Sheltering Our Children

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Those who witness domestic violence, especially children, are impacted in profound ways. Often, we believe that children are not aware of the violence happening in their home. 90% of children, however, know that abuse is going on in a violent home. (Shelter from the Storm, a Training Curriculum for Clinicians, 2000)

Children may be direct witnesses to abuse while it occurs or they may note destruction in their home such as broken items or holes in doors. They see injuries on their parents’ bodies. They may hear arguing, hitting or threats even when we believe that they are asleep. These experiences cause stress for children who may worry that they will become a part of the argument or that their parent will become injured. An estimated 15.5 million children in the United States live in families in which partner violence occurred at least once in the past year. (McDonald, Jourlies and Ramisetty-Mikler, 2013)

Susan B. Anthony Project (SBAP) has a Child Advocate who is trained to address the needs of children. Last year, SBAP served 179 children with needs specific to domestic violence. Our trauma informed work with children and their parents helps parents to understand the impact of domestic violence upon their child (ren). There are focused efforts to help to restore parent-child relationships that will be healthy. The Child Advocate is always planning for safety in the event of escalating and abusive behavior.

Child Advocacy at SBAP is enhanced by regular training at the CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) Training Institute. National experts, Betsy McAlister Groves and Maxine Weinreb of the Child Witness to Violence Project of Boston Medical Center, challenge advocates to think critically about serving each individual child’s needs. Toward that goal, additional training often focuses on the rights of children who are homeless, those with developmental delay through the Birth to Three programs, and through other collaborations such as with Head Start and parent advocacy programs.

The CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, of which SBAP is a member agency, is committed to improving collaboration between the criminal justice and child protection systems and domestic violence advocates. In June, 2014, a roundtable was hosted by the

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Executive Director
Jeanne S. Fusco

Our Mission
Susan B. Anthony Project promotes safety, healing and growth for all survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and advocates for the autonomy of women and the end of interpersonal violence.

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Office of the Child Advocate and CCADV to examine a series of 2014 in-state domestic violence homicides where children were present at the scene. The broader aim is to establish stronger policy and practice among Connecticut systems and stakeholders who respond to children and youth exposed to domestic violence.

In January 2015, the workgroup, co-chaired by CCADV CEO Karen Jarmoc and the State Child Advocate Sarah Eagan, submitted its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly’s Children’s Committee. Findings and recommendations are focused in the areas of data collection, creation of a “Center of Excellence”, multidisciplinary team creation and training and statewide standards and protocols addressing the needs of children.

While the effects and exposure to violence vary, SBAP’s Child Advocate works carefully with every family and child by creating an individual advocacy plan to enhance resiliency. If you know a family that may benefit from child advocacy services at SBAP, or you have questions, contact us at 860.482.7133.
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- **More than 1 in 3 women** (35.6%) and more than 1 in 4 men (28.5%) in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime. (The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey 2010 Summary Report)
- **Susan B. Anthony Project helped 1,749 victims** of domestic violence last year.
- From July 2014 to June 2015, SBAP sheltered 66 women and 57 children.
- Education prevention programs were presented to 6,693 school aged children and to 1,173 adult community members.

Each October, a **commemorative wreath** is hung at Torrington City Hall in honor of victims and survivors of domestic violence. “Kisses for Cops” and “Hugs for Healthcare” campaigns thank all area police departments and healthcare workers for being first responders and helping to prevent and end domestic violence.

The annual **Candlelight Vigil** is held at Coe Park in Torrington to remember victims and celebrate survivors of domestic violence. A ceremony is held to honor community members who have collaborated and supported our work throughout the year.

The **Clothesline Project**, a collection of T-shirts designed by survivors of domestic violence, will be on display at the UCONN Torrington Campus Library and at the Goshen Public Library throughout the month of October. Visit the collection on our website at www.sbapproject.org and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sbapproject.

Thank you to the students at the **Highlander Transition Academy** in Winsted for the wonderful holiday collection! There were many happy faces smiling over fun-filled baskets last Easter morning, and all thanks to your generosity!

These beautiful quilts were delivered to Susan B. Anthony Project by the **Haystack Quilters** and their talented leader Shirley Metcalf. Thank you for the quilts made with love for our clients!

