Recognizing Outstanding Service

Each year awards are presented at the conclusion of The Center’s Annual Board Meeting and Report to the Community luncheon. These individuals make a difference in our community and have provided support to The Center.

Public Service Award: Judge Maria Granger
Mary D. Rudd Volunteer Service Award: Armi Hopf
John C. Allen Man of Distinction: Judge Jerry Bowles
President’s CARE Award: Shirley Miranda

Pictured: Judge Jerry Bowles, Maria Miranda and Tyler Allen at this year’s event on October 15, 2014

A LITTLE HEALTHY COMPETITION

Students from duPont Manual High School challenged Male High School to see which school could get the most items in for local nonprofits. The Center was one of several groups that received donations for clients. In this healthy competition it looks like we were all winners. Thanks to all the students and schools. Students from the Key Club assisted in sorting and delivering the items.

Pictured: Students from the Key Club alongside CWF staff as they brought in boxes full of donations for Center clients.

THANK YOU

Thank you Empire Beauty School. Students and faculty raised $1,240 for The Center during domestic violence awareness month.

Pictured: students getting their nails done.

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Pictured: Cliff Staff, volunteers and Mercy Academy students get ready to walk at the race.

HOLIDAY GIFT CARD DRIVE

Make a difference this holiday season and donate a $25 gift card. These gift cards help empower our clients by providing the opportunity to do their own holiday shopping.

With your generous support we hope to provide gift cards to 1,000 families this year. Thank you for giving the gift of empowerment. For more information visit our website or call 502.581.7200.

Drop-off Locations:

Republic Bank
23 locations in Kentuckiana
Visit republicbank.com for complete listing
Kentucky Derby Festival, Inc.
1001 S. Third Street, Louisville, KY
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The Center for Women and Families OFFICES
4743 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, KY
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Cash donations can be made online at www.thecenter.org.

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UPDATE ON THE JOAN E. THOMAS CAMPUS

Violence are saving lives and creating positive impact in reducing all types of personal-based violence. Partnerships like the Lethality Assessment Program (LMPD), Green Dot bystander training, Rabbi Joe Rooks Rapport. Check out the videos available on YouTube at www.thecenteronline.org.

The Center for Women and Families is another prevention project. With MensWork has officially joined The Center for Women and Families as another prevention project. With MensWork joining The Center is a smart strategic move that builds capacity to support the engagement of men in our mission. The combination of talent and resources further advances our work to help men become a key part of violence prevention.

It is critical to engage men as protagonists. By moving forward with these programs, we are laying the groundwork to create a cultural shift of awareness and prevention to reduce the incidence and prevalence of sexual and domestic violence.

ABOUT MENSWORK

MensWork, a Louisville-based nonprofit, focuses on educating and empowering men to prevent all forms of violence. MensWork was originally formed to help men and women work together for more than 20 years. MensWork has now joined The Center to help build capacity and facilitate our work with men as active bystanders in violence prevention.

ABOUT ODMI

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SHINING STARS

MEN AT THE CENTER

YOU CAN OWN IT!

Please join this energetic and visionary group of men who are working to define and implement healthy masculinity and recruit other men to assist in our prevention efforts. Contact Rick Fink at rick@thecenteronline.org or (502) 581-7234 for more information.

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Thank you for your support and may you and yours be safe and may you find it in your heart to support those who are not. As you see, we have the joy of safety and empowerment this Holiday Season.

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See the new website in the community with ODMI, including UMPD Police Chief Steve Conrad, former CEO of FBI, Coach Charles Strong, Floyd county prosecutor Both 1st Amendment and Rabbi Jon-Ruks Rapport. Check out the videos available online at www.thecenteronline.org.

ON THE COVER: Whitney Sluiter, a founding member of ODMI, joins a group of volunteers and staff at Speak My Name. The event was held to honor those who have lost their life to intimate partner violence during domestic violence awareness month. The participants spoke the names of all those in Kentucky.

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RENOVATIONS BEGIN

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ANNOUNCING THE 2015 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

Each year, The Center honors five Women of Distinction at the Celebration of Service and Survival. The recipients of the award have been instrumental in shaping our community as we know it today, but it is The Center’s diverse services that contribute to provide ongoing encouragement and empowerment along the journey of healing. The unique contributions of Women of Distinction work to inspire us to improve opportunities, education and quality of life for women and children in our community. We are excited to announce the 2015 Women of Distinction.

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