



Volunteer Voice



*Keeping volunteers connected to the
Crisis Center for South Suburbia
and Neat Repeats*

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Upcoming Events

Neat Repeats Resale Shops

Open 7 days a week for
your convenience!

Sunday 11-4
Monday 9-4
Tuesday 9-8
Wednesday 9-8
Thursday 9-8
Friday 9-4
Saturday 9-4

Domestic Violence 101 training, otherwise known as DV 101, will be offered on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 9:30-11:30 am at Neat Repeats Orland Park.

This FREE two-hour training is an opportunity to learn more about domestic violence including types of abuse, understanding cycles of abuse, identifying early warning signs and how to become an advocate. Contact calcorn-catena@crisisctr.org to register for this training. Visit our website at

From our Executive Director, Pam Kostecki



Dear Friends,
I hope you are all hanging in there with us during this frigid winter. The good news is that the Groundhog didn't see his shadow, predicting that spring is right around the corner. I have some great news to tell you. We have just been informed by HUD that our joint application with South Suburban Family Shelter to provide Rapid Rehousing

services has been awarded. Between our two agencies we will be able to house 24 more families for up to 2 years. Victims of domestic violence who qualify will be provided financial assistance, case management and supportive services to help them break free from their abusers and become self-sufficient. As you know, 96% of those who graduate from our current Transitional Housing program never return to their abuser. We are super excited to be able to assist more families with this life-changing type of program.

I wanted to share with you a couple other exciting realities on our horizon. Deonne, our Volunteer Coordinator, will be being reassigned to the Neat Repeats team, under Chris' leadership. While Deonne will still be responsible for agency-wide volunteer recruitment, being a part of the Neat Repeats team will ensure that their needs are given priority. She will be relocating her office from the Crisis Center to the Worth store location.

In line with our goals to become a more trauma-informed environment for our clients, and in an effort to address the very serious community living issues of our shelter environment, we will be reconfiguring our space at the Crisis Center. During the month of March we will be reconfiguring the Mahar wing of the building to accommodate clients' bedroom needs. Our reconfiguration will mean that each family will be assigned a private bedroom in the facility and singles will be housed in double occupancy rooms. In order to make this a reality we will be moving our Development Staff to the Admin wing and creating a work room with cubicles

www.crisisctr.org to view the calendar of dates for the DV 101 training.

Other Events:

Volunteer Open House
Thursday, April 4, 2019 at
Neat Repeats in Worth.

IMPACT



Volunteer Stats

Total Volunteers: 224
Hotline: 25
Neat Repeats: 181
Clerical: 4
Community Helpers:
1
Special Projects: 3

Total Volunteer Hours:
3354.50

New volunteers
recruited: 2



Services Provided:

Housing
24-hour Emergency
Shelter
Interim Housing
Transitional Housing
Victim services
Counseling
Court Advocacy
Emergency Services

for our staff who primarily work offsite. We believe that this change will create a more harmonious environment for clients who are coming to us for safe haven.

We continue to look for volunteer groups interested in cooking and serving a dinner meal to the residents of our emergency shelter on a monthly basis. If you or a group you know want to bring this dream to reality, please reach out to Deonne and have her put you on the interest list.

According to Edward de Bono, creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way. I want to recognize and highlight some of the creativity of our CCSS family this month.

Orland Park staff and volunteers did a wonderful, beautiful job setting up the Pop-up Bridal Boutique. Store sales skyrocketed and everyone in attendance had fun and enjoyed the ambiance of the shopping experience on February 10th.

Our 40th Anniversary Committee has put together a plethora of activities and creative ideas to celebrate serving over 60,000 survivors over the last four decades, and our Maintenance Staff have found a way to creatively reuse our client storage cabinets and desks in our reconfiguration plan for the center. Stay warm and keep up the great work! Together we are changing lives.

Warmest Regards,
Pam



Take a tour, meet the team and find out why so many of our volunteers compare working at Neat Repeats to being part of one big family.

Neat Repeats - Worth is located at 6602 W. 111th Street.

100% of net proceeds from the stores assist victims of domestic violence with emergency shelter and other services.

