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When Temps Rise, so do Calls to Police

Here we are in late hot summer doing all the things that hot weather brings such as cooking out, camping, fishing, and swimming with friends and family. Such gatherings are the core of the American family and are idealized in our hearts and memories for generations. These activities however come all too often with the uninvited guests of domestic violence, child abuse, and addiction. What a paradox! Beyond a doubt, the

very elements that bring us together as friends, lovers, spouses, and as parents, can also be a trigger to long-lasting emotional and physical pain. Across the nation, law enforcement officials, shelter workers, and counselors are well too aware that when the heat goes up, so does the level of irritability and stress often resulting in a higher than normal incident rate of acts of violence within the family.

According to a recent report in the Joplin Globe, 07/29/12, Columbus, Kansas, Sheriff David Groves was quoted as saying "the extreme heat is

keeping people indoors.” However, he says there have been more domestic violence calls, likely because the heat is taking a toll on people's patience. Groves says the situation can be made worse by alcohol and advises leaving a tense situation before it becomes violent. "If you feel yourself getting into a situation where your emotions are starting to get the better of you, you can feel the tension building, the best thing you can do is remove yourself from that situation," says Groves. If a situation does become violent, call 911 immediately.

This advice is repeated in communities across the nation as record heat and poor economic situations add pressure to the already existing issues of family violence. Compounding this mix is often the issue of alcohol and drug use which may increase either as a recreational component or as a futile effort to deal with stress. It is no wonder that even innocent family recreation can topple into acts of violence between adults or directed toward the children.

A resident at Lydia House in Omaha, Nebraska, recently stated she went through years of physical and emotional abuse with an ex-

boyfriend. "It was, 'you can't go anywhere, you can't have a phone, you can't open the blinds in your house'," said the client. She says it was during the summer months that things would escalate after her ex-boyfriend would go out with friends, drink, and then come home angry. "The name calling got worse and I remember him holding my four month old daughter in his hand, while kneeing me in the face." Lydia House Program Director Charity Watts advised the Omaha News such situations are all too common. Workers at the Lydia House report a 30% spike in cases of violence during the summer months. "We see a lot more domestic violence victims seeking shelter when the temperatures rise and the children are all out of school."

As disturbing as nationwide reports can be, the local area issues here in Cedar and surrounding counties are no different, reports Wings Refuge Director Cheryl Duly. Of primary importance in cases of domestic assault is aiding the survivors to relocate to a safe environment. Once this has been accomplished, the healing process can begin. Wings Refuge offers a faith based support

approach that not only provides a safe haven, but provides faith based counseling to help identify the families' needs and address substance abuse addiction in a secure environment.

People are often confused about what constitutes abuse. It is not uncommon for families to undergo violence for years believing if no serious physical injury has occurred, it is not domestic violence.

If you or someone you know has ever wondered, "Is this abuse?" The National Domestic Violence Hotline website lists the following possible criteria:

Does your partner: Embarrass you with put-downs? Look at you or act in ways that scare you? Isolate you from friends or family members? Take your money or Social Security check, make you ask for money or refuse to give you money? Make all of the decisions? Tell you are a bad parent or threaten to take away or hurt your children? Prevent you from working or attending school? Act like the abuse is no big deal, it's your fault, or even deny doing it? Destroy your property or threaten to kill your pets?

Intimidate you with guns, knives or other weapons? Shove you, slap you, choke you, or hit you? Threaten to commit suicide? Threaten to kill you?

If you answered "yes" to even one of these questions, you may be in an abusive relationship. There is a lot of help and information out there. There are many ways you can help in the cause to prevent domestic violence.

Please check out any of the following websites: National Domestic Violence 24-7 hotline: 1-800799-SAFE www.thehotline.org; Military Family Support: www.militaryonesource.com; U.S. Department of Justice: www.ovw.usdoj.gov/domviolence.htm and for assistance with children: www.childwelfare.gov

Locally please contact Cheryl Duly at Wings Refuge at 888-426-8443 or Moss House Offices at 417-667-7171. Help is also available at Lafayette House in Joplin, Missouri at 1-800-416-1772.



COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAMS

One successful intervention effort to address domestic violence is becoming more common throughout the nation: a coordinated community response. Coordinated community response brings together not only the professionals that respond to domestic violence, but includes lay-persons, community leaders, faith leaders, and others, to address domestic violence in their communities. **The purpose of a coordinated community response is to develop a climate within the community where victims are safe and batterers are held accountable.** A coordinated community response is not the sole responsibility of the domestic violence service providers, but of the whole community.

Within a coordinated community response is a Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF). The task force is comprised of the professionals and community members that come together to improve the community's response to domestic violence. Through the DVTF, formal and informal networks to enhance communication and collaboration are established. The goals of a DVTF generally include facilitating community education, identifying multidisciplinary training, coordinating public awareness and

legislative education, identifying gaps in services, and building resources for victims to create a coordinated community response.

If you or your organization would be interested in helping to develop a community response support team to address domestic violence issues in the surrounding area, please contact Cheryl Duly at 660-492-2773

Domestic Violence Training Opportunity

October 09, 2012 is the date for special training offered through the efforts of the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, the Cedar County Prosecutor's Office, and the Eldorado Springs Police Department at the El Dorado Springs Community Center between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00. This important training will cover many important factors from the dynamics of domestic violence to the legal statutes governing prosecution, establishing probable cause, interviewing, and documentation. This important training is being presented by Catherine Vannier who is the first Family Violence Resource Prosecutor for the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services. Catherine Vannier has eleven years of experience prosecuting criminal cases and six years specializing in family violence cases. She has helped establish a coordinated community response in her area and served as board member on many task forces and committees. She has been presenting specialized training to law enforcement and other justice professionals for the past five years.

This training is free of charge to Prosecutors, Law Enforcement, Victim's Advocates, Child Abuse Investigators, Probation and Parole, Health Professionals, and Children's Advocacy Center Staff. Other similar professionals must obtain prior approval for attendance from the conference organizers. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to insure sufficient materials and seating are available

The course is certified for 2 hours of POST Continuing Education Legal credits & 2 hours Interpersonal Credit by the Missouri Department of Public Safety POST program or 4 hours of CLE by the Missouri Bar

We are asking for donations of desserts and soups to serve at this event; the help of you and your organization would be gratefully appreciated. If you wish to donate food, call Cheryl Duly at 660-492-2773

Recent Events



We are so pleased to announce the Glitz & Glamour Fashion Gala Purse Auction and Fashion Show held 06/30/12 was a success with good food,

good attendance, and a great time. This was not only a fun event but a great fund raiser. Proceeds went to Wings Refuge and Angel House Maternity Home. If you were not able to attend, please make room on your schedule for next year as we want to make this an annual event.



Wings Refuge, partnered with Dog Nation, operated a booth at the recent El Dorado Springs Picnic raising awareness for both causes. Funds raised through the sale of various items, including our special candles and raffle tickets for the opportunity to win a Coach purse went to Shoebox for Soldiers and the women and children at our local shelter.

Coming Events

Wings Refuge Ministry/Arc of Hope are so very proud to announce the opening of a new boutique called The Treasure Hunt. Ground breaking for this building was held at 109 W. Broadway in El Dorado Springs on 07/07/12 and the grand opening is anticipated to be 10/01/12 with the public invited to help us celebrate this important milestone.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to the Finis Moss Charitable Trust for making this venture possible. More information will be available as construction is completed. The Treasure Hunt, like Unique Boutique in Osceola, will make available gently used clothing and other goodies with all proceeds going to support Wings Refuge Ministry/Arc of Hope.

