



Monthly Newsletter

Safe Space

June 2015

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Our staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year! We are committed to providing excellence in advocacy and resources for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. An advocate can help with:

Emergency Shelter

Court/Hospital Accompaniment

Safety Planning

Support Groups

Clothing/Food/Toiletries

And More!

History in the Making

Over the last 2 years, Safe Space has been exploring new locations and expansion options for the shelter program. In 2014, with over 1200 shelter nights and over 225 victims served, it became apparent that this trend of increased requests for services was not going to slow down.

Under the direction of past Executive Director, Sarah Weber, renovations to the current confidential shelter facility appeared to be a viable option. After much research and communication, this was shown to be a temporary quick fix for a short term period. It was during the transition of directors and with the guidance of the Safe Space Board of Directors that other choices were explored.

Safe Space looked at the options of building new on available prop-

erty to meet the specific and unique needs of a domestic violence and sexual assault program as well as existing buildings available throughout Butte. At a time when it felt as if no viable and financially suitable option was available, Safe Space was approached by the Board of Directors of the Paul Clark Foundation to discuss the option of the Paul Clark Home.

Safe Space has had the goal of transitioning into a larger facility that could function as a public and highly secured facility for all services and volunteerism. After only one tour it became apparent that Safe Space had found the space it was in need of, with the ability to serve all victims in one location, including those with the need for handicap accessibility, and to include male victims.

Safe Space was located in its previ-

ous facility for nearly 40 years.

When a shelter facility became available in the late 70's to provide safety to victims, history was made. Safe Space is excited to again be making history in Butte by transitioning into a facility with strong ties to our rich history, and to have the opportunity to provide additional services in a calming and welcoming environment.

Safe Space invites any persons who has been involved with the Safe Space (formerly known as the Butte Christian Center) from its start in the early 70's, to its incorporation in 1980, and into the 21st century to contact our Executive Director. We would like to publish a book on the history of Safe Space in the near future. You can reach Sabrina Tauscher at 406-782-9807 or email: sabrinaw@safespaceonline.org.

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Contact Us!

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New Opportunities and Assistance

As the sirens become silent and the bruises begin to surface, the victim is overwhelmed by a new fear: a fear of the future.

Becoming a survivor does not happen in one step. There is much planning and even more support that comes with each new goal set by a victim who has escaped violence.

Once safety is reached, a plan for the future begins. Childcare for young children in the home. Counseling services to address trauma and learn and exercise healthy coping skills. Suitable housing for an individual or a family. And the ability to be financial secure to provide for all the future brings.

Becoming financially independent and secure after domestic violence can be difficult for many reasons. Some victims have not been allowed to work outside of the home in many years. Some have worked but have not had access to family funds. And some have even lost employment due to events that are caused by the domestic violence they have endured.

Safe Space provides assistance

with budgeting, referrals to credit counselors and programs, provides referrals to Career Futures, assists with employment resumes and applications, job searches, and financial responsibilities.

In 2015, Safe Space is proud to have been selected as one of less than 200 programs nationwide to participate in the All-State Purple Purse Challenge. The Purple Purse Challenge is an opportunity for the communities we serve to become directly involved with the domestic violence program in their local area by raising funds and awareness surrounding domestic violence and financial empowerment.

At this time, Safe Space is looking for person who are interested on a volunteer basis to join a committee that would lead this challenge in our service area. Planning includes marketing, public media, website and social media, one-on-one meetings, and a lot of fun along the way! Implementation will include planned activities from October 1st-October 27th, 2015.

In 2014, programs were able to raise between \$70,000 and over \$400,000! Help to put Butte Montana on the map by making our opportunity to be a part of the Purple Purse Challenge a success!

If you are interested in more details or would like to join the Purple Purse 2015 Committee, contact our office at 406-782-9807 or email one of the following:

Sabrina (Exec. Dir):

sabrinaw@safespaceonline.org

Tonya (Volunteer Coord.):

tonyam@safespaceonline.org

Jen (Advocate)

jenl@safespaceonline.org

Visit:

www.purplepurse.com

Or

Safespaceonline.org

Victim/Survivor Support Groups

WEEKLY

Women's Domestic Violence

Women's Sexual Assault

Men's Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence

LGBT Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence

Co-Parenting After DV

MONTHLY

Financial Empowerment

Friends & Family of Victims and Survivors

Call

406-782-8511

**for more information
or to attend any group**

Safe Space Services

All services provided free of charge!

24 Hour Crisis & Informational Hotline

24 Hour Staffed Emergency Shelter

24 Hour Supportive Advocacy

Personal Advocacy

Legal Advocacy

Accompaniment to hospitals, medical facilities, law enforcement, and court hearings

9-1-1 Emergency Phones

Emergency clothing

Emergency Transportation

Emergency Food

Emergency Financial Assistance

Multiple Support Groups for Men, Women, and LGBT victims & survivors

Children's Activities for Child Victims/Witnesses

Language Assistance Program

Material Assistance

Holiday Assistance

Parenting, budgeting, job placement, housing stability

And many more referrals and support

Community Education and Presentations

Volunteer Advocacy Trainings



Many thanks to the volunteers who committed their time and energy during the 2015 Flocking Season! Special thanks to the family members of the staff, WalMart employees, and Jobs Daughter's Bethel UD #2 of Butte who helped on numerous occasions! The success of the flocking season is all thanks to you!