Volunteer Voice Spotlight

The Volunteer Spotlight this month features **Bobbi Harris**. Bobbi has been with Neat Repeats in Orland Park for **14 years!** Bobbi works two days a week and has such a passion for supporting the mission of the Crisis Center. Not only does she care deeply for supporting victims of domestic violence, but she also

Aftercare Services
**Domestic Violence
 Outreach**
 Hotline
 LiveSafe Patient
 Advocacy
 Law Enforcement
 Victim
 Outreach(LEAV)
 Community Education
**Domestic Violence
 Prevention**
 Safe Start
 Partner Abuse
 Intervention
 Program(PAIP)



takes good care of her fellow volunteers on her shift. On any given day Bobbi will treat her teams to her delicious baked goods. They all appreciate it! Bobbi has seen many changes over the years and has adapted to all of them. Her positive outlook and giving personality makes her an outstanding volunteer and she inspires others around her. She is a true asset to our Neat Repeats team. Thank you, Bobbi for all you do...we love you!

Neat Repeats News

Neat Repeats Resale shops located in Orland Park and Worth have been owned and operated by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia since 1986.

spring fever
sale!

50 % off store-wide
 Saturday, March 23rd
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.




Neat Repeats 'Spring Fever' Sale

March 23rd 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
50% STORE WIDE

Great spring fashions for the whole family; housewares, jewelry, designer purses and much more!

Birthday Box

Training Opportunities

The Crisis Center offers the 40 hour domestic violence training on an ongoing basis throughout the year. This is a six week course that takes place on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings and gives participants an overview of the complex social dynamics of domestic violence. It is offered to anyone that would like to be educated on domestic violence. For questions or to register for the



birthday
 box



Who doesn't love a good birthday party? Throughout the year, we choose one day of every month and celebrate the birthdays of children and adults living in the shelter who were born in that month. We need your help to make it special.

We are looking for individuals or groups to assemble and donate a birthday box in an assigned month and deliver it to the shelter just in time for the party.

What's in the birthday box?

- A cake or cupcakes (enough to feed 30)
- 5 disposable birthday tablecloths
- Paper plates, napkins and cups (for 30)
- Party decorations (balloons, streamers, signs, etc.)

Interested in donating a birthday box? Contact Deonne Mendyk at 708-429-7255, ext. 143 or dmendyk@crisisctr.org to sign up for a specific month.

course, please contact
Chris Alcorn-Catena at
[calcorn-
catena@crisisctr.org](mailto:calcorn-
catena@crisisctr.org) or
708-429-7255 EX. 143

It's My Party! The Girls and Groups of the 1960's



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**

11:00am - 3:00pm
(Doors open at
10:30am)

**PALOS COUNTRY CLUB
13100 Southwest Hwy**

Volunteers Needed!



The Crisis Center
annual Gala will be
taking place on
**Saturday, March
2nd from 6 pm
until midnight**

at the Double Tree Hotel located in Alsip and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are still in need of volunteers to assist in various roles and shifts for the event. Please contact Deonne Mendyk at dmendyk@crisisctr.org or 708-429-7255 Ex. 143 for more information or if you are able to volunteer.

Want to win \$5000?



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Support the Crisis Center by
purchasing a \$50 Grand Raffle
ticket. You do not need to be
present at the Gala to win.

To purchase, click [here](#).

1st prize: \$5000

2nd prize: \$1000

3rd prize: \$500

Did you know...



This year marks the
40th anniversary of the
Crisis Center! The
Crisis Center has served
more than 60,000
people in the past 40
years- that's more than
the population of
Orland Park! Thank you
to all our volunteers
who have made the last
40 years possible and
who continue to make
the Crisis Center a safe
haven for all those
experiencing abuse.

You're Invited

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](#)

Get Your Passports Ready...Your Journey Begins Here!

Join us for our annual gala



*An evening in
Greece*
benefiting victims of domestic
violence and the Crisis Center
for South Suburbia

presented by



Exelon Deloitte.

March 2 • 2019

Double Tree by Hilton Chicago-Alsip
5000 West 127th Street, Alsip

Sophisticated evening attire

6:30 pm Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction

7:30 pm Dinner

9:00pm Live Entertainment & Dancing
from "MIDNIGHT"



For tickets, sponsorship packages
and auction items please visit
crisisctr.org/gala19

*If you need assistance or further information please contact
Jessica Brooks 708.429.7255 ext. 136 or jbrooks@crisisctr.org

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia is proud
to honor these 2019 award recipients



The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides housing, counseling, advocacy, outreach, education and prevention services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.



All proceeds from this event will benefit the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

Tickets are \$100 each.

For more information click here: crisisctr.org/gala19

Wishes Corner



If you are able to contribute to our 'wishes corner', please contact Janice Barry at jbarry@crisisctr.org or 708-429-7255 Ex. 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
- Towel sets
- Extra long twin sheets

- Adult women's shower shoes / flip flops (M,L,XL)
- Body wash
- Ladies underwear sizes 5, 6 and 7.