Wings Refuge in partnership with Angel House plan to operate a booth at the upcoming Stockton Expo and possibly at other area fall festivities. Please look for us at these public events as your support and interest are always welcome. More information will be made available as completion plans are finalized.

Survivor

Contributions

An important part of recovery whether from addiction or the trauma of domestic violence is shared experience as individuals find a voice to tell their story. It is our goal to offer a forum for those voices to be heard and for their message to reach others in need. The following are contributions from persons who attained/are working on their recovery through God's strength. Their names are included with their permission;

Since I have been at the Arc of Hope I have learned how to have a personal

relationship with God and I want to give Him all the glory as he has delivered me from addiction, abusive relationships, anger, pain, and many more things in my life. I have finally received peace and feel that I have purpose in my life, thanks to God. He definitely is transforming me into his image and I am walking in victory. "For the Lord delights in his people; He crowns the humble with Victory." Psalm 149:4

—Amanda Savage

SHELTER NEEDS: Our facility is funded through faith based ministry and your donations. Items our shelter is always in need of are:

PERSONAL HYGIENE

hand soap	tissues
toilet paper	tooth paste
razors	
shampoo	tooth
brushes	lotions
conditioner	mouth
wash	perfume
	hair spray

We are in urgent need of paper products and laundry products.

CLEANING PRODUCTS

Dish soap and dish washer soap, laundry soap, bleach, dryer sheets, paper towels, glass cleaners, and related cleaning aids.

FOOD

flour	sugar
canned vegetables	canned
soups	
frozen vegetables	cooking oil
pasta	pasta sauces
canned fruit	frozen meats
shortening	box dinners
tuna	frozen juices
baking mixes	frozen snacks
peanut butter	jelly
fruit juices	

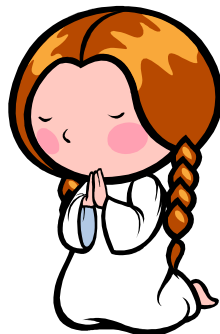
We have large freezer capacity and would welcome all donations of frozen meats including poultry, beef, pork, and venison as well a variety of frozen prepared foods and canned goods not listed above.

OFFICE NEEDS

Printer paper, Printer ink, (OfficeJet 901 both black and color)
Stationary, Postage, Envelopes

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Personal Bibles, Faith appropriate literature such as books, videos, educational materials, notebooks, pens and devotionals.



Answered

Prayers

We ask you to celebrate with us in thanking God and those God works through for both emotional and physical healing for many of our survivors who often struggle with addiction in addition to their other issues.

Among the people and organizations we are anxious to acknowledge in this issue are all our volunteers. A special appreciation goes to Sharon Boitel, manager of the Unique Boutique which in turn provides much of our ministry's funding. Thank you Sharon for your many talents. There isn't room in this issue to describe all you do on our behalf. We want to say thank you to the Cedar County and St. Clair County Commissioners for their on-going support. A strong thank you goes to Evans and Wilkenson's Pharmacies in El Dorado Springs for their continued donations and support. Both Wings Refuge and our partner organization, Dog Nation, wish to acknowledge the First Baptist Church of El Dorado Springs for allowing us to use their facility to host our first annual Purse Auction and Fashion Show. We also wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone connected with the Fashion Show and Auction including our guests

for making this fund raiser so much fun and such a success!

We wish to thank the family of the late Floyd Woody for requesting donations in lieu of flowers in his name. Our condolences and prayers go with our thanks for remembering our ministry during your time of loss. Thank you to Eastern Gate Missionary Baptist Church, the Poulsons, and Soul Purpose Ministries. Thank you to LCW Printing for all your help. And, to all the area churches who have been helping with our paper drive during recent months, a big thank you for your support as well as a request for your continued help with this fund raising activity. A special thank you to the Finis Moss Charitable Trust.

As always, so many people have provided such blessings that sometimes we might fail to mention everyone. Please forgive any omissions and remember Our Heavenly Father took note of your kindness and support through your time, talents, and donations.

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