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

Spring 2016 Edition

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Each year during the month of April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month raises public awareness about sexual violence, educates communities about the issues, and calls attention to the widespread impact that sexual violence has on our communities. This year, the campaign is focused on prevention, with the slogan stating “prevention is possible”. Everyone has a role in preventing sexual violence, and prevention is possible when everyone gets involved in creating a safer environment for all. Prevention efforts aim to stop sexual violence before it even happens.

Communities can prevent sexual violence before it happens by:

- Creating and strengthening policies to promote safety, equality, and respect
- Assessing the risks in their environment
- Promoting respectful behaviors
- Providing support for survivors
- Holding those who harm others accountable and ensuring that appropriate treatment options are available



The time for prevention is now, and working together will allow all of us to become part of the solution. Join Someplace Safe in promoting safe behaviors, strengthening policies at school and work, and encouraging healthy relationships. Working together, it is possible to prevent sexual violence, support survivors, and speak out against harmful actions and attitudes.

To learn more about Sexual Assault Awareness Month and prevention efforts, visit www.nsvrc.org or www.mncasa.org.

For additional resources visit www.someplacesafe.info/information-and-resources.html.



2015 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, Alexandria
(Photo credit R. Scott Keehn)

Support Local Survivors

What can you do in your community to support victims and survivors of sexual violence? Join Someplace Safe at one or all of our awareness events this spring. Whether it be donning high heels at “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes”, or wearing something a little more comfortable for one of our 5K Walk/Runs, your efforts to support survivors of sexual assault, as well as Someplace Safe, is the first step in increasing awareness and community involvement in preventing sexual violence.

Throughout the month of April, Someplace Safe will also be hosting a number of fundraisers in our local communities. We invite you to support our fundraisers, whether it be through volunteerism, sponsorship, or attendance. All proceeds from these fundraisers support the programs and services of our local offices, including services offered to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and exploitation, human trafficking, and other crimes such as harassment, stalking, and elder abuse. **Check out pages 4-5 for a complete listing of upcoming awareness events and fundraisers.**

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault or another crime, please contact your local Someplace Safe office, or call 1-800-974-3359.

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Executive Director Corner



Sheila Korby
Executive
Director

In this issue of the newsletter, I have decided to share some of the Someplace Safe staff members' client success stories from the first three months of fiscal year 2016.

- An advocate was able to help an elderly client get new locks for their house, after someone kept breaking into the home. The client was extremely grateful. It is amazing to see how something so small completely changed the client's life.

- An advocate had worked with a client on numerous occasions, assisting them with a Protective Order against their partner. The advocate also prepared the client for court, as well as accompanied and supported them at two court hearings where they represented themselves. The client was relieved when the outcome was what they were hoping for. In addition, Someplace

Safe assisted the client to get resources needed when they were struggling. A couple of months ago when the advocate and client were talking on the phone, the client said to the advocate "I love you. I don't know what I would do without you."

- During the holidays individuals and groups of donors were incredibly generous! One mother, who was expecting to have no gifts under her tree, commented, "They got everything we asked for!" Another parent was so excited to get a family photo session, especially since this family had never had an opportunity to have family pictures taken.

- "Thank you so much for what you have done for my child. I appreciate everything that you have done for her and my family and the work you put in to find the help that she needed." -Parent of minor child sexual assault victim.

- "You have literally saved my life. Thank you for believing me and everything you do. I feel like I have my life back and the power to control it." - Domestic Violence survivor who left a relationship and experienced threats to her life is now thriving in her own home, with her own car and a promotion at work. She's a warrior and incredible.

- A particular family was able to be "adopted" for the Holiday season; both Mom and kids received gifts, and were able to get things that they needed.

- During this time, 66 Someplace Safe Thrift Store vouchers, valued at \$4,590, were redeemed, helping 141 individuals and crime victims in our local communities.

The impact Someplace Safe has is often one person or one family at a time. Changes for the families impacted by services do not happen overnight, and it may take a generation to fully realize the impact of breaking the cycle of violence. Every day, Someplace Safe's dedicated staff come to work and assist clients overcome some of the most difficult circumstances and situations imaginable.

