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Northwest Connecticut Community Partnership Team Addresses Domestic Violence In Rural, Northwestern Connecticut

A two year grant has been awarded to Susan B. Anthony Project by the Office of Policy and Management and the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence to develop a multi-disciplinary Community Partnership Team to address the issue of domestic violence in rural, northwestern Connecticut.

For the past several months, partners from throughout the 20-town service area of Susan B. Anthony Project have joined the Community Partnership Team (CPT) and its subcommittees. Members of the CPT will identify community needs and develop a coordinated response while creating continuing public awareness to address domestic violence and its impact in these rural communities.

Utilizing a national model designed to address domestic violence in rural communities, Susan B. Anthony Project is the second such project in Connecticut. A similar proj-

ect exists in northeastern Connecticut.

Susan B. Anthony Project's sister agency Women's Support Services (WSS) based in Sharon, Connecticut has joined the team and has assisted the CPT Coordinator, Doreen Breen, in bringing members to the team from the far northwestern towns served by WSS. At its organizational meeting, representatives from each of the twenty towns in northwestern Connecticut were present. Attending the meeting were elected state and town officials, representatives from State and local police, social service organizations, clergy, judicial, medical, and mental health communities. It is anticipated that these team partners will meet quarterly to address the work being done by subcommittees in the months between meetings.

At the first meeting, it was clear that each represented constituency group experienced domestic violence as it affected members of their groups. Some attendees noted that they did not know enough about domestic violence and how to respond to their client needs. As the work of the CPT continues, training opportunities, targeted to specific constituencies and offered throughout the United States, in conjunction with Praxis International and the University of Minnesota, will be available to members of the team to

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Get Help, Get Answers, Get Involved

Every day, thousands of women and children in our communities are under threat in their own homes. Every nine seconds a woman in the United States is physically abused, and domestic violence accounts for more than 50 percent of female homicides. One in three women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime and is terrorized by the person closest to her-her intimate partner.

Additional warning signs for extreme danger include threatening to harm the children, family pets or himself/herself, sexual violence, access to weapons and disregard for the law or the consequences of his/her actions.

There is help for anyone who suspects he/she may be in an abusive or violent situation. Support for anyone experiencing domestic violence is the top priority of Susan B. Anthony Project. The Susan B. Anthony Project assists with safety planning and provides a wide range of confidential services.

Get help. Get answers. Get involved. Help someone you care about. For assistance or more information about domestic violence services, anyone can call Susan B. Anthony Project crisis line at 860-482-7133 or the Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline at 888-774-2900.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities

Purple Ribbon Campaign begins on October 1st and ends on October 31st. Wear a purple ribbon to bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence.

October 1: Clothesline Project Display: Susan B. Anthony Project, Torrington, CT Displayed at the agency offices throughout the month of October

October 6: Walk in Our Footsteps: An awareness event focusing on children's issues. Bushnell Park, Hartford, CT

October 7: Statewide Public Awareness Campaign: Domestic Violence: It's Never this Obvious kicks off at State Capitol, Old Judiciary Room, 2:00 p.m. with Governor Jodi Rell

October 12: Candlelight Vigil, 6:30 p.m., Coe Park, Torrington
Keynote Speaker: Judge Anne Dranginis, Silent Witness Exhibit, Walk in Our Footsteps Exhibit, Speak Out, Remember My Name Candle Lighting

October 16: Women's Wellness Expo: Information & Display at Torrington Armory

Month-long Activities: Awareness tables at high schools and colleges; Library information; An Empty Place at the Table display at Northwestern Connecticut Community College; Clothesline display.

Agency Programs & Services

H.E.A.R.T. GROUP: (Help End Abusive Relationship Tendencies) An on-going, peer support group for women who have experienced any form of family violence meets Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Please call to speak to a co-facilitator prior to attending your first group.

TRAUMA SURVIVORS GROUP: An on-going group for women survivors of trauma with a focus on coping skills for those dealing with past trauma meets Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Volunteer Training: A 40-hour, domestic violence/sexual assault certification training for new volunteers is now accepting applicants for an upcoming session to be announced. Please call Lois at 489-3798 for more information.

For more information about exact dates, times and to pre-register, call 489-3798 and reference the title of the program of interest.

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broaden their understanding of domestic violence and its impact within the community.

Currently, the needs assessment subcommittee is developing a survey to determine the needs of constituencies regarding response to domestic violence. Once these needs are identified, additional subcommittees will form to develop a suggested response to these needs. In northeastern Connecticut, one such response included the development of a resource manu-

al of services available to domestic violence victims in that rural region.

Public Awareness will be key to the success of the CPT. The Public Awareness subcommittee is designing a media campaign to raise awareness of issues related to domestic violence.

