

SAFE SPACE

June Newsletter, 2014



June is Gay & Lesbian Pride Month

Did you know....

- ⇒ This awareness is in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Riots in Manhattan?
- ⇒ The celebrations encompass everything from parades and parties to concerts nationwide.
- ⇒ In 1998, President Clinton issued the Executive Order 13087 that expanded the equal employment opportunity to include sexual orientation as a prohibited discrimination.
- ⇒ In 2009, President Obama issued Proclamation No. 8387 declaring June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month.
- ⇒ On April 18, 2013 the definition of "partner" in the Montana Code Annotated 45-5-206 is changed to include relationships that are also same sex couples.

Research has shown that domestic violence rates are similar in same sex relationships as they are in opposite sex relationships. The lack of legal recognition of same sex relationships is just one of the barriers that are preventing victims in the LGBT community from receiving appropriate services. The change in Montana Codes to include same sex couples in the statute of Partner Family Member Assaults is a large step in the right direction.

Did you also know...

- ⇒ A batterer in a gay/lesbian relationship may use the threat of "outing" their partner to family/friends who do not know as a form of control. These creates a heightened level of isolation from friends, family, law

enforcement, and diminishing civil legal rights.

- ⇒ Victims in the LGBT community may feel afraid to come forward about the abuse for fear of judgment by law enforcement when revealing sexual orientation, or by feeling ashamed in breaking the "solidarity" of the LGBT community; afraid that society will use this as a reason to label same sex relationships as inherently dysfunctional.
- ⇒ Gay and lesbian victims are more likely to fight back than are heterosexual women victims, which may lead law enforcement to mistaken domestic violence as a mutual fight, and therefore dismissing the core of the violence.
- ⇒ In places where adoption is not allowed by same sex parents, the threat of taking away children a victim may not have biological/legal rights to is another form of heightened control.

In June, Safe Space advocates are attending training opportunities and cross training information that help our program to better serve the LGBT community.

It is important for all persons victimized in a domestic or sexual assault to know that Safe Space advocates provide the same services to all, without discrimination and without judgment.

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SHELTER

- * 24 hr. crisis line
- * (406) 782-8511

ADVOCACY

An advocate can help with:

- * Locating financial resources
- * Court accompaniment
- * Brainstorming plans for getting away

SAFETY

If you feel unsafe in your home but are not quite ready to leave, call us to discuss safety planning options that might keep you safe until you are ready. Crisis line is available 24 hours/day!



Suited for Success is in the Spotlight!

Looking for work & going to interviews?

Landed the job, and now need to find the appropriate attire?

An unexpected expense or event leave you in need?

Located in the Park Street Mall

27 W. Park St.

Butte, MT

VISIT BILLIE TODAY!



Suited for Success is a program operating under the umbrella of Safe Space. Billie is the program director of Suited for Success and enjoys helping clients in need to find suitable clothing for work, school, and daily life. Persons may qualify due to financial hardships, natural and unexpected disasters such as a house fire, or when leaving a domestic violence situation. A true need is the only requirement to receive the items.

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If a person is looking for clothing, but is not in need of a donation, items can be purchased at low costs.

Billie has worked with Safe Space as the Suited for Success Program Director for 2 years, and was a volunteer prior to becoming an employee.

Suited for Success is open Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also watch the Safe Space website for Bag Sale Saturday's

where you can purchase a full bag of clothes for one low cost!



If you would like to volunteer, donate, or are in need of services, call Billie today at

406-565-1296.

Volunteers Are The Heart of Our Community!

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES

JUNE/JULY 2014:

Butte's 4th of July Parade Float

OCTOBER 2014: DV Awareness Month

Annual Fun Run

Purple Pinkies

Purple Sock Drive

Silent Witnesses

Officer of the Year Award(s)

FEBRUARY 2015: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Teen Respect Dance

Web Safe Program

MARCH 2015

4th Annual Flock Party

APRIL 2015

Flamingo Flocking

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Trimming Trees

Donation Sorting

Donation Pick Ups

Distribute Flyers/Signs

Help with children during support groups

Put Together Holiday Baskets

Train to answer crisis calls

Deep cleaning projects

Put Together Residential Baskets

Write Articles for the Newsletter

Cook Meals

Assist with grant writing

Committee's will be forming for all the events above by July 20th, 2014.

To join a committee, contact Jancee Hansen, Volunteer Coordinator at

janceeh@safespaceonline.org

406-782-9807

Or on Facebook!

Happy Father's Day!

As we celebrate and honor the men in our life with gifts of ties, tools, and BBQ's, it's important to also remember the men who are survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

While reports of domestic violence on men are on the rise to law enforcement and programs such as Safe Space, it is widely believed that there are many more silent male victims suffering. Safe Space would like to inform all male victims that services are provided to all persons, regardless of gender. It's also

important to Safe Space to recognize the male volunteers who help clients indirectly by helping to maintain our shelter (inside and out), the family resource center, collect donations, assist in awareness events and activities, and take a stand against violence.

So, from the staff and Board of Directors at Safe Space—Happy Father's Day to all father's, and positive male role models in our communities!

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 5:30 PM— Advocacy Training @ Jacobs House	4	5 5:30 PM— Advocacy Training @ Jacobs House	6	7
8	9	10 5:30 PM— Advocacy Training @ Jacobs House	11	12 5:30 PM— Advocacy Training @ Jacobs House	13	14
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16	17 6:00 PM—Float Meeting @ Jacobs House (Advocacy Train- ing to follow)	18	19 5:30 PM— Advocacy Training/ Committee Sign Ups @ Jacobs House	20 Pride Celebrations—See Below	21 10-4 Day of the Child @ Butte Plaza Mall
22 Float Decorating Pride Celebrations	23 Float Decorating	24 5:30 PM— Advocacy Training @ Jacobs House	25	26 5:30 PM— Advocacy Training @ Jacobs House LAST NIGHT!	27	28
29 Float Decorating	30 Float Decorating					

Advocacy Training—Summer 2014 Advocacy Training is just about wrapped up, but another round of training will be available in October!

Committees— **June 19th** Many great ways to volunteer are all around you. Keep the kids busy and help decorate the 4th of July Parade Float, be a part of the many October Domestic Violence Awareness Activities (planning starts in July), or bring your own ideas to the meetings!

4th of July Parade Float —Bring your friends and creative hand as we put together Safe Space's first ever parade float! All details will be discussed at the **June 17th** meeting.

Get Involved in June!

Day of the Child—Brought to you by United Way, remember to stop by and say hi to our Safe Space advocate, Brenda, and make a fun craft. Many other amazing community agencies will be present and ready to share in the joy and laughter of children. We'll be at the Butte Plaza Mall on **June 21st 10:00 am-4:00 pm**.

2014 Pride Celebrations—Hosted by Big Sky Pride, many fun activities are planned **Friday, June 20-Sunday June 22** throughout Butte. Look for Safe Space for information on services, as well as representatives from the Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence on Saturday at the Pride Rally (Noon hour).