Any identifying client information has been changed

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Look on page 6

for a valuable
coupon from our
Community Thrift Stores!



Thank You For Your Support This Past Holiday Season!

On behalf of the crime victims and families that we serve, Someplace Safe would like to thank you, our donors and supporters, for your generosity this past holiday season. Your support provided countless toys, gift cards, personal care, and household items for those in need, helping the agency meet its goal for the 2015 holiday season. Your donations allow Someplace Safe to continue to provide services and safety to victims of crime and their families. Thank you for making a difference this past holiday season for area families.

Spring Cleaning: Creating Change in Your Home and Your Community

By: Rilee and Sarah Moulton



The sun is coming out, the snow is melting, the birds are singing, and the potholes are forming...this can only mean one thing: Spring is here! And with Spring comes the itch to open up the windows and do a little spring-cleaning. At the Someplace Safe Thrift Stores, we thrive on spring-cleaning! Your seasonal cleaning and decluttering provides our largest influx of donations and can help us to stock the stores throughout the entire year. During your spring-cleaning, please remember that gently used clothing, furniture, toys, and household items can be dropped off at the Morris or Alexandria Someplace Safe Thrift Stores at no cost to you! In fact, you will be provided with a tax receipt for your donations. And you can drive away knowing that by simply getting rid of "stuff" you have made a difference for people in need in your very own community.

This brings up an important question: which items will benefit the stores? We accept most clothing and household items. However, there are a few things we cannot accept at this time – televisions, recalled items, pull out couches, mattresses and box springs, or weapons of any kind. Staff members and volunteers at the thrift stores sort through all of the donations to check for quality before they are priced and put on the shelves. The easiest way to make sure your items are fit to be sold or used by crime victims and survivors is to do a quick look over. Make sure items intended for donation are free from stains or rips, are in working order, and are not missing any parts. You can help employees and volunteers save time and energy by checking for quality before you make a donation!

Reducing clutter and getting rid of things you don't use does not only benefit Someplace Safe, it refreshes your home and creates space to bring in the new! Think of your spring-cleaning as an opportunity to create change not only in your home, but in your community. Last year our donors helped us provide nearly 200 vouchers to 460 individuals and crime victims in our communities. These vouchers helped clients furnish their homes, clothe their families, and have toys for their children. And the items that don't go towards vouchers are sold to raise funds for services. So no matter where your treasures end up, know that the simple act of donating your gently used items makes a huge difference in your community.



Someplace Safe Thrift Stores: Alexandria and Morris

Existing as viable cornerstones to raise funds and awareness for Someplace Safe services, engage communities, recycle usable goods, and provide employment and volunteer opportunities. Profits support victims of crimes and families in local communities.

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Monday - Friday:

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Monday - Friday:

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturdays:

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Like us on Facebook to stay up to date on summer hours.

**708 ATLANTIC AVE
320-585-6614**

DONATIONS ACCEPTED: Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (or by appointment)

Someplace Safe Fundraisers and Events

April 1 - Vendor Fair & Quarter Auction Fundraiser: American Legion, 303 5th Street N, Wheaton, MN
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Auction begins at 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00 - includes bidding paddle, raffle ticket, and \$10 roll of quarters for bidding.
For more info contact Elisia at: (320) 563-4121.

April 3 - Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch Fundraiser: Ortonville Fire Station, 5 1st Street SE, Ortonville, MN
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Cost: Adults - \$8.50 advance or \$9 at the door/Children (ages 6 to 12) \$6.50 advance or \$7 at the door/ ages 5 and under free.
For more info contact Sierra at: (320) 839-2331.

April 6 - Women's Self Defense Class: Wadena/Deer Creek High School, 600 Colfax Avenue, Wadena
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: free event
For more info contact Tanja at: (218) 631-3311.

April 9 - 7th Annual Vintage Tea: Living World Lutheran Church, 1722 16th Avenue E, Alexandria, MN
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20 per ticket
Lunch - Program - Silent Auction
Keynote Speaker Cathy Weber-Zunker: "Never Let a Good Thing Go Unsaid"
For more info contact Susan/Kristy at: (320) 762-1995.

