

The Insight in sight ~ (n) an instance of apprehending the true nature of a thing, esp. through intuitive understanding

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The Gift of Giving

December has come and gone, but there are so many people we need to thank for their generosity this past Christmas season. The holidays can be some of the hardest times for our clients as many of their families have been torn apart by violence and they are doing everything they can to make ends meet. The thought of not being able to give their children presents only adds to the stress of their every day lives.

We are so excited to share that seven of our families were able to have gifts for Christmas this year! Most of the families that received gifts had recently moved from our shelter into a new place of their own while the others have been receiving ongoing services.

We would like to thank Acts in Motion and Wal-Mart in Fairbury, Risky's Sports Bar & Grill in Beatrice, Terry and Laura Tuma and Kevin & Cheri Barker and their grandkids from Hebron. In addition, Hope crisis Center received several monetary donations from various other entities and individuals that also helped with the giving. We truly appreciate everything everyone has done to make our clients' holidays a little brighter.



To the right, you will find quotations from our clients capturing their reaction when we delivered the packages to them the week of Christmas.

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Quotes from the Families

"I am just overwhelmed by the amount of generosity everyone has this time of year."



"I dreaded Christmas until I saw what some generous family donated. After that, I knew it was going to be alright. I hope whoever the family that donated all those wonderful things were very well blessed, because they deserve many blessings, and there is no way I could ever put into words how much I appreciated this."



"I can't believe all of this. This is wonderful and amazing."



"This is going to be so nice to actually be able to have gifts at Christmas. If it weren't for these we wouldn't have even been able to have gifts at Christmas this year!"



Hope Crisis Center also took part in the 'Festival of Trees' in Fairbury and the 'Fantasy of Trees' in Beatrice. Our trees this year reflected the Silent Witness Project which honors and remembers victims who have lost their lives due to domestic violence. We take part in this project every October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The trees were adorned with single, bright red silhouettes and our business cards featuring our confidential crisis line number. Below each tree were beautifully wrapped packages that displayed the services we offer. Next to each tree, we placed a couple of the red, life-size silhouettes along with a description of what the project is all about.

Fourth Quarter Donations 2010

The key to success for any agency is the support of the community. Support from community members takes on many forms. One form that is vital to the continued success of Hope Crisis Center in serving victims of domestic violence/sexual assault is financial. Here is a list of donors for the months of November and December. Thank you to all who donated; your gifts are greatly appreciated. We apologize if we inadvertently missed listing you as a contributor.

- Diana Armstrong~ Fairbury, NE
- Thayer County Hospital~ Hebron, NE
- Steele City Presbyterian Church~ Steele City, NE
- Presbyterian Church~ Fairbury, NE
- Bill & Paula Robbins~ Fairbury, NE
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church~ Beatrice, NE
- Alpha Gamma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa
- Alexandria Presbyterian Church~ Alexandria, NE
- Melissa Lee~ Fairbury, NE
- Armin Daubendiek~ Fairbury, NE
- Shirley Bender~ Fairbury, NE
- Central Elementary 2nd Grade Class~ Fairbury, NE

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Client Needs

It is not the sole responsibility of Hope Crisis Center to make the lives of victims safe. It is the responsibility of every community member to make victims' safety a goal. We have to work together to achieve a violence-free community.

