

# CROSSROADS CONNECTION

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## NO MORE | TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

Join Crossroads and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence as we launch "Say No More to Domestic Violence in Pennsylvania," part of the new national "No More - Together We Can End Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault" Campaign.

Domestic violence and sexual assault are not easy to talk about, although they impact millions of men, women, and children each year. Stigma and shame allow these issues to remain hidden in our society. No More seeks to bring domestic violence and sexual assault into the national spotlight to generate more attention, more resources, and more action to prevent them. No More aims to empower bystanders to break their silence and get involved.

An Avon Foundation study, as part of No More, found an urgent need for increased awareness, conversation, and education around domestic violence and sexual assault, with emphasis on what bystanders can do to prevent violence and help victims before it is too late.

### Among the key findings:

- 60% of Americans know a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault
- 73% of parents with children have not had a conversation about domestic violence or sexual assault with their children
- 67% said they have not talked about domestic violence and 73% have not discussed sexual assault with their friends
- 75% of Americans say they would step in and help a stranger being abused; the reality is most people do not help
- 58% of women who experienced domestic violence and told someone, said no one helped them
- 64% said more discussion about domestic violence and sexual assault would make it easier to help someone

We hope you will consider becoming an active partner in our collective efforts to say "No More" to domestic violence in Pennsylvania.

## Domestic Violence Hurts Everyone!

Say No More to domestic violence!  
Be part of the solution.  
Contact Crossroads 1-800-598-3998



Crossroads Project provides services to adult victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. For service, call Crossroads 24-hour toll free hotline at 1-800-598-3998 or the nearest office: Punxsutawney 814-938-3580; Brookville 814-849-2779; DuBois 814-371-1223; Clearfield 814-768-7200

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## Tech Safety

Electronic technology is a wonderful resource for learning about community services and finding housing and employment; however, electronic technology has given domestic violence batterers dangerous tools to harass, stalk, inflict fear, and control victims.

To remain safe, victims need to understand the many ways in which batterers are using resources such as phones, email, TTY (Teletype-writer), TRS (Telecommunication Relay Service), faxes, GPS (Global Positioning System), Internet, Chat/IM (Instant Messaging), computers, wireless cameras, screen readers, PDAs (Personal Digital Assistant), webcams, alert buttons, answering machines, Caller ID, spyware, and identity theft.

Tips to consider include trusting your instincts. If you think someone knows too much about you, you are probably right. If you think monitoring devices may be attached to your vehicle or webcams are linked to a computer, do not disable them yourself, contact law enforcement officials.

The ways in which batterers may use technology can be expected to change as quickly as technology itself. For the most current safety planning information, rely on experts such as the National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women at [www.vawnet.org](http://www.vawnet.org).

## Social Media Awareness

When a survivor is involved in civil or criminal litigation, **it may be safest to avoid social media entirely**. Comments, pictures, or activities posted on the Internet will be there forever, and opposing counsel will look for items to use against the survivor in litigation.

Scan computers regularly for spyware. Bitdefender is a free online scanner: <http://www.bitdefender.com/scanner/online/free.html>.

If a survivor's computer is being monitored, every thing will be recorded. Watch your conversation at all times, you never know how or where your words will be read. Comments, rumors, and events, both true and untrue, can spread virally on social media.

Access the Internet from a safe public computer for research or safety planning activities. Be sure to delete cookies, passwords, and browsing history. See [http://www.pcworld.com/article/242939/howtodelete\\_cookies.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/242939/howtodelete_cookies.html).

Regularly update, test, and monitor social media privacy settings:

- Enable secure browsing
- Disable "friend tags" and "check-in" applications
- Disable instant personalization
- Disable public search features
- Limit information sharing
- Create and monitor friend lists

For site specific information:

- **Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/articles/14016>
- **Foursquare:** <https://foursquare.com/privacy/>
- **LinkedIn:** <http://learn.linkedin.com/sttings/>
- **Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/help/?page=132569486817869>
- **MySpace:** [http://www.myspace.com/pages/privacy\\_settings](http://www.myspace.com/pages/privacy_settings)



## Eagle Scout Project Benefits Shelter

The Crossroads shelter now has a well lit area to store and sort homeless donations thanks to Joshua Grundberg's Eagle Scout Project.

One of the primary purposes of the Eagle Scout Project is to demonstrate or to learn and develop leadership skills. Joshua's project fulfills the Scout Oath, "to help other people at all times."

Working side by side with his father Pete, Joshua planned the project, raised the funds to purchase required materials, organized a crew, obtained insurance and permits, and completed the project.

Crossroads congratulates Josh for a job well done!



