

HOPE Coalition

A safe place to breath, heal and grow.

Fall 2008

HOPE Happenings

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Greetings from the Executive Director

Greetings for the holiday season!!

As we enter this time of thanksgiving and celebration, I often take time to pause and reflect what the year has given me. While I've had some tough decisions to make, I realize that I have been truly blessed by the opportunities given to me to serve others. That service is only exemplified by what I see the staff here at HOPE doing every day.

Your continued support is also a reflection that the work we are doing is valued and that through your support we are able to keep a woman and her children safe when fleeing domestic violence; that a child is given the opportunity to be free from child abuse; and that the homeless are given a warm, safe place to get back on their feet. None of this could be done without you.

I would like to highlight a branding meeting we had late this summer to better present our agency. We came up with a new tag line, list of values and mission statement.

Our new tag line better reflects what we do: *we promise to be a safe place to breathe, heal and grow.*



(Turn to page two for a detailed summary and a picture of our new logo.)

Thank you for making what we do possible. You are our inspiration to stay committed and a constant reminder that we do make a difference.

Respectfully,
Carl Evans
Executive Director
HOPE Coalition





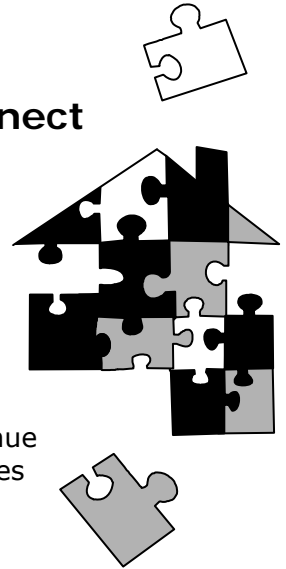
Upcoming Events

Project Community Connect

November 18, 2008

Church of St. Joseph
Holy Family Hall
Red Wing, MN
11 pm—3 pm

- For homeless or low-income Goodhue County Residents in need of services



Change we can believe in!

As you may recall, HOPE Coalition changed its name in February of this year from the Red Wing Area Coalition for Transitional Housing. Not only did this name change give new meaning to our organization, but it also provided us with a new face in the community. This month we were able to complete this transformation with the addition of a new logo, mission and values.

With the help of a consultant (Creations In Common) and our newly formed Marketing Committee, we were able to create a new logo and mission that accurately reflect our new name and what we do. HOPE Coalition has continuously updated its services over the years to adapt to the changing needs of our community. But what we really do on a daily basis is simple: *We promise to be a safe place where people can breathe, heal, and grow.* We were also able to narrow down some of our values:

- We help people unearth and cultivate their strengths so they may harvest their potential
- We help people “look in the mirror” so they become conscious of their circumstances
- We plant seeds of information and resources to help people move forward
- We believe having basic needs met opens doors to new opportunities
- We welcome all peoples, and greet them with an open heart and an open mind.

We have also modified our mission to reflect these values. Our new mission is *to end family violence and homelessness so that every person has the opportunity to live life to its fullest, while treating those we serve with respect, compassion and dignity.*

We hope this better reflects what we do at HOPE Coalition, and that you will join us in celebrating how far we have come since we began as a grassroots organization in 1990.



Transitional Housing Program

Together with the Goodhue County Homeless Response Team, HOPE Coalition is planning a Project Community Connect on November 18 to unite local families in need with local service providers.

Services will include housing information and referrals, legal services, free hair cuts, social services, transportation

assistance, job services, eye care, medical care, education, a flu shot clinic, a hot meal and much more.

The event will take place during National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week.

**Project Community Connect
Tuesday, November 18, 2008
11am – 3pm
Church of St. Joseph
Holy Family Hall**

If you would like more information, contact Emily Nelson at 651-388-9360, ext. 30 or email at enelson@hope-coalition.org



JoAnn McNamara,
Transitional Housing
Program Director

Welcome new Board Members!

The HOPE Coalition board and staff would like to welcome two new board members: Janet Adams and Jodi Bach!

Janet has worked for four years as the Program Coordinator for the Goodhue County Adult Detention Center. She has three children and is married to John Adams. They live in Goodhue. Janet has many hobbies, including cooking, gardening, teaching piano, volleyball and golf. When asked why she chose to become a board

member Janet answered: “The HOPE Coalition does so many wonderful things for so many people. It is an honor to have the opportunity to contribute to this great organization.”

Jodi Bach also lives in Goodhue with her family. She has two daughters, ages seven and ten. She is employed with Peirce County Abstract and Title Company, Inc. She enjoys scrapbooking, traveling and spending time with her friends and family. When asked why she

joined, Jodi stated: “I wanted to get more involved. I strongly believe in this organization and feel compelled to give back to my community.”

We are also pleased to announce our newly elected Executive Committee:
Chair: Chris Schrader
Vice Chair: Tilton Davis
Treasurer: Kent Speight
Secretary: Pastor Randy Johnson

Congratulations to all, and we look forward to another successful and productive year!