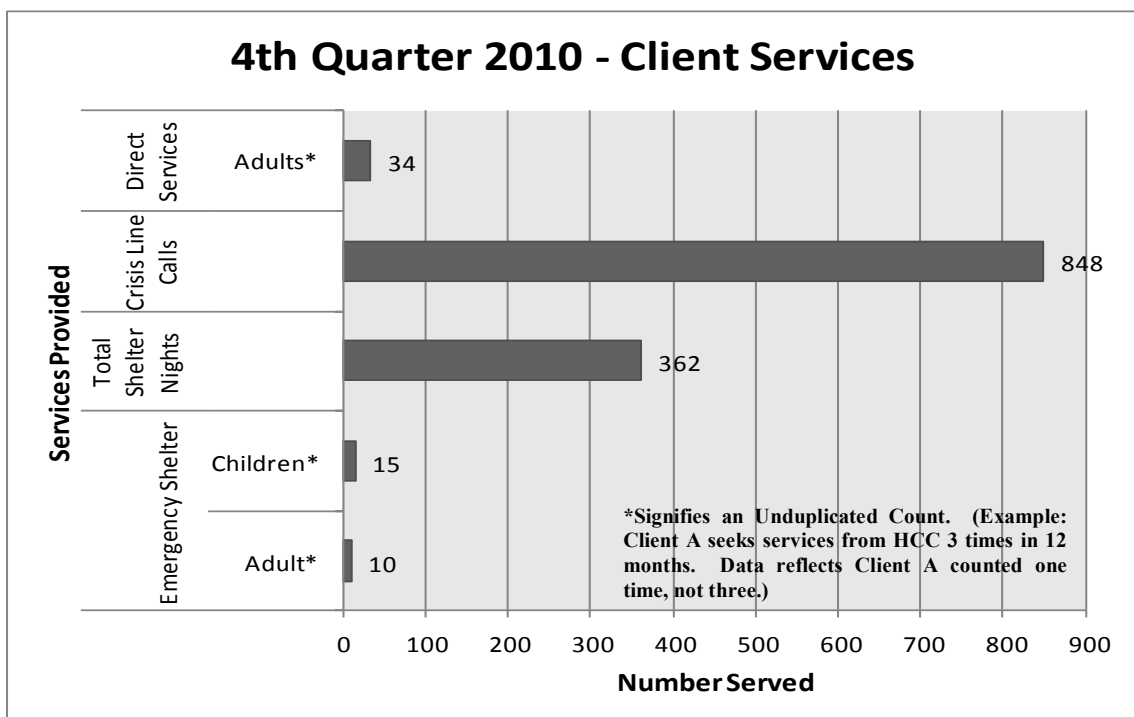
In order to help us better serve victims and children of domestic violence and sexual violence, we have included a list of needed items below. Your support and contributions are desperately needed and appreciated more than words can ever express.

Hope Crisis Center's Wish List

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| Monetary Donations | Paper Towels |
| Plastic Silverware | Trash Bags |
| Paper Plates | Paper Towel |
| Kleenex | Pillows |
| Gas Cards (Casey's Cards) | Phone Cards |
| Wal-Mart Gift Cards | Diapers/Pull-Ups |

If you or your organization would like to donate or volunteer, please contact our Administrative Office at 402-729-2570.

Client Numbers—4th Quarter 2010 (October, November, & December)



7th Annual “Put Your Foot Down Against Sexual Assault” Run/Walk

Get your tennis shoes on! You won't want to miss this! Hope Crisis Center's Run/Walk will be held Saturday, April 23, 2011 in the Fairbury City Park. Choose from a 10K run, 2-mile fun run/walk. Registration fee is \$20 before April 4th, and \$25 anytime after that date. Registration is from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. with a balloon launch kicking off the race at 8:30 a.m. We will have a free will donation pancake feed following the conclusion of the race.

For this year's event, we are also encouraging participants to collect pledges to help support Hope Crisis Center. We will have some great prizes and they will be awarded in the following order: 1st Place 10K Runner, Largest Amount of Pledges Collected, 2nd Place 10K Runner, Second Largest Amount Collected, 3rd Place 10K Runner, Third Largest Amount Collected, followed by the top three places in the 2-mile run.

We are hoping for our biggest turn-out yet, so grab your family and friends and come out to support Hope Crisis Center!

December Rural Technology Training

By: Stephanie Wells
Title: Prevention Coordinator

Technology: Is it beneficial or can it be more harmful to victims of domestic violence? Advocates Lexi Whitmore, Darcy Bear, and Stephanie Wells attended the Rural Technology Training at Voices of Hope in Lincoln on December 10th along with approximately 25 other advocates from surrounding programs within the state of Nebraska.

The training involved information given by investigators from the Lincoln Police Department. The investigators discussed certain ways that we could assist clients who are being stalked on Facebook, have an abuser that may have access to their computer, or have issues involving GPS systems that can be installed on their cell phones and used to track their location at all times. They offered ideas of how we as advocates can help protect and keep clients safe when involved in domestic violence relationships with an abuser who is “technology savvy.”

We were also given the opportunity to have an open discussion with the Lancaster County Attorney He discussed largely the way cases are prosecuted when dealing with technology (i.e. text messages on cell phones), threatening comments on Facebook, and what types of things can be prosecuted in regards to stalking issues.

Donations continued...

Hebron UMC Women~ Hebron, NE

T.C.H.S. Fun Club~ Hebron, NE

Zion Lutheran Church Adult Bible Class~ Beatrice, NE

Thayer County Clerk's Office~ Hebron, NE

Chuck & Kris Stone~ Endicott, NE

Pat Riggins~ Fairbury, NE

Janis Westerhoff~ Alexandria, NE

Fairbury UMC Magdalene Group~ Fairbury, NE

Christa Kujath~ Fairbury, NE

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