Thank you to our April KBOW/KOPR Radio Sponsor: Anaconda Liquor

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us to move our program to our new facility! Big thanks to Frank Butori, Brent Wasley, and Sara Sparks for all the coordination of the trailers and everything you do in our community!

Testimonials:

"Without {advocate}, I would be completely lost. There was so many services available and I didn't know where to start. {Advocate} helped me find help for everything I needed."

-Non-Resident Client

"I love the girls at Safe Space! They are funny and nice!"

-Non-Resident Child client

"When everyone else gave up on me, including me, {Advocate} didn't."

-Resident Client

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 General Volunteer Meeting 5:30 P.M.	5	6 Volunteer Advocacy Completion Booth at Montana Parent Event at Butte Depot 10-3
7	8	9	10 4th of July Committee 5:30 P.M.	11	12	13 Meet & Greet 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
14	15	16 Suited for Success Fashion Show Committee 4:00 PM	17 Purple Purse Committee Meeting 5:30 P.M.	18 General Volunteer Meeting 5:30 P.M.	19	20
21	22	23	24 DV Awareness Month Committee 5:30 PM	25	26	27
28	29	30	<p>If you cannot attend a meeting but want to join a committee, please contact our office or Tonya (information below).</p> <p>Support groups available for all victims, survivors , and their family and friends. Contact our office for more information on dates, times, and locations.</p>			

For more information on any of the Support Groups please call 406-782-8511.

For more information regarding volunteer opportunities contact Tonya at tonyam@safespaceonline.org.

Visit our website at www.safespaceonline.org.

A Look Ahead

In 2015, Safe Space will be providing trainings and presentations on all forms of domestic and sexual violence, including stalking and teen dating violence. In addition to this, advocates will also be providing education on Bystander Awareness, Healthy Relationships, and how to become a trained advocate.

Here is a 2015 overview of when trainings and presentations will become available (and will remain available throughout the year after), when committees will begin to meet, and how to access them. For more information on any of the events, please call 406-782-9807.

Month	Event/Committee/Training/Presentations Introduced
June	Volunteer Advocate Graduation Luncheon Decorating 4th of July Parade Purple Purse Challenge Committee First Meeting October DVAM Committee Meeting Suited for Success Fashion Show Committee
July	Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committees First Meeting 2016 Flock Party and Flocking Committee Meetings
August	Annual Fall Clean Up 2016 Annual Flock Party Committee Forms
September	Annual Volunteer Welcome Event Registration opens for Volunteer Advocacy Training
October	Domestic Violence Awareness Month Events: Purple Purse Challenge (1st-27th) Purple Pinkies Challenge Purple Sock Drive Annual Appreciation Dinner Purple Lights Nights Holiday Committee First Meeting Volunteer Advocate Training (Certificate Provided at Completion)
November	YMCA Holiday Collaboration
December	Festival of Trees

RAISE AWARENESS....

Fourth of July Committee:

Plan and create the annual

Safe Space 4th of July

Parade Entry

Suited for Success Fashion Show:

Plan and coordinate the 1st Annual

Suited for Success Fashion Show

to raise funds for the only program

in Butte of its kind!

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committee:

Plan and coordinate the many

awareness activities for October

CONTACT SAFE SPACE AT 406-782-9807 TO JOIN!

...AS A VOLUNTEER!

Shelter Friends:

**Be a part of making our shelter
a clean, comfortable, and inviting
environment for the traumatized
victims who access the program.**

ALLSTATE PURPLE PURSE CHALLENGE:

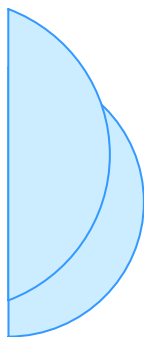
**Be a part of this amazing
opportunity! Strong leaders needed!
Plan and coordinate raising potentially
hundreds of thousands of dollars
for Safe Space!**

Children's Activities:

**Plan and coordinate activities with
child victims and child witnesses of abuse
during all support groups and when available.**

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A Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
Program

Safe Space is Butte's only domestic and sexual violence shelter and program for over 40 years. Safe Space staff receive ongoing training in domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, healthy relationships, case management, bystander awareness, agency collaboration, and more! Safe Space is staffed by these knowledgeable advocates 24/7, including holidays.

The staff at Safe Space is supported, guided, and led by a Board of Directors who donate their talents, skills, and time. Without their expertise and generosity, the outreach and advocacy provided by the staff would be unattainable.

Safe Space Staff:

Executive Director:

Sabrina Tauscher

Shelter Manager:

Rachel Cotton

Sexual Assault Specialist:

Sonja Foster

Volunteer Coordinator:

Tonya Moore

Night Advocate:

Traci Nellis

Weekend Advocates:

Brenda Beardslee

Jennifer Lince

Suited for Success Program Director

Billie Richardson

Safe Space Board of Directors

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