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WOMENSAFE PRESENTS “THE LITTLE BLACK DRESS” FASHION SHOW AND BRUNCH



WomenSafe will present its fall fashion show, “The Little Black Dress”, Sunday, September 11, 2011, from noon to 3:30 pm at Pine Ridge County Club, 30605 Ridge Road (Rt. 84) in Wickliffe, Ohio.

The event will start with a buffet brunch and end with a fashion show featuring the versatility of the timeless classic, “The Little Black Dress.” The collection being shown will be on loan from the fashion design department of Ursuline College.

Individual tickets are \$38 and include valet parking. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. If interested in attending the event, or inquiring on sponsorship opportunities, call Annette Phillips, Development Associate of WomenSafe at 440-286-7154 x248 or email aphillips@womensafe.org.

Additional information on this fundraiser and WomenSafe services can be obtained at www.womensafe.org

NEEDED: Volunteers To Assist With Donation Program
Email: agutka@womensafe.org



Photo on Left: New Board Member Catherine Kroll stands with a recent donation made by her colleagues at Developers Diversified.

Top 5 Needs

1. Back to school clothing (teens)
2. Clothing Racks/Displays
3. Diapers/Pull Ups (4T+)
4. Paper Products
5. Garbage Bags

**For more information,
contact the Donation Line:
440-286-7154 x230**

Save the Date

October 2011-TBD
Community Open House &
WomenSafe Annual Meeting

Sat., February 4, 2012
Casino Royale
Patrician Party Center
~NEW LOCATION~

Stay tuned to womensafe.org
for more information.



WomenSafe is CARF-accredited and has demonstrated that they meet internationally recognized standards.

For 24 Hour Crisis Support Call COPEline 888.285.5665

CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

BACK TO SCHOOL BULLETIN



- An estimated 1 in 5 teenage girls experiences abuse in their relationships. (20% of female high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.)
- 40% of teenage girls ages 14-17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or threatened by a boyfriend.
- 80% of girls who are physically abused continue to date their abuser.

**Talk to your kids about their dating relationships.
STOP THE ABUSE**

**To schedule a speaker call:
440-286-7154 x224**

TEACHING KIDS HOW TO BREAK UP NICELY

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/07/magazine/teaching-kids-how-to-break-up-nicely.html?_r=2&smid=tw-nytimes&seid=auto



Special thanks to "Aqua Doc" who have continued to donate their time and product to maintain the beautiful and necessary pond at the Green House.

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Samantha called COPEline after a violent night at home with her fiancé and new born baby. She also had a three year old little boy who had woken up to the fighting and was crying in the background. Samantha stated that she didn't know where to turn and was convinced that she was as "stupid" as he always said she was. Samantha also shared that she had concerns for the safety of her children and was convinced he would kill them and her if he ever found out that she was reaching out for help. Samantha also needed medical attention. She was recovering from a c-section and was convinced that the stitches were compromised after the physical assault she endured from her fiancé. She also knew that she had to move quickly, he had only run to his work to pick up his pay check.

The WomenSafe Advocate she spoke with immediately took action. The Advocate, Samantha, and her children were able to meet in a safe location and enter safe shelter. When the Advocate asked Samantha what her immediate needs were, she stated she just needed a box. "What for?" the Advocate asked. Samantha stated that it was what her toddler son slept in for comfort when he feared a fight was going to happen. The Advocate worked with Samantha and her son to help them feel safe and secure, inevitably providing a box, which turned out to be for only a short period of time.

About one month later and a lot of work, Samantha and her children were able to move into safe housing. They recently joined other former clients at a "Baby Shower" hosted by WomenSafe staff and provided through the generous support of the agency volunteers. Parenting and childcare information was provided in addition to socialization with other moms. Baby and toddler care items were provided for free in addition to food handmade by volunteers.

When asked if Samantha enjoyed herself, she said, "Yes, I am so grateful to everyone who made this possible for me and my family and I know that we would have been in a very different and unhealthy place without the support of WomenSafe. Thank you for everything."



Youth Advocate, Peggy Marshler stands by baskets given away at the 1st Annual WomenSafe Client Baby Shower.

UPCOMING GROUPS

WHAT: Weekly support group for women currently/previously in an abusive relationship (emotional, physical, verbal, sexual and/or financial abuse).

WHEN: Beginning Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 7:00-8:30pm.

CONTACT: 440-286-7154 x229 for further information.

NOTE: Free childcare provided.

WHAT: Eight week support group for female and male pre-teens (ages 7-10) who have experienced or witnessed the trauma of domestic violence in their home. Participants will discuss: Safety Issues, Self-Esteem, Coping Skills, and Relaxation Techniques.

WHEN: Beginning Thurs., Sept. 8 from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

CONTACT: WomenSafe at 440-286-7154 x229 for further information.