

Friends For Hope

April 2010

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The month of April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness month. This month is an opportunity to address sexual violence - to talk about its prevalence and warning signs and the services available for victims. It is also a chance to start conversations about why it is so pervasive and what youth and adults in schools and communities can do to prevent it by promoting equality and respect.

The PEACE students (formerly STARS) are hosting various activities at the schools the week of April 12-16 for Green Ribbon Week, a statewide observance that aims to increase awareness and promote prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault on school campuses.

Sexual harassment is alarmingly common in American schools. One recent study found that 80% of American school children have experienced sexual harassment on campus. Another study found that 39% of girls faced sexual harassment on a daily basis.

Sexual Violence Facts

- 1 out of every 6 American women have been the victims of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime
- About 3% of American men—or 1 in 33—have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime
- 15% of sexual assault and rape victims are under age 12
- 7% of girls in grades 5-8 and 12% of girls in grades 9-12 said that they have been sexually abused
- 3% of boys grades 5-8 and 5% of boys in grades 9-12 said that they had been sexually abused

If you would like more information on ways to help end sexual violence or if you are a victim or know a victim of sexual harassment or assault, please contact the Friends For Hope office at 325-884-9804 or contact your local law enforcement office. Each individual has the power and responsibility to speak out against sexual violence and take action to end oppression.



A Change at Friends For Hope.....

Many of you may have already heard, but for those of you that have not I have decided to resign from Friends For Hope, Inc. After many sleepless nights and much prayer I know I have made the right decision for myself and my family. This is a very life consuming job that I love dearly, but I still have 3 children in school and I feel I am missing so much precious time with them that I can not get back. My dedication and beliefs in this organization have not changed this was one of the toughest decisions I have had to make. I am at peace with it and know it is the right thing to do at this time in my life. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued love and support over the past 2 years. With that all said I hope you will all continue to show your support to the new Executive Director as well as the organization.



May God bless each and every one of you.
Thank you again, Carrie Day

Our Mission... Friends For Hope provides safety, security, and restoration of hope for people in crisis.

**Crime Victims Rights
Week is April 19-23.**

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ESL Classes

We currently have a beginners ESL class on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10AM to 12 and an advanced class on Thursday evenings beginning at 7PM at the Friends For Hope office. All are welcome. For more information please contact the office.

New CIRCLE E candle fragrances:

The Hope Chest has new fragrances of our popular Circle E candles. Chocolate Mint and Passion Fruit We also have our popular scents of Bird of Paradise, Leather and many others in stock. Stop by and smell these new fragrances and your popular favorites and send your senses into overdrive.



The Hope Chest

The Hope Chest has many different things in it. From clothes to household goods to baby items and much more. Please stop in and see what all we have. We have great new items for that last minute gift.

Hours:

Monday through Friday 12:00 to 6:00

Legal Aid Clinic

Appointments are now being taken for the next legal aid clinic which will be held on May 3, 2010. You must schedule an appointment. Please call today! 884-9804



Friends For Hope Services

PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE

- 24 HOUR VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE
- ACCOMPANIMENT FOR VICTIMS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER, HOSPITAL, COURT, CHILD INTERVIEWS, AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS
- EMERGENCY SHELTER / AND TRANSPORTATION IF NEEDED
- COUNSELING SERVICES
- SUPPORT GROUPS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN
- BI-MONTHLY LEGAL AID CLINICS ADDRESSING CIVIL MATTERS ONLY
 - TEEN PROGRAMS (PEACE) - ADDRESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT, SEXUAL HARRASSMENT, DATING VIOLENCE, OTHER FORMS OF VIOLENCE, DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
- CHILDRENS PROGRAMS (HEROES) - ADDRESSING SELF ESTEEM, PERSONAL SAFETY, AND LIFE SKILLS
- WEEKLY ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE(ESL) CLASSES



April is CHILD ABUSE

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

Children should be heard not hurt.

March Memorials

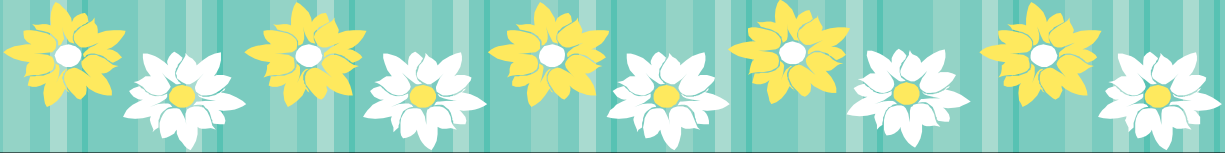
Memorials and Honorariums
Memorials and Honorariums can be made to Friends For Hope at any time throughout the year.

In Memory of:

Ollie Lou & Craddock Ulmer
Melva Daugherty
Laura Swaringin
Tommy Reed
Carl Baker Sr.

Given By:

Dale & Vicky Fisher
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Johnny & Carol Beavers
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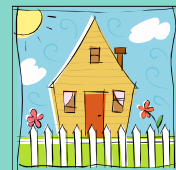
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Spring has sprung!!!



The Staff at Friends For Hope is here to assist you in any way possible.
Carrie Day -Executive Director
Jamie Barton- Office Assistant
Volunteer-Leslie Davidson, Christian Counselor

