



Women's Crisis Support ~ Defensa de Mujeres

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WCS-DdM has several activities planned for Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2009.

Time to Stop Rape

April 1, 7am—7pm, Cabrillo College and 10am—2pm at UCSC. Is a sexual assault occurring while you read this? It is estimated that a sexual assault occurs every five minutes in California. To denote this terrible frequency, a flag will be placed every five minutes by rape crisis centers throughout the central coast. Join us at the main quad at Cabrillo or the UCSC Health Center.

Chalk It Up

April 2, 10am—1 pm Cabrillo College, Watsonville Campus. Create a message about healthy relationships with sidewalk chalk! Flags from the April 1 event will also be displayed. Co-sponsored by Cabrillo College Student Health Services.

Walk to Stop the Silence

April 4, 11am—1pm, Downtown Watsonville. Give children a voice and join the march to stop the silence about childhood sexual abuse. The walk begins at 11am at St. Patrick's Church in Watsonville and ends at the Downtown Plaza, where a rally will be held. Sponsored by Survivors Healing Center.



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Denim Day

April 22, 12 noon, Santa Cruz City Hall Courtyard. Denim Day began in 1999 as an international protest against an Italian high court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim was wearing jeans. According to the court, "it is common knowledge .. that jeans cannot even be partly removed without the effective help of the person wearing them." **WEAR YOUR JEANS** on Wednesday, April 22, and join us for lunch and a rally at the Court Yard. Co-sponsored by the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women.

ANOTHER SMART WAY TO GIVE TO WCS ~ DdM

by Renée M. Snow, CFP, WCS~DdM Board Member

“Donating assets to the Charitable Remainder Trust qualifies you to an immediate income-tax deduction.”

Do you have highly appreciated assets that you are afraid to sell because you do not want to pay capital gains tax? Are you looking for a steady stream of income for your lifetime? Can you use a current year charitable deduction on your tax return? Do you believe in the services offered by Women’s Crisis Support ~ Defensa de Mujeres?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you may want to consider a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT). A CRT is an estate-planning tool that allows you to contribute assets to an irrevocable trust and then receive an annual payout from those assets during the life of the trust. CRTs can be established for either a term of up to 20 years or the lifetime of one or more individuals. The trust itself is a tax-exempt environment; therefore, assets can be contributed, sold and reinvested without triggering adverse tax consequences. The income payouts, however, are taxable as ordinary income. The assets remaining at the end of the trust term go to your favorite charity, hopefully WCS~DdM. Donating assets to the CRT qualifies you to an immediate income-tax deduction equal to the present value of

the estimated amount that will eventually pass to charity.

There are two main types of CRTs. One type, called a Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT), pays out a specified percentage based on the fluctuating value of the trust’s assets each year. Alternatively, donors who desire a steady stream of payments may prefer the second type of CRT called a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT). Both types of trusts, CRUTs and CRATs, mandate donors to receive payouts of at least 5% but no more than 50% of the initial value of the contributed assets. They also require the present value of the charity’s interest to be at least 10% of the initial value of the contributed assets.

If you have any more questions or are curious about this way of donating to Women’s Crisis Support please call us at (831) 722-4532.



Neighborhood-Based Service Delivery

WCS~DdM is serving north county clients through several neighborhood-based locations. This service delivery model aims to make services more accessible to clients in unserved and underserved communities. These communities may require a non-traditional approach to services, a need which the neighborhood-based model fulfills. The service model includes physically providing services in centers familiar to those residents, like a family resource or neighborhood center. WCS~DdM staff are

currently seeing clients by appointment at the Familia Center and the Live Oak Family Resource Center. We are also working on partnerships with some other mid and north county locations, as well as continuing to seek our own space in mid to north county.

Our north county support groups are now being conducted in conference rooms at the University Inn on Ocean Street on Tuesdays (English 4:30—5:30, Spanish 6-7 pm). Check our website, wcs-ddm.org, or call 425-4030 for more details.

Donate a Vehicle

Now you can benefit victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and get rid of your old car at the same time. It's easy! Any car, truck, trailer, boat or RV, running or not, can be donated to benefit WCS~DdM.

Your vehicle will be towed away within 48 hours, or sooner if necessary. Vehicle donations are tax deductible.

To donate a vehicle, follow the link from the donations page on our website, wcs-ddm.org, or go to DonateACar.com and use their online form. Or, if you prefer, you may call 1-800-237-5714 seven days a week. Be sure to indicate that you want your vehicle donation to benefit WCS~DdM.



Special thanks to the following who recently made generous grants to the shelter:
Omega Nu and the Freedom Rotary Club

La Entrega de los Servicios Basada en los Vecindarios

WCS~DdM está atendiendo a clientes al norte del condado a través de varios centros en la comunidad. Este servicio de alcance en los centros, tiene la intención de hacer servicios más accesibles en comunidades que tradicionalmente no utilizan todos los servicios disponibles. Estas comunidades pueden requerir un acercamiento no tradicional a los servicios, una necesidad que el nuestro alcance satisface. Este plan de proporcionar servicios incluye hacer servicios disponibles en los centros familiares de los residentes, como un centro de recur-

so para la familia. El personal de WCS~DdM está asistiendo a clientes por medio de citas en el Familia Center y el Live Oak Family Resource Center. Estamos trabajando para colaborar con algunos otros centros del medio y norte del condado. Nuestros grupos de ayuda del norte del condado se están llevando a cabo en las salas de conferencias del University Inn en la calle Ocean el martes (inglés 4:30-5:30 p.m., español 6-7 p.m.). Visite nuestra página de Internet, wcs-ddm.org o llame a 425-4030 para más detalles.

WCS ~ DdM 19th Annual Auction-Raffle Event

Our annual Auction-Raffle event is planned for **Thursday, May 14, 5:30 pm** at **Chaminade**. **Save the date** and join us for a garden reception, hors d'oeuvres, refreshment, entertainment, and our fabulous auction and raffle prizes!

*Save
the
Date*

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Services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault:

- 24-Hour crisis line and emergency response
- Emergency Shelter
- Legal assistance
- Individual counseling
- Services for children and teens
- Domestic Violence support groups
- Community education, workshops and outreach

All services are available in English and Spanish and are free or low-cost.

Servicios para sobrevivientes de asalto sexual ó violencia doméstica.

- Línea de crisis y respuesta de emergencia las 24 horas
- Refugio de emergencia
- Asistencia legal
- Consejería individual
- Servicios para jóvenes y niños
- Grupos de apoyo para sobrevivientes de violencia doméstica
- Educación, talleres y alcance comunitario

Todos los servicios son disponibles en español e inglés, y son gratis ó a bajo costo.

WEBSITE:

WCS-DDM.ORG

24-Hour Crisis Line / Línea de Crisis 24 Horas 685-3737

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425-4030 or 722-4532

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