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Crime Victim Advocacy, Parenting Time Centers, and Community Thrift Stores

Fall 2016 Edition

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!



Every October, Someplace Safe and community members across the nation observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month by honoring those who have lost their lives, celebrating those who have survived, and spreading awareness throughout our communities. Show your support for victims and survivors of domestic violence, and Someplace Safe, by joining the community at fall awareness events and fundraisers (listed on page 3).

For more details on upcoming events, visit:
www.someplacesafe.info/fundraising-events.html

If you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence, please contact your local Someplace Safe office, or call 1-800-974-3359. For additional information and resources, visit: www.nnedv.org/getinvolved/dvam -or- www.someplacesafe.info/information-and-resources

Day of Purple: October 20, 2016

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Someplace Safe invites you to wear purple on October 20, 2016 in support of victims and survivors of domestic violence. Wear purple to work, school, or wherever you go and honor your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and community members who have been affected by domestic violence.

Who will you wear purple for?

Request your "Day of Purple" stickers and posters, by contacting your local Someplace Safe office, or email: newsletter@someplacesafe.info.



Help us spread the word by sharing your #dayofpurple photos on social media!



Domestic Violence Survivor: The Story of "K. Diller"

Disclaimer: This is an excerpt from an unedited survivor's account of domestic abuse.

This summer marked the 10th anniversary of one of the worst nights of my life. After a tumultuous 1-year relationship, I finally had the courage to call 911 on a man that was hell bent on ruining my life. The police report from that night is frightening but in the grand scheme of his crimes unimpressive for that last night he received three felony charges and one misdemeanor, which looks great on paper but gets watered down in reality. But you see that was the first time he was caught. His other violations against

me as a young, vulnerable teen just entering college had surpassed counting on fingers and toes. I was the perfect victim. I didn't know what was happening. I didn't know who to talk to. I didn't know how to escape. Domestic violence is a sticky elusive web, and you don't know you're trapped until the spider's fangs are at your throat. He was charming, funny, charismatic. He loved to have fun and go out. He made me feel special, we went to church, I met his family whom I loved. He'd buy me nice gifts and take me on trips. I felt safe and cherished, the amount of affection and adoration he threw at me in the first month was dazzling and intoxicating. I felt like I was on top of the

world. My near 4.0 GPA got me into a great college and I was ready to start my freshman year, wide and starry eyed with hope for the future. Then things started feeling off. Slowly at first. He was always taking me out to eat and then I was always having to pay because he forgot his card. Then he started taking my debit card to fill up on gas. He wanted to get an apartment so he could be near me at school. Then he guilt me into writing a check for the deposit, promising he'd pay me back that weekend. These little expenses accumulated to \$5,000 in just a few months.

To read more, the complete story is available on our website's homepage blog at: www.someplacesafe.info.

Volunteer Spotlight: General Federation of Women's Club - Potpourri Glenwood



The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) have a long history of philanthropy, social and political advocacy, and community leadership throughout the United States. One of the local chapters of the club, the GFWC-Potpourri Glenwood, have been long-standing volunteers and supporters of Someplace Safe in Pope County.

Over the years, GFWC- Potpourri Glenwood, which consists of 34 members, have undertaken a variety of projects in support of Someplace Safe, including: collecting toiletries and needed items for clients, participating in the "Million Voices Campaign" (distributing purple domestic violence bracelets and gaining pledges of support from the

community), cleaning, organizing and revamping office space at both the Someplace Safe Pope County Advocacy Office and Parenting Time Center, as well as assisting and participating in annual fundraisers and events. The club also volunteers and contributes to the annual Christmas Extravaganza event in Starbuck, Minnesota, where each year they donate and decorate Christmas trees, which are then given to families in need in the community. The generosity and support given by GFWC-Potpourri Glenwood has been an immense help not only to Someplace Safe, but to victims, survivors, and families of the community. Someplace Safe would like to thank GFWC-Potpourri Glenwood for all of their amazing support, contributions, and volunteerism.

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Someplace Safe Selected as a Recipient of the Community Primary Prevention Grant

Someplace Safe is pleased to announce it is one of four organizations statewide to be selected by the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault to receive the Community Primary Prevention Program grant. This grant will support the development and implementation of campus-based sexual violence prevention programming on three campuses, located in Someplace Safe's service area. This project will also deepen Someplace Safe's on-going work with college aged-students by providing for further collaboration and partnership with the University of Minnesota Morris, Minnesota State Community and Technical College - Fergus Falls, and Alexandria Community and Technical College.

"Knowing that women ages 18-24 who are enrolled in college are three times more likely than women in other age brackets to experience sexual violence, and that male college-aged students are 78% more likely than nonstudents

to be a victim of rape or sexual assault, targeted prevention efforts are needed to work toward a reduction in the prevalence of sexual violence of college-aged students. Someplace Safe is grateful to expand prevention efforts in partnership with the University of Minnesota Morris, Minnesota State Community and Technical College - Fergus Falls, and Alexandria Community and Technical College" said Sheila Korby, Someplace Safe Executive Director.

As the leading sexual violence advocacy and prevention program in the region, Someplace Safe is well positioned to partner with these rural colleges and universities to effectively educate students and reduce the incidence of sexual violence on college campuses. Someplace Safe would like to thank the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault for this wonderful opportunity for prevention work in our communities!

Do you like our new look? To those of you who have enjoyed receiving newsletters from Someplace Safe over the years, we hope you like the new look. We have reduced the number of pages in our semi-annual newsletter, as we continue to look for more cost effective ways to share agency news with our valuable supporters. To those who may be receiving our newsletter for the first time, welcome!