Greetings from The Women’s Center

Greetings,

Domestic Violence Awareness Month was a success. This is due in large part to all of the hard work, dedication and support of our volunteers and donors! I am proud to be part of a community that insists on making every home safe. There are so many compassionate and generous

supporters (you know who you are) helping us in so many ways, it’s no wonder we’ve been able to continue giving hope to our most vulnerable neighbors. I can’t tell you how much we appreciate your “leftovers”. The whole house gets excited when they hear that a group or club is bringing leftovers from their event! We are gearing up for our Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program. It is our

intention to ensure that everyone we’ve served in the past year has something fun to look forward to.



Sheila Meyer,
Program Director
The Women’s Center

Kids Count receives 150 Books from BookStart

(Owatonna, MN 9.25.08)

HOPE Coalition was one of 29 organizations to receive books through Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's BookStart



program, a partnership between SMIF and Capstone Publishers. This effort is part of SMIF's Early Childhood Initiative, focused on providing resources so all children can have

a healthy life of learning, achieving, and succeeding.

BookStart, now in its sixth year, has provided over 24,000 books. The goal is that every child has a book of his or her own at home to read or be read to by family members, which promotes a life-long love for reading. "We are pleased to be able to partner with Capstone Publishers to provide these exceptional resources to promote early literacy and learning for our young children," notes SMIF's President and CEO Tim Penny. "We believe investing in our young children is a long term workforce strategy that will lead to a capable workforce."

HOPE Coalition was selected to

receive 150 books valued at \$2400 because they provide outstanding early literacy opportunities for young children and their families within Goodhue County. HOPE Coalition will incorporate the books into their Kids Count – Abused Children's Program by giving the books to children that have experienced child abuse or witnessed domestic violence.

"We are so thankful for these wonderful books. They are going to be a great tool when teaching the kids we serve about healthy relationships and self-worth. It's also fun to have books geared toward 8-12 year-old boys – it will help keep their focus when reading and while we tutor them." said Susan Albarado-Grand, Director of Kids Count ACP.

Fashion and "Fun"draising!

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, HOPE Coalition coordinated an October fundraiser for The Women's Center to raise money for the women and children at the center.

This was the first year that HOPE Coalition has hosted a tea and Vintage Fashion Show fundraiser, and it was a huge success. The event was attended by 55 guests, 15 young women that volunteered to be models for the event and a group of talented dancers from Shoreline Dance Studio.

The fashionable clothing for the show dated from the 1900's to the 1970's. All of the clothing was either donated or graciously lent

to HOPE Coalition for the event.

Shoreline performed three numbers—two vintage dance numbers and a group number from the musical "Hair."

"This was a really fun event. I can't wait for next year! The

models all looked fabulous and the dancers really added something special." said Pamela Irvin, who attended the show.

Next year's show will again be held at Mississippi National Golf Links on the 21st of June, 2009. Mark your calendars!



Help a Local Family this Holiday Season!

Greetings,

As you all begin thinking about your holiday plans, we ask that you remember those who will not be able to celebrate. We are busy planning and organizing with the hopes of making the holidays a little brighter for the families we serve. We are asking for your help. Some suggestions of ways you can help are listed below. We are always open to new ideas, and we encourage you to share your suggestions for any other ways you would like to help out the families we serve.



Option 1: **Adopt-A-Family**

Many of you are aware of the Adopt-A-Family program in which families we have served in the past year will have the chance to create a “wish list” of items not to exceed \$30.00/item. We are asking that interested businesses, organizations, families and/or individuals contact **Staci @ 651-388-9360 ext. 19** for more information.

Option 2: **General Donations**

If you would like to donate gifts, but not for an entire family, we a general donation wish list available. The list is created for those of you who aren't sure what to get, but want to get something. We will accept gifts not on the list as well—It might be easier to think of things that you would like, and then donate those items. The women and children we serve need and like the same things that we do! In past years, our biggest challenge has been teen gifts. If you need ideas for teens, **call 651-388-9360 ext. 12 or ext. 19.**

Option 3: **Holiday Week**

We have had a “holiday week” for the past three years. This is when we take the kids we serve on special outings. For example, the last two years, we received a call from a business who wanted to do something special for the kids. They donating money that went toward tickets to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. The kids who attended were amazed as they had never done anything like it before! They got dressed up, used their best manners and had a wonderful time. (Some of them even showed interest in acting!) If you are interested in helping with Holiday Week, please call **Susan @651-380-0380** for more information.



From our experiences, we can tell you that when families receive their gifts it is sometimes hard to hold back the tears. Even though their lives are turned upside down, they KNOW that someone cares. Your decision to partner with us makes this possible.

All of us at HOPE Coalition thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Carl Evans

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Police Chief Joins National Effort to Combat Crime

(Alexandria, VA 9.24.08)

Chief Tim Sletten of the Red Wing Police Department has been chosen as one of 23 law enforcement executives from across the country to participate in a National Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Through the Institute experience, IACP intends to raise the response to violence against women crimes higher on law enforcement's agenda and support the adoption of best practices by the officers in the Red Wing Police Department.

