversights and contact us so that we may amend unintentional errors. Contact Shelly Safi at 989.723.9716 or shelly@thesafecenter.org.

SafeCenter is funded in part by:

Capital Area United Way

Cook Family Foundation

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Greater Lansing Food Bank

Michigan Domestic/Sexual Violence Prevention &
Treatment Board

Shiawassee Community Foundation

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Victims of Crime Act

Sponsorship Opportunities! Call 989.723.9716!

Visionary ~ \$2500

Your gift will provide 208 children with safe, over-night shelter and nutritious meals.

- ◆ Listed in the Weaving the Vision dinner program, SafeCenter's newsletter, annual report and all yearly publications.
- ◆ Two tables (16 tickets) to the Annual Weaving the Vision dinner.
- ◆ Visionary recognition on the donor tree and at the annual dinner.

Champion ~ \$1000

Your Champion gift will provide 68 hours of prevention education and awareness to children and teens.

- ◆ Listed in the Weaving the Vision dinner program, SafeCenter's newsletter, annual report and all yearly publications.
- ◆ One table (8 tickets) to the Annual Weaving the Vision dinner.
- ◆ Champion recognition on the donor tree and at the annual dinner.

Hero ~ \$500

Your Hero gift will provide 12 survivors of sexual assault with 5 therapy sessions.

- ◆ Listed in the Weaving the Vision dinner program, SafeCenter's newsletter, annual report and all yearly publications.
- ◆ Four tickets to the Annual Weaving the Vision dinner.
- ◆ Hero recognition on the donor tree and at the annual dinner.

Pacesetter ~ \$250

Your Pacesetter gift will provide 6 adult survivors of domestic violence with 5 counseling sessions.

- ◆ Listed in the Weaving the Vision dinner program, SafeCenter's newsletter, annual report and all yearly publications.
- ◆ Two tickets to the Annual Weaving the Vision dinner.
- ◆ Pacesetter recognition on the donor tree and at the annual dinner.

Advocate ~ \$100

Your Advocate gift will provide 7 individuals with Personal Protection Order filing assistance.

- ◆ One ticket to the Annual Weaving the Vision dinner.
- ◆ Listed in the Weaving the Vision dinner program, SafeCenter's newsletter, annual report and all yearly publications.

Silent Auction

Your gift of an in-kind donation allows SafeCenter to keep the shelves stocked with essential items requested by individuals and families in need. Silent Auction items are used to raise funds for SafeCenter programs.

Silent Auction Item ideas:

- ◆ Items with company logo
- ◆ Sporting team logo items
- ◆ Tickets to concert or event
- ◆ Gift certificate/card to local restaurants, movies
- ◆ Specialty items

Celebrating the Last Year



(Independent Photo/Karen Mead-Elford)

Thank you to the 100+ Women Who Care of the Greater Owasso Area for their generosity! Your donation will have an enormous impact on survivors and allow us to continue to be a vital link to safety and healing to those experiencing domestic and sexual violence here in Shiawassee County. You are amazing women doing amazing things! Thank you so much! SafeCenter is honored and humbled to have been chosen to receive this gift.

Through the generosity of the community, Giving Tuesday provided SafeCenter with a donation of \$2,420! Thank you to all who donated and assisted with making this Giving Tuesday campaign such a great success! You are truly appreciated.



A huge thank you to the American Legion 57 Women's Auxiliary for their continued support, and a donation of \$250 to SafeCenter!

A big thank you to the Owasso-Area Community Choir for their donation of \$1,320.42!

They performed "Giving Thanks Through Praise and Worship" at the 2017 Community Thanksgiving Service. This annual event was free to the public, though an offertory is accepted to benefit a local nonprofit group.



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