Thank you to our friends at **New Vision Pioneers** for bringing our clients so many needed and appreciated wish list items!! AND, they also brought our older kids living at shelter the new basketball hoop they had been hoping for! Pictured are (from left to right) Paul Hume, Diane Rajkowski, Chet Rajkowski and Terri Petito. Amazing!
THANK YOU
Moses Pendleton & Cynthia Quinn
Barbara & Eugene Kohn
Dr. William & Christine Petit, Honorary Chairs

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Our gracious hosts, Barbara & Eugene Kohn, who shared their picturesque grounds with us. We cannot thank you enough!

Neal White, Gina Bechard, Daniel Whalen and Cynthia Oneglia enjoying the MOMIX performance with our Honorary Chairs, Dr. William Petit and Christine Petit.
2015 Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Each April, we hold our Sexual Assault Awareness Month Vigil to show community support for sexual assault survivors. This past April, the following community members were recognized for collaborating and supporting our work throughout the year:

Officer Michael Gagne, member of the Winsted Police Department
Detective Kevin Tieman, member of the Torrington Police Department
Leroy Perry, employee at New Opportunities
Sarah Santoro, manager of Santoro’s Commercial Laundry
Leila Wood, School Counselor at North Canaan Elementary School
Monica Rodriguez, Home School Liaison for Kent Center School
Laura Beeman, Shelter Manager at Susan B. Anthony Project
Barbara Spiegel, former Executive Director at Susan B. Anthony Project

Authors’ Luncheon

Join us at Fairview Farms Golf Course for the 12th annual Authors’ Luncheon on Saturday, April 16, 2016!

Over the past eleven years, Susan B. Anthony Project has proudly hosted its annual Authors’ Luncheon—a captivating afternoon where the audience is treated to personal and literary stories from the authors themselves.

Making a Difference!

Charlotte Heuschkel and Elena Morgan with the beautiful felt blankets made in their civics class at Northwestern Regional #7. The children at shelter loved the designs!

Thank you, Bank of America, for your continued support of SBAP’s shelter services! Pictured: Mark DeCruccio, Sr. Vice President, U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management and Jeanne S. Fusco, Executive Director, Susan B. Anthony Project.

CCD class and instructors Donna Duffy and Allison Bannerman from Immaculate Conception Church in New Hartford delivered wish list items for our clients. Accepting the donations are Michelle Marone, Manager of Crisis Services and Siobhain Craemer, Administrative Assistant.
Adopt a Family for the Holidays!

Please help make the season brighter by adopting a family for the holidays! Call Siobhain at 860-489-3798 or email scraemler@sbaproject.org by Wed., November 4th. Gift drop off dates are December 11th & December 14th.

GIFT CERTIFICATES
Wal-Mart — Target — T.J. Maxx —
Olympia Sports — Haircuts - GAP — Old Navy — FYE — Applebee’s — 99 Restaurant —
Grocery Stores — Gas Cards

CASH DONATIONS
To purchase holiday gifts for teenagers and adult women.

Wish List

For questions about an item listed, please call Siobhain at 860-489-3798 or visit www.sbaproject.org

OUR CLIENTS’ MOST PRESSING NEEDS — GIFT CARDS
Stop & Shop, Price Rite, Gas Cards, McDonald’s, Burger King, Target, Wal-Mart, MasterCard, Visa, Movies, Hair Cuts

CASH DONATIONS
For client assistance

NEW BED & BATH
Twin, full & crib sheets
Pillows
Bath towels & wash cloths
Dish towels & pot holders

PERSONAL HYGIENE
Shampoo & conditioner
Razors & shaving cream
Tampons & pads
Deodorant
Toothpaste & toothbrushes
Soaps, lotions & hand sanitizer
Diapers (all sizes) & diaper cream
Baby wipes
Tissues & Q-tips
Baby shampoo
Sunscreen
Shower caddies

SHELTER SUPPLIES
Bathroom & kitchen cleaners
HE Laundry detergent — unscented (HE = Energy Efficient)
Dryer sheets — unscented
Bleach

Thank you, ladies! Pictured: Emily Franzi, Terri Franzi and Ryan Franzi.