During the three-day Institute taking place in Atlanta, GA, Chief Tim Sletten, along with the other selected participants, will explore innovative approaches for investigating crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. Additional attention will center on assessing agency performance and sharing challenges and solutions with law enforcement colleagues.

In an effort to help law enforcement agencies enhance their response to crimes of violence against women, the Institute will focus on planning and methods for effective resource allocation to help crime victims

and hold perpetrators accountable. The participating law enforcement executives will be engaged in the development of action plans throughout the Institute in order to adopt new strategies for proactive coordinated community collaboration upon returning to their departments.



Expenses for participants to attend the Institute are covered under a grant to the IACP from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women.

Ending Violence...One Step at a Time.

The third annual Walk to End Violence took place Saturday in Red Wing. Around 130 community members came to rally and walk to show their support for ending sexual and family violence in Goodhue County. The event



Rep. Sandy Wollschlager speaks at the WTEV

was organized by HOPE Coalition, Goodhue Wabasha Sexual Assault Services and Children's Safety Centers. HOPE

Coalition is the parent organization to the Kids Count – Abused Children's Program and The Women's Center.

Many residents came to get a free T-shirt and listen to the keynote speakers. State Representative Sandy Wollschlager was in attendance, and shared a story of how a constituent had opened up to her and admitted she was in a violent relationship – a story that Wollschlager carries with her to this day. "This woman's story gave a face to domestic violence for me. I promised her I would fight for her – and she is one of the reasons I am here today."

For participants who did not have any personal experience with family violence or child abuse, two survivors of domestic violence found the courage to share their stories with the crowd. "The commitment that this community shows to ending violence – letting us know that Red Wing will not tolerate the abuse of women or children – it means a lot to someone in my position" one

speaker added. "What did women like me do before there was a Women's Center? To me, that's a scary question."

The event included a one-mile walk encompassing the downtown arts festival and ended with a balloon release in Central Park. The balloons were released during a moment of silence, in memory of all the silent victims of family and sexual violence.



Supporters "taking the steps" to show their support for ending violence in Goodhue Co.

Help us out by shopping online!

Leslie Hakala, owner of the Best in Times Bookstore in Red Wing, has reached out to The Women's Center and chosen them as a recipient of her charity work!

Beginning soon, anyone who shops at the Best of Times website will be able to chose a

charity to receive 10 percent of each on-line sale. The Women's Center is one of three charity options.

Please join us in supporting our local bookstore and a local non-profit by cuddling up with a good book purchased online from www.bestoftimesbookstore.com!



Being Thankful—a note from Kids Count—ACP

Kids Count Abused Children's Program, "Is it working?" "How do you know?" At times, we get asked these questions and our



Susan Albarado-Grand
Kids Count ACP
Program Director

response is yes, and this is how we know.

The following are some of the notes that get

left on our door or by our computers from some of the kids we work with:

- "I am thankful to have you here."
- "You rock, don't ever change."
- "You made my day; you're a really nice person. I'm very glad I met you and I'm really proud to study with you guys."
- "I love you, because you are my best friend."
- "I know if I ever need to talk you are there for me."

- "If I ever move away, I will always remember you."

To some of us, these words are spoken or heard often by the ones we love. For the kids we serve trust, friendship and love are often things that don't come easy.

As Thanksgiving approaches, remember to be kind to those you come into contact with. Appreciate the little things... practice random acts of kindness. Tell your kids how great they are. They listen to everything, not only with their ears, but with their hearts.

Looking for Ways to Get Involved?

At HOPE Coalition, we always have LOTS of ways for you to get more involved in the battle against child abuse, family violence and homelessness. Below are just a few of the ways you can help out:

- Donate new or gently used items
- Volunteer with a group to paint or help with gardening/landscaping
- Shelter Grandmas
- Adopt-A-Family

- Volunteer transportation
- Help with Support Groups (childcare or facilitation)
- Become a Board or Committee Member
- Take a family on an outing

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Staci at 651-388-9360, ext 19, or visit www.uw-gwp (United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha and Pierce Counties) and click on the "Volunteer" link.

HOPE Coalition is a member of the "Volunteers United: group online that unites volunteers with local service agencies. If you have a few minutes, check it out! There are many opportunities listed online for HOPE Coalition and many other participating local agencies!

*all volunteers working with clients must complete an application and agree to a BCA Background Check

A BIG THANKS to our supporters for their generous contributions!

August—October

*We would like to apologize if more than a few of our donors are missing from this list. Due to a glitch in our donor tracking software, our database was temporarily erased. We truly appreciate your support. If your name is missing from this list we will include your name in the Winter Newsletter after our database is restored. Thank you for your understanding!

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Is everything correct? As hard as we try to get the spelling correct and all of our donor names listed, mistakes do happen. If a mistake was made, we sincerely apologize, and ask that you contact Emily at 651-388-9360, ext. 30 so it can be corrected. Thank you!



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