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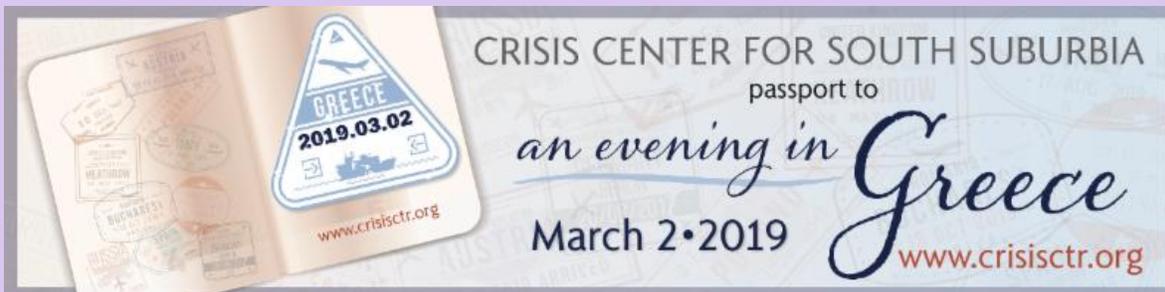
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## CCSS Annual Gala This Saturday

*Largest fundraiser of the year features 'An Evening in Greece' with a goal of raising \$220,000 to support victim services*

This Saturday the Crisis Center for South Suburbia is hosting "An Evening in Greece" at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Alsip. The event is made possible because of many sponsors including presenting sponsors Deloitte, Exelon and Frankfort-based Sturdi Iron.

"The gala is a way for us to educate people about the local impact of domestic violence, but it's also a time when we celebrate the kindness of our generous supporters," said Executive Director, Pam KostECKi.

Grand Raffle\* tickets will be sold until just before the drawing on March 2. (\*Grand Raffle Prize is \$5,000, winner need not be present). Those who can't attend but would like to support the Crisis Center can bid on our wide selection of online auction items. There are more than 120 packages to choose from with a variety of vacations and experiences!

Visit the event's official website to purchase raffle tickets or to register for online auction bidding - [www.crisisctr.org/gala19](http://www.crisisctr.org/gala19). For more information, contact Jessica Brooks at 708-429-7255, ext. 136 or e-mail [jbrooks@crisisctr.org](mailto:jbrooks@crisisctr.org).

memory lane

We continue to celebrate our 40th Anniversary throughout 2019 and this month we feature one of the Crisis Center's founding members, Nancy Erickson.

Nancy became a member of the Palos Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in the mid-1970's and she remembers the domestic violence study conducted in 1976 that eventually led to the formation of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. That study, and the passionate work of a group of AAUW members, inspired the formation of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia and official incorporation on April 6th, 1979.



Crisis Center founding member Nancy Erickson

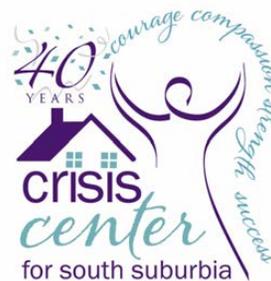


Rosemary Lambert and Nancy Erickson, (standing) board members of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, congratulate Dianne Masters, president, upon her award from the Palos Area Branch of the American Association of University Women. Mrs. Masters was recently honored for her work with the Task Force on Domestic Violence.

Nancy described the time period as 'an awakening'.

"We started with a single phone line and some peer to peer counseling and we quickly realized that there was a huge need for domestic violence services. Here in Chicagoland and across the nation, it was clear that women were finding their voices and there was a social movement underway." Erickson said it's been incredible to watch the growth of the organization over the past forty years and that she is proud of the fact that the initial goals of AAUW members are still the primary focus of the organization.

Nancy learned quickly that domestic violence can happen to anyone and she remembers working with women and families of all different backgrounds. She is proud to be part of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia from its roots and she continues to support victims of domestic violence. "Nobody should ever live in fear. Domestic violence is all about fear and control and the Crisis Center continues to provide a safe haven to those who have no where else to turn."