Fabric softener — unscented
Ziploc bags, foil, plastic wrap
Toilet paper, paper towels
Coffee, creamer & coffee filters
Canned, boxed or dry food items
Spices

OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINE
Tylenol / Advil
Baby / Children’s Tylenol
Cold medicine
Tums
Allergy medicines
Thermometers

MISCELLANEOUS
School supplies
Flashlights & batteries, all sizes
Craft supplies
Sleeping bags
Movies — family DVDs
Wii Games — family oriented
Play-Doh
Daily calendars
Colored pencils, crayons
Coloring books, stickers
New toys
Trac phones & minute cards
Dish soap

Holiday Wreath Sale

Handmade in Maine
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To become a volunteer seller, e-mail Denise at dtorson@sbaproject.org

NEW WREATH PICK UP HOURS
Saturday, December 5th 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
or
Tuesday, Dec. 8th & Wednesday, Dec. 9th
9:00 am-4:00 pm

Another successful school year begins with the generosity and kindness of the Harwinton Women’s Club. Our clients are so grateful for the much needed backpacks and school supplies! Thanks to Harwinton Women’s Club, Altra Industrial Motion and Terryville Women’s Club, we were able to surprise our moms at shelter with beautiful gift baskets for Mother’s Day. Thank you, Michelle Eifes, for delivering them!
Ways to give ...
IT ALL BEGINS WITH YOU
Susan B. Anthony Project receives more than 50% of its budget from people like you.

- **Outright Gift:** The simplest method of giving by check or credit card. Please use the enclosed envelope.
- **Online Gift:** Make a secure gift online at www.sbaproject.org
- **Stock Gift:** A gift of stock can provide considerable tax benefits.
- **Endowment Gift:** A gift to the Susan B. Anthony Project Endowment Fund will help secure our future.
- **Wills and Bequests:** Your gift passes to the Susan B. Anthony Project after your death.

To make a gift or to learn about these and other charitable giving programs, contact Gina Devaux, at 860-489-3798 or gdevaux@sbaproject.org

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Making a Difference!

What a great group! Thank you to the members of the **Terryville Congregational Church Youth Group** for preparing beautiful Mothers’ Day self-care kits for our clients. Each kit came with a beautiful note of inspiration. Pictured are: (seated) Steven Desmaras; (from left to right): Derek Thibodeau, Ryan DellaVecchia, Zach Harnish, Caylee Brown, Colbey Brown, Cindi Harnish, Alexa Harnish & Danielle DellaVecchia.

United Way Day of Caring held this past June at Stop & Shop in Torrington. Girl Scout Troop 40003 collected wish list items all day for our shelter families. Shown left to right are: Brianna Flewelling, Alexis Fisher, Isabella Suppa and Scout Leader Heather Fisher. Thank you for volunteering!

Interested in Volunteering?
SBAP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

There are many ways to volunteer at Susan B. Anthony Project

- Client Services
- Special Events
- General Office
- Childcare

For more information, go to www.sbaproject.org and click on the community involvement link or call Siobhain at (860) 489-3798.

Nicole and Michaela Cordani, volunteers at this year’s **United Way Day of Caring**. Thank you both for your support!

Free and confidential services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence include:
- Counseling for adults and children
- Support Groups
- Medical and Court Advocacy
For more information, please call (860) 489-3798.

24-Hour Crisis Line: 860-482-7133

Statewide Toll Free Hotlines:
Domestic Violence: 1-888-744-2900
Sexual Assault: 1-888-999-5545
En Español: 1-888-568-8332

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MEET OUR COMMUNITY EDUCATORS:
Colleen Sullivan & Matthias Ekstrand

Susan B. Anthony Project’s Community Educators, Colleen & Matthias, provide prevention education programs to children and adults throughout the northwest corner.

Colleen has been a prevention educator at SBAP since September, 2010 and came to SBAP prepared to instill confidence and self-respect in the young lives that she touches everyday.

Matthias became a volunteer at SBAP after completing his training three years ago and officially joined the Community Education team this past May. Not just a women’s issue, Matthias’ presence exemplifies the importance of male participation in ending domestic and sexual violence.

Their dream for the future of Community Education is a shared one. “Our goal is to reach all the schools in our area, and to increase and expand our presence and program offerings in the community”, “I’ve seen positive progress,” says Matthias. “Communities who hadn’t done so previously are now requesting our services...people seem to be more open to talking about sensitive issues.”

Colleen sums up the work of Community Educator this way: “Susan B. Anthony Project is a team of people committed to helping anyone, regardless of their age, gender or experience.

And, what do the kids have to say about SBAP? “I remember when you came to talk about healthy relationships!”, “Can you come back and talk about cyberbullying?”, “How do I get a job at SBAP when I grow up?” and, of course, “Bring back the puppets!!”

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