The CPT invites anyone interested in volunteering to join this collaborative. For information or to volunteer, call Doreen Breen at Susan B. Anthony Project at 860-496-9322.

Save the Date...

**April 30, 2005 "Festival of Performing Arts" 8:00 p.m.
Warner Theatre, Torrington, CT**



Authors Luncheon

November 13, 2004

Save The Date - Plan to Attend

The Hickory Stick Bookshop of Washington Depot, CT is sponsoring an Authors Luncheon for Susan B. Anthony Project on Saturday, November 13th from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Bistro East of the Litchfield Inn, Route 202, Litchfield.

Luncheon tickets are \$25 per person with \$10 of the ticket price a donation to Susan B. Anthony Project. The Hickory Stick Bookshop will also donate a percentage of the proceeds from book sales.

Noted journalist and author of *In Lieu of Flowers*, Nancy Cobb will moderate a panel of local authors including:

* Children's book author, Mary Pope Osborne of Torrington, known for *Magic Tree House*, *Magic Tree House Research Guides* and the *Spider Kane Mysteries*;

* Ann Hodgman of Washington, former editor of *Spy magazine* and author of several humor

books, some 40 children's books, 3 cookbooks including *Beat This!* and *Beat That!*, and a new book, *I Saw Mommy Kicking Santa Claus*, will be available in November;

* Janet Wallach of Washington and NY, author of *Chanel: Her Style and Her Life*, several books on the Middle East including *Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell* and, with her husband John Wallach, *Still Small Voices: The Real Heroes of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* and *Arafat: In the Eyes of the Beholder*. Her first novel, *Seraglio* was published in 2003. In 1993

she and her late husband established the nonprofit Seeds for Peace program that brings 150 Arab and Israeli children together each summer in the US for a camp stay in Maine and a visit to Washington, D.C.

Consider gathering together a table of 8 to 10 of your friends for this special event on November 13th to benefit Susan B. Anthony Project's crisis and support services and educational programs.

Call the office to reserve your ticket 860-489-3798.

First Annual Women's Doubles Round Robin Tennis Tournament

60 Women Play at the Kent School on June 15th and Raise \$4,245 for SBAP



Getting Started...

Under beautiful blue skies, in spite of the thunderous weather forecast, 60 women assembled at the Kent School for Susan B. Anthony Project's First Annual Litchfield County Women's Doubles Benefit Tennis Round Robin on Tuesday, June 15th. Round Robin Coordinator Manny Clark and her husband, noted Litchfield County tennis pro, Kenyon Clark, kicked off the round robin at ten o'clock sharp.

Before play began, Event Chairperson Lisa Horne, who also serves as a Susan B. Anthony Project Board Member, welcomed everyone and thanked her committee of Mary Adams, Saun Ellis, Liz Keilty, Anais Perkins, Jane Risley, Turi Rostad and Susanna Salk.

The day began with a breakfast spread of fruit, yogurt, bagels and juice. Luncheon was available with donated homemade sandwiches and salads, plus assorted cookies created by Lisa Huston, SBAP Development Associate.

Two raffle items: a handcrafted maple side table donated by Alfred Brown was won by Turi Rostad, an SBAP Board Member and tennis lessons with Kenyon Clark, plus a new tennis racket donated by Sarah Young, manager of the Washington Club Tennis Shop, was won by Mary Gawel.

The Round Robin ended with

random "rewards" presented to 5 teams. The "rewards" were contributed by the following Kent merchants -Back Country Outfitters, House of Books, Kent Coffee and Chocolate, Panini, Stroble Bakery and Terston Home Accents. The tennis balls were donated by Sportsmans of Litchfield. Kent resident Sherman Green, owner of J&J Printing of New Milford, donated the printing.

Save The Date for the 2nd Annual SBAP Women's Doubles Round Robin June 14, 2005 at Kent School



Turi Rostad and Palmer Marris

SUSAN B. ANTHONY PROJECT WISH LIST

If you have any questions about an item listed, please call 860-489-3798.

On-going Needs:

- Cash donations designated specifically for client assistance
- Gift certificates to be used at local grocery stores for food, prescription and basic living needs
- Phone cards for long distance calling and TRAC phone cards
- Gas cards
- Pillows

- Washable Pillow Covers
- Single sheets and pillowcases
- Towels

- Diapers for older babies and toddlers including pull-up training pants
- Diaper wipes
- Household cleaners for shelter; laundry detergent, bleach, bathroom cleaner, floor wash, dryer sheets
- Toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper towels
- New curtains and window blinds for shelter (call for sizes)

Holiday Wish List:

- Gift certificates for haircuts
- Gift cards to local department stores
- Movie passes
- Gift cards for small electronics such as walkman stereos, CDs, DVDs
- Gift cards for athletic supplies

In addition to the many donations of toys we receive for younger children, we are often in need of gifts or cash to purchase gifts appropriate for teenage girls and boys and for adult women. To adopt a family, call for details about the family at 860-489-3798.



