

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH: OCTOBER ACTIVITIES**

### **:: New Leaves for New Lives**

#### **Throughout October**

Every day we witness victims of intimate violence leaving abuse behind and turning over new leaves to create new lives. As a way to honor and celebrate this, The Center, in conjunction with the University of Louisville, is sponsoring a community arts project titled New Leaves for New Lives. Beginning in Domestic Violence Awareness Month and ending in Sexual Assault Awareness Month, (March 2010 in KY, April 2010 elsewhere), community artists, survivors and partners will be creating a collection of altered books\*\* to be displayed April/May 2010 in the UofL Ekstrom Library rare books room.

### **:: Turn the Page on Domestic Violence**

#### **Throughout October**

Visit your neighborhood library, bookstore, CD store and video store for The Center's Domestic Violence Awareness Month display. Over 60 locations across our Kentuckiana service area will display a terrific list of books, movies and songs that address domestic violence in a variety of ways. The items on the resource list will also be displayed for purchase or rental where available!

Check back soon to download the Turn the Page on Domestic Violence resource list.

### **:: The Silent Witness Project**

#### **Throughout October**

The Silent Witness Project is a national effort to raise awareness about the devastating effects of intimate partner abuse. Silent Witnesses are life-sized red silhouettes that feature individual stories of people who lost their lives to domestic homicide. The Center's advisory boards will be placing several silent witnesses throughout Bullitt, Spencer, Shelby, Oldham, Trimble and Henry counties.

### **:: Men against Violence against Women**

**October 6, 12:00-1:00 pm**

#### **The Square in downtown Corydon**

Hoosier Hills PACT, the Harrison County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coordinating Council and the Corydon Rotary Club are asking that men in Harrison County illustrate their belief that relationships must be based on honor and respect. A free pizza lunch will be served and free t-shirts will be provided to the first 100 participants.

Sponsored by the Harrison County Community Foundation

### **:: Open House at The Center's New Bullitt County Office**

**October 8, 6:00-7:00 pm**

#### **260 Abbott Street in Shepherdsville**

You're invited to visit The Center for Women and Families' newly opened Bullitt county location to learn more about our services and meet some of those involved in making our newest location a reality. The Center has served Bullitt for nearly fifteen years and we look forward to our continued work within the community. Light refreshments and appetizers provided.

### **:: Going the Distance to Prevent Domestic Violence**

**October 10, 10:00 am**

**YMCA of Harrison County**

The "Going the Distance to Prevent Domestic Violence" walk will feature men walking a portion of the Indian Creek Trail in women's high heels. Held following the Limeberry Lumberjack Race, the walk will begin and end at the YMCA of Harrison County. There is no registration fee for the event. To pre-register, please call Melissa Cast at (812) 225-5437. Day of registration will also be available beginning at 9 a.m. at the Harrison County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coordinating Council Booth at the YMCA of Harrison County.

Sponsored by the Harrison County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coordinating Council and sponsored and hosted by the YMCA of Harrison County.

**:: Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day**

**October 14**

Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day is a nationally recognized awareness-raising day that takes place annually on the second Wednesday of October. Sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day aims to reach members of the healthcare community and educate them about the critical importance of assessing for domestic violence, as well as the long term health implications of domestic violence and lifetime exposure to violence.

**:: Thursday in Black**

**October 15**

Thursday in Black is a day when the Kentuckiana community wears black clothes as a way to identify ourselves as committed to ending intimate partner abuse. Now an international effort, Thursdays in Black began in the 1970s in Argentina to raise awareness about violence against women.

**:: Women's Health Fair**

**October 17**

**Central High School (1130 W Chestnut Street)**

Healthcare providers from across the community will be in attendance to offer free services, information and screening including the mobile mammography bus. Call 502.775.6408 for details.

**:: FEATURED EVENT: Garage Gala at R & R Limousine ::**

**October 17, 7 pm-12 am**

**R&R Limousine, 4403 Kiln Court in Louisville**

Join R & R Limo for the second annual Garage Gala to benefit The Center for Women and Families. Texas Roadhouse will provide dinner. The Remedy will perform live music and 2 Guys Having Fun will DJ. Don't miss this fantastic party!

Visit [www.rrgala.com](http://www.rrgala.com) or call 502.458.1862 for event details or to purchase tickets.

**:: Macy's Shop for a Cause Day**

**October 17**

**All Macy's Department Stores**

Purchase a \$5 Shopping Pass from The Center for Women and Families and you'll receive exclusive savings and special offers all day October 17 at any Macy's store! The Center will get the proceeds from every pass sold.

Call 502.581.7253 or email [charity.stark@cwfempower.org](mailto:charity.stark@cwfempower.org) to purchase your \$5 Shopping Pass!

**:: Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse: The Effects on Children**

**October 19**

**First Southern Baptist Church at 899 West McClain Avenue in Scottsburg, IN**

This community training will be held from 9 am-4 pm and is open to the community. Contact Libby at 812-752-7996 or [libby.warren@cwfempower.org](mailto:libby.warren@cwfempower.org) to register to attend.

**:: Women's Health Fair**

**October 20**

**The Center for Women and Families West Louisville Campus (4303 West Broadway)**

Healthcare providers from across the community will be in attendance to offer free services, information and screening including the mobile mammography bus. Call 502.775.6408 for details.

**:: Shop & Share for Domestic Violence Shelters**

**October 24, 8:00 am-5:00 pm**

**Participating Kroger locations across Kentucky**

Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear, Kroger, the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs and the Kentucky Commission on Women have partnered to host a food and goods drive at all participating Kroger locations across Kentucky to benefit domestic violence shelters. Shop & Share was established in 2008 to help replenish the supplies for the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association shelters. In it's first year, the program earned an estimated \$200,000 in goods and monetary donations. For more information contact Jaclyn Farmer at 502-564-2611 or [jaclyn.farmer@ky.gov](mailto:jaclyn.farmer@ky.gov).

**:: Pumpkin Run 5K Walk/Run**

**October 24, 8:00 am**

**6th & Main St., Shelbyville KY**

The Shelby County Women's Club will be hosting the first annual Pumpkin Run to benefit The Center for Women and Families. Early registration is \$20 and ends October 15. Registration is \$25 on race day. Call Krista Hamilton at 502.655.0368 for more information or register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

**::National Day of Beauty**

**The Hair Design School in the Highlands**

The Hair Design School-Highlands will be hosting the second annual National Day of Beauty on October 24. Haircuts will be \$5.00 and many other services will be available, and all of the days proceeds will be donated to The Center for Women and Families. Call (502) 459-8150 to make an appointment. October 24<sup>th</sup>.

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