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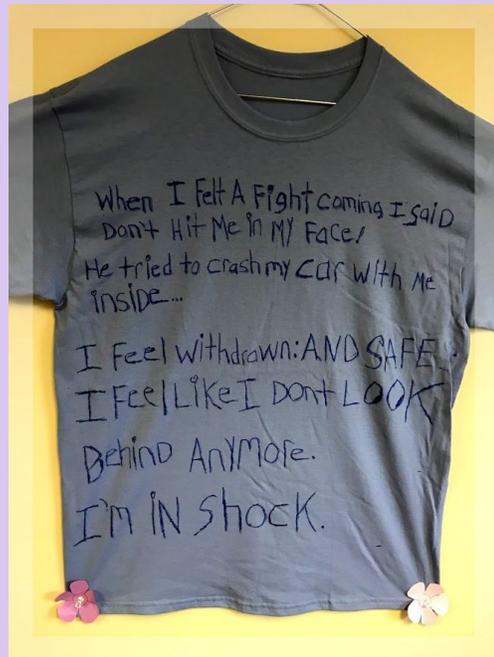
Thanks to all who have helped us raise awareness and continue our fight for 'No More!' violence in our community.

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia has been buzzing throughout the month with several special events, movie screenings, 'dine-out' opportunities, and our **#31derfulways** social media campaign. Clients living at our shelter have also had the opportunity to get involved by expressing themselves through our 'Clothesline Project' and taking part in a Candlelight Vigil.

Over \$20,000 has been raised for domestic violence victims this month and we would like to thank everyone who contributed with monetary donations, raising awareness by wearing purple and by 'Dining Out for DV Victims'. There were five opportunities to 'dine-out' including events held at: Chipotle, Five Guys, Parmesans, Blaze Pizza and McDivot's Bar and Grille.

As we wrap up our campaign we hope that you will join us by taking part in the #31derfulways challenge if you haven't already. **Thanks to BMO Harris, your gift will be DOUBLED through 10/31/19!**

Your support will assist victims of domestic violence in our community.



T-shirt created by a Crisis Center client. It reads: *When I felt a fight coming I said don't hit me in my face! He tried crashing my car with me inside. I feel withdrawn: AND SAFE. I feel like I don't look behind me anymore. I'm in shock.*



Domestic Violence Victims Remembered at Candlelight Vigil

The Dianne Masters Society consists of some of the Crisis Center's most dedicated and generous contributors and this integral group was invited to special event at the Crisis Center Shelter on Thursday, October 24th.

Event highlights included the '*State of the Agency*' address presented by Executive Director Pam Kostecki, an emotional, heart-warming speech by former client and thriving business owner Lashonda Crockett, guided tours of the facility, and a candlelight vigil to remember victims of violence who have lost their lives.

Special thanks to Gayle Bohne who donated all of the amazing food for the intimate event.

Dianne Masters Society members are individuals or company owners who donate \$1,000 or more to the Crisis Center each year. If you would like to become a member of the Dianne Masters Society or you would like more information, please contact Development Director Lorri Nagle at 708-429-7255 or e-mail lnagle@crisisctr.org.

Ladies Ghouls
Night Out Night Out



The Crisis Center for South Suburbia teamed up with 22nd Century Media for 'Ghouls Night Out' (Ladies Night Out) at Konow's Corn Maze in Homer Glen on Thursday, October 3rd. Over 1,000 people attended the event and \$600 was raised for the Crisis Center and victims of domestic violence. Thanks to 22nd Century Media and to all who attended.



Check out the digital version of our latest printed newsletter!

HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Clients of all ages enjoyed a Halloween Party at our shelter this week!

Volunteers and treats were provided by Palos Hospital.



Capri Beauty School



Crisis Center Community Education and Outreach Coordinator Christine Alcorn-Catena conducted a domestic violence education course for Cosmetologists and students at Capri Beauty School this month.

Last year we provided education and training to almost 2,000 cosmetologists and other professionals who have a private opportunity to intervene and help victims of domestic violence each day.

Help Us Serve Up Smiles

The Crisis Center is in need of individuals or groups that would like to provide and serve dinner to the residential clients in shelter.



St. Clair Volleyball Team volunteers

This opportunity is a way to support victims of domestic violence and the mission of the Crisis Center. It provides shelter clients with a break from cooking and it's a great way to give back to the community.

This volunteer experience can be done as a one time opportunity or on a monthly basis. (Meals to be prepared or ordered for approximately 35 people).

If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in this program and would like more details, please contact Deonne at dmendyk@crisisctr.org or call 331-431-9688.

Black Dress Society Conducts Donation Drive

Thanks to members of the Black Dress Society who recently conducted a drive for needed items for shelter clients. The drive was very successful and resulted in fifteen bags of infant, personal hygiene and toiletry items!

Pictured: Roseanne Harris (left) of the Black Dress Society and Janice Barry (right) Crisis Center Development Associate



Redeemer Lutheran Church Collects a 'Full Load' of Laundry Detergent and Cleaning Supplies

Special thanks to members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oak Forest who applied for a grant through Thrivent Financial that resulted in the purchase of \$250 in cleaning products.

Stacks of Snacks

Eagle Scout Brett Sharkey coordinated a special drive to fill our food shelves with school snacks for the children at our shelter. Take a look at the generosity of those who contributed to this drive! These snacks will keep children happy (along with their tummies) for months to come!





Join our Safety Circle

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

The Safety Circle provides an opportunity for continued support by making a monthly gift that works with your budget.

Think of it...for the cost of a \$5.00 cup of 'gourmet coffee', you can make an annual donation of \$60. Give up going out to lunch once a month, which could be \$10, and now your annual gift is \$120!

Yes! SIGN ME UP



If you are able to contribute to our 'wishes corner', please contact Janice Barry at jbarry@crisisctr.org or 708-429-7255 Ex. 138.

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:

- Pain relievers and Cold/flu medicine for adults and children
- Hangers
- Trash Bags and Food Storage Bags
- Paper Napkins
- Plastic disposable gloves (sizes large and extra large)

SPOOK-TACULAR SALE!

50% Off Storewide!

Wednesday, October 30th and Thursday, October 31st

Proceeds benefit:

neat repeats
compassion through fashion

Orland Park
9028 W. 159th St.
(708) 364-7605

Worth
6602 W. 111th St.
(708) 361-6860

**SPOOK-tacular Sale! 50% off storewide!
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Neat Repeats Resale

9028 W. 159th St., Orland Park

6602W. 111th St., Worth

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