



peace WORKS

News on the Work of The Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, Inc.



Giles County High School Students Learn about Healthy Relationships

This year, The Women's Resource Center is pleased to be able to provide enhanced prevention programming to Giles County high school students. A Sexual Violence Prevention Grant from the Virginia Department of Health is supporting the development of a **Giles County Healthy Relationships Team**. This is a new project that seeks to expand the primary prevention efforts of our **Peaceline** multi-session curriculum that is presented in nearly all New River Valley middle and high schools. The **Giles County Healthy Relationships Team** will be based in both Giles High School and Narrows High School. The task of the **Team** will be to plan, schedule, and implement a "Healthy Relationships Week" for both schools and their community. The week's activities will build knowledge on healthy boundaries, enhance respectful communication skills, and promote positive behaviors in the students and the Giles community as a whole. Individuals, groups, and businesses can all get involved.

If you would like to learn how you can help with this spring's "Healthy Relationships Week," contact Linda Johnson of the WRC at 540-639-9592.

Introducing Two New Publications:

peace Works and **peace Talks**

Beginning this fall, the Women's Resource Center is rolling out two new communication pieces. The one in your hands—**peace Works**—will be published twice yearly. This piece will focus on the hard work of our Board, volunteers and staff, and let you know how you might get involved. It will include announcements of special events and other seasonal news. A second semi-annual publication—**peace Talks**—will spotlight various topics of interest that inform the development and delivery of our services and programs. Prevention guidelines will be woven throughout in order to help us move toward our vision: A community free of sexual and domestic violence.

If you prefer to receive these pieces electronically, please send us an email with the subject heading "Email Me" to administration@wrcnr.org. Thanks for helping us stay in touch!

Backpack Roundup a Success

Did you know that this year the average American family will spend \$604 per child on back-to-school clothes, shoes and supplies? Few of the families served by the Women's Resource Center would be able to come close to that level of purchasing. Many are struggling to create new violence-free lives, without the bank accounts and credit cards they many have once enjoyed. Luckily, our volunteers have successfully completed a **Backpack Roundup** for the children staying in the shelter and those we serve in the community who have been victims of sexual or domestic violence. Many thanks to all of the individuals and groups who donated supplies for this year's Roundup.



Action Alliance to Honor Women's Resource Center

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this fall. To honor the occasion, the Action Alliance is hosting a celebration at the Commonwealth's oldest domestic violence program—which happens to be...**US!** The party will take place on Wednesday, October 19th, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM, at the Women's Resource Center's administrative offices, 1217 Grove Avenue, Radford. Leaders from the Action Alliance and the Women's Resource Center will "toast" the two organizations around noon. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome! No RSVP is necessary—just drop by as your schedule allows.



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Second Annual *Benefit on the New* to be held October 29, 2011



Last fall, the Board of Directors of The Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley held its first "Benefit on the New"—a silent auction and wine tasting overlooking the New River. The event was spectacular in every way: The view of the river and foliage, the food (prepared by The Palisades Restaurant), the bidding, and of course, the inspiration provided by supporting a wonderful organization and having fun while doing it!

This year's event on Saturday, October 29th will again be held at the home of Edna and Brett Malone in Pearisburg (near the Inn at Riverbend), from 3-6 PM. Mark your calendars now to plan to attend! If you would like to donate items of art or special interest for the silent auction, please contact the Women's Resource Center at 540-639-9592.

WHO'S WHO

AT THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Meet the WRCNRV Board of Directors

Current Officers of The Women's Resource Center Board of Directors are: Meg Stone, President; Sharrika Davis, President-elect; Jim Werth, Secretary; Edna Malone, Treasurer; and Jill Stewart, Past President. Other Directors include Susan Anderson, Mary Atwell, Eloise Coupey, Katy Kirk, Linda Nisbet, Chris Rehak, and Melissa Skelton. The Board meets eight times each year. They welcome your input!

Kudos Corner

Ewing Cabinet, Company, Shelter Alternatives, and Grand Home Furnishings

In a previous newsletter, we included kitchen cabinets and new furnishings for the emergency shelter on a Wish List of items we desperately need. As a wonderful demonstration of local community investment, Grand Home Furnishings, Ewing Cabinet Company, and Shelter Alternatives have come to our aid. In January, Ewing Cabinet Company donated a wall of cabinets to create family pantries for all our shelter residents. Shelter Alternatives then donated the labor and expertise to install the cabinets. In February, Grand Home Furnishings donated 30 new mattress sets followed by a new couch and flat screen television for the shelter....all delivered and set up by thoughtful store employees who clearly were interested in learning and contributing. **Thank You** to all at Ewing Cabinet Company, Shelter Alternatives and Grand Home Furnishings for your gifts of time, merchandise, and caring.