April 10 - Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch Fundraiser: Old No. 1, 412 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$8 adults/\$6 kids
For more info contact Lisa at (320) 589-3208.

April 11 - Women's Self Defense Class: Greenquist Academy, 502 Minnesota Avenue, Breckenridge, MN
Time: 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Cost: free event. Pre-registration is encouraged. 25 spots available.
For more info or to pre-register call (218) 643-3109.

April 12 - Walk a Mile In Her Shoes: Someplace Safe, 206 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cost: free event
For more info contact Lisa at (320) 589-3208.

April 13 - Volunteer Appreciation Day: Someplace Safe Thrift Stores
Alexandria Thrift Store - 690 Voyager Drive # 106, Alexandria, MN
Morris Thrift Store - 708 Atlantic Avenue, Morris, MN
Join us for special sales and promotions! Refreshments served.

April 13 - Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: M-State Campus Fireplace Lounge, 1414 College Way, Fergus Falls, MN
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Cost: pledges accepted
For more info contact Melissa F. at (218) 739-2853/Jeanine at (218) 770-4256

April 22 - "Gallery on the Go" Canvas Painting Fundraiser: The Uptown, 224 Jefferson Street South, Wadena, MN
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$35.00
To secure your spot, go to: www.galleryonthego.com party code 0422-SS-1342
For more info contact Tanja at (218) 631-3311

April 29 - 2nd Annual "A Formal Affair" Fundraiser: Lakeside Ballroom
180 South Lake Shore Drive, Glenwood, MN
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Someplace Safe Fundraisers and Events

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Cost: \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door. Elegant evening of music, light appetizers, wine tasting, and silent auction.

For more info contact Chelsea at (320) 634-3483.

April 29 - Brat Stand Fundraiser: Service Foods, 321 West Lincoln Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more info contact Kim/Melissa B. at (218) 739-2853.

April 29- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: Perham High School, 5th Street SE/HWY 78, Perham, MN
Time: Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and Walk to begin at 11:30 a.m.

Cost: Suggested donation of \$10.00 per attendee. Walk ends at Lakes Cafe for a short program and free taco bar.

For more info contact Shawn at (218) 346-7276.

April 30 - 5K Walk/Run: Athletic Park Warming House
815 3rd Street SE, Elbow Lake, MN

Time: Registration 8:00 a.m. and Walk/Run begins at 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$20 registration fee per person.

For more information contact Erin at (218) 685-4203.



Morris Thrift Store 3rd Anniversary Brat Stand

August 19, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Willie's SuperValu Parking Lot
25 East 7th Street, Morris, MN

May 10 - 4th Annual Walk a Mile In Her Shoes:

Big Ole Park, 2nd Ave and Broadway, Alexandria, MN

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Pledges accepted. Free t-shirts to participants who gather \$25 or more in pledges.

For more info contact Susan/Kristy at (320) 762-1995.

May 14 - 5K Walk/Run: Knights of Columbus Shelter,
Sunnybrook Park, Wadena, MN

Time: 7:30 am to 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$15 early registration fee/\$20 day of event.

For more information, or to register, contact Tanja at (218) 631-3311.



Women's Golf Tournament

September 10, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Perham Lakeside Golf Club
2727 450th Street, Perham, MN

Golf tournament, lunch, prizes

Call Shawn at (218) 346-7276 for more info.

Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch Fundraiser and Playhouse Drawing

September 25, 2016

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

Playhouse tickets \$5 each or 5/\$20

Call Emilyn at (218) 739-3132 for more info.

THE SPOTLIGHT

Making a Difference: Melissa Fetterer



Melissa (left) and sister Melinda

Melissa Fetterer, a Crime Victim Advocate at Someplace Safe's Otter Tail County, Fergus Falls Advocacy Office, has been with our agency for 8 months. Melissa is also a campus advocate at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Fergus Falls. Melissa, who has an identical twin sister, enjoys scrapbooking in her free time and has a love for music. The highlights of Melissa's job with Someplace Safe include: having coworkers who care and understand, having opportunities for learning, and helping those in need of our services in order to make a difference in their lives. When asked what Someplace Safe means to her, Melissa replied, "It is a place where people can come to feel safe and supported. We try to fulfill what needs we can for our clients and help them through whatever they are going through." Melissa asks the community to "not judge those around you because you don't know what their story is...they may need your help but are too afraid to ask."