Want to stay even more up to date with Someplace Safe news and happenings?
Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at: <http://www.someplacesafe.info/newsletters>.

Questions or comments?
Please contact newsletter@someplacesafe.info.

Upcoming Awareness Events and Fundraisers

September 25

Dad's Belgian Waffles Fundraiser and Raffle Drawing

St. Henry's Catholic Church, 234 2nd Avenue SW, Perham

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meal: \$9/adult, \$7/child, ages 5 and under free.

Raffle tickets: \$5 each or 5/\$20. Need not be present to win.

For more info contact 218-739-3132 or emilyn.h@someplacesafe.info

Every Thursday in October

"Dine to Donate": Perkins Restaurant, 623 Frontier Drive, Fergus Falls

20% of sales donated to Someplace Safe

*Some exclusions may apply.

For more info contact 218-739-2853 or kim.am@someplacesafe.info

October 2

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: Old No. 1, 412 Atlantic Avenue, Morris

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$8 adults/\$6 children.

For more info contact 320-589-3208 or lisa.t@someplacesafe.info

October 6

March Against Domestic Violence

Starting Point: Pope County Human Services, 211 East Minnesota Avenue, Glenwood

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Cost: Free event. March, guest speaker, and lunch provided for attendees.

For more info contact 320-634-3483 or donna.o@someplacesafe.info

October 11

10th Annual Taking Steps Against Domestic Violence

Douglas County Courthouse lawn, 305 8th Avenue W, Alexandria

Time: Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. Walk begins at 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Free event includes speaker, supper and t-shirts for participants.

For more info contact 320-762-1995 or susan.k@someplacesafe.info

October 12

16th Annual Domestic Abuse Awareness Luncheon

Arrowwood Resort Center, 2100 Arrowwood Lane NW, Alexandria

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 - Tickets available at Glenwood State Bank in Alexandria.

For more info contact 320-762-1995 or susan.k@someplacesafe.info

October 12

Twin Town Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

Starting point: Someplace Safe, 115 N 5th Street, Breckenridge

Ending point: 3 Rivers Crisis Center, 509 Dakota Avenue, Wahpeton

Time: Registration at Someplace Safe 5:00 p.m./Walk 5:30 p.m.

Cost: Free will offering accepted. Refreshments served.

For more info contact 218-643-3109 or ashley.w@someplacesafe.info

October 17

Chili Fundraiser

Breckenridge Senior Citizens Center, 225 5th Street S, Breckenridge

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Free will donation.

For more info contact 218-643-3109 or ashley.w@someplacesafe.info

October 18

Chili Fundraiser

American Legion, 303 5th Street N, Wheaton

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: Free will donation. Take out available.

For more information contact 320-563-4121 or elisia.d@someplacesafe.info

October 20

Chili Fundraiser

Thorson Memorial Library Dining Room, 117 Central Avenue N, Elbow Lake

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Free will donation.

For more info contact 218-685-4203 or sara.w@someplacesafe.info

October 20

Chili Fundraiser

First Lutheran Church, 402 S Court Street, Fergus Falls

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Free will donation. Take out available.

For more info contact 218-739-2853 or kim.am@someplacesafe.info

October 21

Chili Fundraiser

First English Church, 9 NW 3rd Street, Ortonville

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Free will donation.

For more info contact 320-839-2331 or sierra.k@someplacesafe.info

October 21

Chili Fundraiser

514 - 1st Street SE, Wadena

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Free will donation.

For more info contact 218-631-3311 or tanja.r@someplacesafe.info

October 26

Conquering Fear of Violence Course (self defense class)

Schutz Martial Arts, 1910 Aga Drive, Alexandria

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: Free event. Register: www.enrichingconfidence.com/personal-safety/conqueringfear/

For more info contact 320-762-1995 or susan.k@someplacesafe.info

October 27

Gather in the Park

East Side Park, East 7th Street, Morris

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Free event.

For more info contact 320-589-3208 or lisa.t@someplacesafe.info

November 3

Turkey Bingo

American Legion, 518 W Broadway, Browns Valley

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bingo will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10/15 games. \$5 each for extra cards. Food available for purchase.

For more info contact 320-563-4121 or elisia.d@someplacesafe.info

November 5

15th Annual Christmas Extravaganza

Starbuck Community Center, 307 West 5th Street, Starbuck

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Free event. Final year of event. Crafts, vendors, and food available.

For more info contact 320-634-3483 or donna.o@someplacesafe.info

December 7

Christmas Extravaganza: Winter Vendor Show

American Legion, 303 5th Street N, Wheaton

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: Free event. Many vendors available with "cash and carry" merchandise.

For more info contact 320-563-4121 or elisia.d@someplacesafe.info



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YOU make a difference in lives of crime victims, individuals, and families in your community!

Your belief in Someplace Safe as a valuable community asset has allowed us to help nearly 4,500 local individuals in the past year. In addition, we provided nearly 1,100 nights of safety for victims of violence, and reached nearly 13,000 community members and professionals through educational, training, and awareness events!

We could not do this without YOU!

Your support, whether it be your gift of time, a monetary contribution, sponsorship of an event or fundraiser, contribution of personal care and household items, or toys and gift cards for those in need during the holiday season, has created a positive and lasting change in the lives of others. On behalf of the crime victims and families that we serve, thank YOU to all of our donors, supporters, and volunteers, for your generosity this past year.

Someplace Safe Staff and Board of Directors

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Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

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November 29, 2016



SAVE THE DATE: 14th Annual Tea Fundraiser

February 18, 2017
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.
Legacy Hall at M-State
Fergus Falls, MN



SAVE THE DATE: 5th Annual Purple Power Fundraiser

February 23, 2017
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Eagles Club
Wahpeton, ND