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"Empowering Families To Live Healthier and Happier Lives"

Newsletter

Website: wellspringcenterforhope.org

The Director's Comments

October has been set aside as domestic violence awareness month. During this month of observance, we have chosen to express our gratitude and appreciation to individuals and organization who during the years have partnered with the ministry of WellSpring. In a combined effort we have empowered victims, expand awareness to eradicate domestic violence.

In these challenging economic times, our community of H.O.P.E. partners have made it possible for us to continue providing quality service in crisis counseling, community educational outreach, temporary emergency housing, legal advocacy and support groups to our target population of primarily Englewood, Roseland and Auburn-Gresham. It is this

community of H.O.P.E. that continually gives financial support, in-kind services, prayers and encouragement to WellSpring Center for Hope.

Annually we host our Fall Fund-raiser Luncheon in order to recognize and celebrate our H.O.P.E. Partners in the areas of Civil Service, Faith, Social and Community. We also take this time to raise money and awareness. Please join us by purchasing a ticket for \$50.00, sponsorship or by donating an item for the silent auction. All donations for this event are tax deductible as permitted by law.

The event is Saturday, October 27, 2012 at the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero. Oak Lawn, Illinois – Noon – 3:00 p.m. For further information, you may contact the office at 773.723.2119.



Elouise Spencer
Executive Director



Together We Can
STOP
Domestic Violence

Happy Mother's Day 2012

WellSpring Center for Hope Annual Mother's Day Luncheon was Wednesday, May 9th where we celebrated, appreciated, supported and empowered our proud mothers. Mrs. Lajauna Weathers was our empowerment speaker. We hope your Mother's Day was a Blessed one!

WELCOME

To Our New
Board Members

Regina Williams
Naomi Williams
Patrick Smith

OUR MISSION

To provide support and crisis services to individuals and families in underserved neighborhoods on the south side of Chicago experiencing domestic violence.

H.O.P.E. Awards Luncheon

October 28, 2011—The Lexington House



Left - Right Lynette Lewis, Board Chair - Jamell Meeks, Director of Women's Ministry, Salem Baptist Church, Elouise Spencer



Kathleen Monahan, Domestic Violence Liasion, Office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County



(L-R) Lynette Lewis, Taliva A. Tillman, Chapter President, Chicago Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



(L-R) Lynette Lewis, James Bergstrom, Dr. Winifred French, Elouise Spencer



James Bergstrom, Lynette Lewis, Elouise Spencer



Silent Auction Donors

- Museum of Science & Industry
- Bonnie Green
- Cynthia Taylor
- Laura Grays (Laura's Line Dance)
- Douglas Brown
- Gloria Gholston
- Smith & Smith (Dental)
- Soaring Adventures of America, Inc.
- Dr. Winifred French
- Shari Furriers
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- Universal Esthetics by ZiZi

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- Sharon Batiest
- James Bergstrom
- Naomi Williams
- Bobby Wright

Volunteers

- Marilyn Posley
- Arlene Spencer
- Martha Stroger
- Victoria Spivey
- Linda Suggs
- Arlene Mack

Sponsors

- Covenant Initiatives for Care, Inc.
- Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Dr. W.H. Foster, Sr.
- St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Joel D. Taylor, Pastor
- Mr. Joseph Rowe
- AllState Insurance Company, Mr. & Mrs. David Posley, Agents
- Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Dr. Alvin Lloyd, Pastor
- Women Ministries, Meagan Gillan
- Work of His Hands Ministry, Pastor & Tracy Brim
- Mrs. Jane Dewey



Elouise Spencer—The Safety Net Program is renamed "Weather the Storm" in honor of Mr. Carl Weathers.



(L-R) Helen Scates, Elsie Nelson, Program Director



(L-R) Lynette Lewis, Elouise Spencer, Lajuana Weathers
Elouise Spencer—The Safety Net Program renamed "Weather the Storm" in honor of Mr. Carl Weathers



(L-R) Lajuana Weathers, Weather's Sons, Elouise Spencer, Lynette Lewis



(L-R) James Bergstrom, Lynette Lewis, Lajuana Weathers
Elouise Spencer, Cynthia Taylor



"WEATHER THE STORM"

Formally: "Safety Net"

"Have you ever been in a situation or a storm and you needed help, protection and provisions just to make it through"? Here at WellSpring that is exactly what we try to do for our clients, provide them with help, protection and provision as they are faced with a storm.

"Weather the Storm" is a program that provides safety alternatives for women and children who are facing imminent danger of their abuser while attempting to flee from domestic violence and crisis situation.

With nowhere to go! Last year after the passing of our beloved Carl Weathers (Case Manager) the program name was changed in his honor from "Safety Net" to "Weather the Storm".

Over the past year through our "Weather the Storm" initiative we have been able to provide families with necessary items in order to make the transition as they move from a crisis situation. Three of our families received beds that they needed after they were forced to leave all their belongings behind when they had to flee. It is very important not only to receive



cash donations to provide for the needs of our families but also in-kind donations have been proven to have an impact on our families as well. We would like to thank all of our donors for their continual support both financially and for all the items we receive (in-Kind donations). Our goal is to help women and children by providing crisis counseling, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, financial support (food, transportation) and a wealth of networking and referrals to meet the many needs. This program is supported only by generous donations from our donors. No government funding is used to support this program.



Through the Eyes of a Child



Did I do something wrong to make you lose control?

Anger so strong or do you even know?

That when you come home I want to run and hide

The pain is so deep that I keep it inside.

I'm not the same because of you – always afraid of what you'll do.

If only you could see yourself through my eyes.

You'd know why

(I'm dying inside)

Sometimes I need a firm, but gently hand-someone who cares and understands

That I am still learning.

But I just can't take this abuse, from you.

There is no excuse I'm not the same because of you.

If only you could see yourself through my eyes

You'd know why.

(I'm dying inside)

This is no way to live

If you try to change I'll try to forgive.

Children are often the silent victims of domestic violence. The affects are sometimes life altering. *Author Unknown*

WellSpring provides counseling services to our children, assist in developing safety plans for the entire family and host special events for the children that are serviced through WellSpring.

Spotlight Partner

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Triumphant Transitions, Inc. is a not-for-profit supportive service organization that provides image and professional development services to men, women, and youth in rehabilitation and transition to successful independent living. Our mission is to encourage and inspire self-esteem, total image and lifestyle transformation to our clients by providing complimentary salon, spa and grooming services, in addition to life empowerment workshops designed to stimulate successful independent living. This is achieved through community outreach and social service collaborations that result in individual and community empowerment. On Monday, February 13, 2012 (to celebrate Valentine's Day), WellSpring clients were able to experience a day with Triumphant Transitions, Inc. a day of empowerment and transformation! Clients experience a generous menu of spa and grooming services in a salon setting, in addition to gaining a wealth of information and inspiration, during the Triumphant Transitions "Life Empowerment Workshops" with focus on topics that foster successful independent living and lifestyle transformation including: financial management, health care, relationship building, career, image and self-esteem development.

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How to Become a Hope Partner

Yes, I would like to become a Hope Partner of WellSpring by making the following donation for \$ _____ which will help women and children who are seeking a safe haven and hope for a better way of living.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Provide your current email address and you will be just a click away:

Please make all checks payable to **WellSpring**
All donations are tax-deductible.



Save the Date

H.C.P.E.
Awards Luncheon

Saturday, October 27, 2012
Noon—3 P.M.

In Observance of
Domestic Violence Awareness Month