Thank you Melissa for your hard work and dedication on behalf of victims and survivors of crime.

May is Supervised Visitation Network Awareness Month

By Emilyn Haugen



The month of May can be a lot of things to a lot of different people. It is our first full month of spring. It is a time when people start thinking of the outdoors. It is also a time where we at Someplace Safe are putting up Orange Ribbons. Why do we put up Orange Ribbons? It is Supervised Visitation Awareness month!

The Someplace Safe Parenting Time Center is a proud member of the Supervised Visitation Network. The Supervised Visitation Network is an organization consisting of over 500 visitation providers worldwide, who adopted the Orange Ribbon Campaign in May of 2001. The purpose of the campaign is to use the symbol of the orange ribbon throughout the month of May (and each day of the year) to raise awareness about the need and impact of Supervised Visitation.

Parenting Time Centers of Someplace Safe offer safe, child friendly locations where parents can exchange their children or have supervised parenting time with their children. Parents who are divorced or separated can exchange their children for visitation without conflict. Also, parents who need supervision while with their children



can do so in an atmosphere conducive to healthy parent-child interaction. Parenting Time Centers also ensure the safety of adult victims during the exchange of children. Our centers have staggered arrival times, separate entrances, and we maintain no contact during the exchange of children. Our centers are an unbiased, safe, and confidential site for families. Someplace Safe Parenting Time Centers offer supervised parenting times, safe exchanges, contact exchanges, supervised phone visits, Skype visits, and a scheduling service for children and their parent(s). Parenting Time Center is a service that can help families going through a difficult time in their lives. Someplace Safe Parenting Time Centers are available in Fergus Falls, Perham, Morris, Ortonville, and Glenwood. For more information, log onto www.someplacesafe.info or call 218-739-3132.

Excerpts from the Supervised Visitation Network, www.svnetwork.net

Denim Day: April 27, 2016



Each year on Denim Day, Someplace Safe asks community members, groups, businesses, and students to make a social statement by wearing jeans to work, school or wherever you go, as a visible symbol of support for survivors of sexual violence. This year you may consider pledging a few "Dollars for Denim" for the "privilege" of wearing jeans on April 27, 2016.

For more information on Denim Day, or to receive your Denim Day packet, please contact your local Someplace Safe office, or email newsletter@someplacesafe.info.

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Safety.

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support for victims of violence and their families.
We collaborate with systems professionals to create
safe, healthy communities.

Options.

Someplace Safe offers information and resources
to individuals utilizing our services.
We create opportunities for volunteers, donors and
supporters to get involved.

Hope.

Someplace Safe empowers survivors to live a
violence free life.
We inspire social change through advocacy, education
and awareness.

Please send your questions, suggestions, story ideas,
and mailing list additions or removal information to:
newsletter@someplacesafe.info - we would love to hear from YOU!



PARENTING TIME CENTERS

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Fergus Falls, MN 56537
218-739-3132

Perham Location
115 5th Street NE
PO Box 207
Perham, MN 56573
218-298-1501 or 218-739-3132

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16 Minnesota Ave W Ste 103
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Morris Location
206 Atlantic Avenue
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Someplace Safe Recognizes Volunteers During National Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 10 - 16, 2016

During Volunteer Appreciation Week, Someplace Safe would like to recognize and thank our many volunteers for dedicating their valuable time and talents to our agency. In the past year, **609** volunteers donated over **7,225** hours of their time, with a value to our agency of over **\$166,680.00**. Thank you for your support of Someplace Safe!

Stop by the Someplace Safe Thrift Stores in Alexandria and Morris on April 13th for refreshments and special promotions in honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer." - Author Unknown

For more information on volunteering, contact your local Someplace Safe office, or visit www.someplacesafe.info/volunteer