Holiday Wreath Sale

Handmade in Maine

20" @ \$15

28" @ \$25

38" @ \$40

Wreaths are available for pick up the week beginning November 29th

To order by phone, or to volunteer your time as a wreath friend, call Lisa or Danielle at 860-489-3798. To fax order: 860-482-6268.

To order by mail, detach and return to Lisa Huston, Susan B. Anthony Project, 434 Prospect Street, Torrington, CT 06790

Date of Order: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person/Title: _____

Address: (include city, state and zip): _____

Telephone # _____ Fax # _____

Wreath Order:	QTY.	TOTAL
20" \$15.00	_____	_____
28" \$25.00	_____	_____
38" \$40.00	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____

**100% of the annual Holiday Wreath Sale proceeds are used to provide shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse here in Litchfield County.

Update on Susan B. Anthony Project's Future Counseling and Advocacy Center

In our last newsletter, we announced the purchase of the historic Coe Brass building at 179 Water Street in downtown Torrington. The Susan B. Anthony Project Building Committee is charging forward planning for the improvements to this wonderful property. Committee Co-chairs, Allan Borghesi and Barbara Putnam, are assisted by committee members, William Spear, Jessica Fowler, John Gergots, Marlene Smith, Chris Smith, Jeanne Fusco and Barbara Spiegel. Friar Associates of Farmington have been selected project architects. We're confident that in our new Counseling and Advocacy Center we will be able to meet the needs of adults and chil-

dren and provide services in a safe and confidential space.

The Rebuilding Lives Campaign, Susan B. Anthony Project's first ever Capital Campaign, will support the building project as well as provide for program and services enhancement. Campaign leaders Bob Berson and Marlene Smith expect to announce the Campaign goal in early 2005. The Rebuilding Lives Campaign Committee has 37 members.

Please consider joining this dynamic group and help Susan B. Anthony Project in this exciting project. For more information or to get involved, contact Barbara Spiegel at bspiegel@sbaoproject.org or call 489-3798.

Polly's Dream Thrift Shop

To benefit Susan B. Anthony Project, Inc.
Tuesday-Saturday, 10 - 5 p.m.
Thursday evenings until 6 p.m.

Donations accepted during business hours only.
Furniture donations: please call for an appointment.
Volunteers always needed.
Please call if you are interested.

**114 Water Street Torrington,
CT 06790
860-489-2808**

SBC/SNET Community Connections

Susan B. Anthony Project is now participating in this fundraising program. 5% of every dollar you spend on long distance calling will be contributed to this agency simply by signing up at <http://www.sbc.com/community> or by calling 1-800-635-7638. The agency identification number is 3992. Thank you for your support by helping us raise funds for agency services.

Agency News & Notes

The Board of Directors welcomes new member Carissa Keepin of Harwinton. Carissa will be co-chairing the wreath fundraiser this year with fellow board member, Jessica Fowler.

Susan B. Anthony Project is proud to announce the following grants:

The Connecticut Community Foundation (formerly the Waterbury Foundation) for a multi-year grant to support the expansion of our community education programs in the towns of Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, Thomaston, Warren and Washington.

York Mercantile Exchange Foundation and **E.V.E.'s Fund** (Ending Violence Everywhere) to support our community education programs.

Swindell's Charitable Foundation and **Elizabeth Carse Foundation** to support our counseling and advocacy services for children and the **George A. and Grace L. Long Foundation** to support our adult and children's counseling and advocacy services.

Burns, Brooks & McNeil, Litchfield Bancorp, and **Northwest Community Bank** who hosted the fourth successful "Golf for Good Causes" Tournament to benefit Susan B. Anthony Project and several other local organizations.

A portion of the funding for services to victims of sexual assault is provided by the Office of Victim Services, Superior Court Operations Division, State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Act Grant Program.

24-HOUR CRISIS LINE: 860-482-7133



Statewide Toll Free Hotlines:
Domestic Violence: 1-888-774-2900
Sexual Assault: 1-888-999-5545
En Espanol: 1-888-568-8332



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works to promote the autonomy
of women
and the safety of
all victims of domestic
abuse/sexual assault
in northwest Connecticut
as well as to promote
community action
toward ending
domestic violence
and sexual abuse.

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Candlelight Vigil, October 12, 6:30 p.m.
Coe Park, Torrington