*Look for more memories throughout the year as we celebrate our 40th anniversary!*



## Thanks to Alsip Home and Nursery in Frankfort!

Special thanks to Alsip Home and Nursery in Frankfort for making the Crisis Center for South Suburbia the employee-chosen beneficiary of the recent 'Round-up at the Register' event. They raised over \$2,200 for the Crisis Center for South Suburbia!



Thanks to LincolnWay Community Bank for donating Uber gift cards!

Thanks to LincolnWay Community Bank for donating \$500 in Uber gift cards to the Crisis Center! Our clients often arrive at the shelter with no transportation and gift cards for ride-sharing services or other public transportation are very useful. These generous gifts help clients to get to job interviews, doctor's appointments and other destinations throughout the local area. If you, or someone you know would like to hold a fundraiser for the Crisis Center for South Suburbia please contact us at [info@crisisctr.org](mailto:info@crisisctr.org) or call 708-429-7255.

### Are You Up for the Challenge?

Bike. Swim. Run. Break a sweat and support the Crisis Center at the the annual indoor triathlon! The registration fee is \$35 and proceeds support the Crisis Center and victims of domestic violence.

The event takes place on Sunday, March 10th from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lincoln-Way West High School. For more information and to register click [HERE](#)

Special thanks to State Farm Insurance agent Mark Moylan for coordinating the event and for his continued support! If you have any questions, please contact Mark at (708) 429-MARK (6275) or e-mail [mark.moylan.mkag@statefarm.com](mailto:mark.moylan.mkag@statefarm.com).

## INDOOR TRIATHLON



to benefit the  
**Crisis Center for South Suburbia**

Sunday, March 10, 2019  
7am to 2pm  
Lincoln-Way West High School  
21701 S. Gougar Rd., New Lenox

\$35 Registration Fee  
All Proceeds Benefit the Crisis Center

## Save the Date!

**Neat Repeats 'Spring Fever' Sale**  
**Saturday, March 23rd**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Spring Fever is kicking in and it's almost time to change your wardrobe from winter to spring! We have a huge selection to choose from and new donations are arriving daily.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 23rd and save 50% store-wide on men's, women's and children's clothing, accessories, purses, shoes, and more!

spring fever  
*sale!*



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## It's My Party!

Join fan favorites Laura Freeman, Beckie Menzie and Marianne Murphy Orland as they present the great ladies of the 60's: Leslie Gore, Dusty Springfield, the Supremes and other hip female hit-makers.

It's the 60's alongside Dylan and The Beatles, suddenly the airwaves were crackling with the sound of women ... Actually, girls; teenage girls with their teenage problems, and we sang along. Crying over Johnny Angel, Dreaming of California, and imagining the freedom of Bobby McGee.

Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
(Doors open at 10:30am)

PALOS COUNTRY CLUB  
13100 Southwest Highway  
Orland Park, IL 60462

*Lunch Included.*

*Split the Pot & Umbrella Lottery Reservation required by April 14th.*

For more information contact Marie Kaminski at (708) 359-6800

[Click HERE](#) for a printable flyer



If you are able to contribute to our 'wishes corner', please contact Janice Barry at [jbarry@crisisctr.org](mailto:jbarry@crisisctr.org) or call 708-429-7255 x. 114

For your convenience, collection boxes are located at both Neat Repeat store locations. We have some items listed below that we are currently in need of in our emergency shelter:

- Children's medicine(pain relief, cold and stomach upset)
- Umbrellas
- Wal-Mart, Uber, gas and grocery gift cards
- Regular(NOT disposable) cups, coffee cups and bowls
- Cleaning supplies
- Bath towels
- Extra long twin sheets

- Women's shower shoes or flip flops - sizes M, L, XL



## Join the Safety Circle

Supporters of the Crisis Center can now choose to make their donation a monthly one by checking a box on the donation page of our [updated website](#).

Monthly giving is a selfless commitment to our mission to support survivors of domestic abuse.

**Will you be shopping at Amazon.com in 2019?  
Start with Amazon Smile and choose the Crisis Center as a beneficiary!**

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