Joshua and Pete Grundberg

## Senior Project Raises \$450



Samantha Nelson held a successful bake sale and auction as her Senior Project raising \$450 to aid victims of domestic violence served through Community Action, Inc.'s Crossroads Project.



Shannon Rosetti and Brittany Holt, Counselor Advocate

## Senior Project Nets \$1,067

Shannon Rosetti, a Senior at DuBois Area High School, chose Crossroads to benefit from her Senior Project.

Working with the Dollar Tree Stores in DuBois and Punxsutawney, Shannon gathered 776 products worth \$822.56 for the DuBois facility and 231 products worth \$244.86 for the facility in Punxsutawney. Items donated included: school supplies; children's books and toys; medications; kitchen and bath supplies; and hygiene items.

Many thanks to Shannon, the DuBois and Punxsutawney Dollar Tree Stores, and the community!



### Children's Needs:

- ✓ Cards and card games
- ✓ DVD's suitable for family viewing
- ✓ Hair brushes and hair decorations
- ✓ Pajamas and slippers
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Socks



- ### Kitchen Needs:
- ✓ Baking pans, roasting pans, and skillets
  - ✓ Coffee, tea, and creamer
  - ✓ Drink boxes and juice beverages for children
  - ✓ Plastic storage bags and storage containers
  - ✓ Silverware
  - ✓ Spices and condiments

- ### Bathroom Needs:
- ✓ Bath towels
  - ✓ Lemon scented cleaners
  - ✓ Toilet cleaners, brushes, and plungers
  - ✓ Toilet paper

- ### Bedroom Needs:
- ✓ Alarm clocks
  - ✓ Bedding and mattress covers – twin size

- ### Resident Needs:
- ✓ Clear plastic storage totes with lids for clothing
  - ✓ Gift cards and certificates for groceries or gas
  - ✓ Tool kits for minor home repairs



Crossroads served 1,169 new domestic violence victims between July 2012 and June 2013 in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties. Victims were provided with 4,057 hours of counseling and/or advocacy, 2,520 nights of emergency shelter, and 34 individuals received relocation assistance. Of these victims, 822 were new adult victims, 230 were children, and 117 were friends or family members affected by violence.

# Shelter Remains A Priority

When it comes to domestic violence, until a victim and their children are safe, it can be a matter of life and death! With support like yours, Crossroads' shelters have served as the "emergency room" for domestic violence services in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties for many years.

Since 1986 Community Action, Inc.'s Crossroads Project has been committed to changing beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors that perpetuate domestic violence while creating a safe place for victims to seek refuge, heal from the abuse, and be empowered to move forward violence free.

In December 2011, the doors to our Clearfield County shelter were closed. While we continue to seek a new permanent shelter location, emergency services are being provided at a temporary safe house and at alternative "out of county" shelters.

From July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013, 84 individuals were provided with 2,520 nights of shelter; **21 had to be turned away** due to lack of space!

We simply have to do all we can to secure a permanent shelter. Our greatest fear is someone will stay in a dangerous situation and be killed because we have no shelter available.

We can't control what an abuser might do, but we have the power and the responsibility to provide victims in our community with the best possible options, including a safe place to go. This can mean life or death for some victims.

**Please make a difference and give hope today!**



**Contact Crossroads:**

- Brookville:** (814) 849-2779
- Clearfield:** (814) 768-7200
- DuBois:** (814) 371-1223
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- [smclaughlin@jccap.org](mailto:smclaughlin@jccap.org) or
- [shimes@jccap.org](mailto:shimes@jccap.org)

**Yes! I want to help provide emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- Room sponsor \$5,000.00
- Bed Sponsor \$1,000.00
- Shelter Family Night Sponsor \$100.00
- Shelter Individual Night Sponsor \$50.00
- Other - Give what you can, every dollar makes a difference! \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My contribution is enclosed  Invoice Me / My Organization

To make a contribution on-line using PayPal, visit [www.jccap.org](http://www.jccap.org). Your donation may be tax deductible.

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This contribution is:  In Memory / Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgement to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Invest in the lives of victims struggling  
to raise their families free of abuse**

On behalf of 1,169 victims of domestic violence served from July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013, Community Action, Inc.'s Crossroads Project would like to thank those who helped to make services possible.

Our appreciation goes out to: our volunteers; individual and group donors; United Way and United Fund contributors; churches; community members; and area businesses.

**Individuals:**

- William Allenbaugh
- Betty Barnett
- Robbin Bumburger
- Sheldon Buterbaugh
- Shirley Buterbaugh
- Nancy Chelgren
- Tom Chelgren
- Laura Clarke
- Merlena Collins
- Judy Dickerson
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Stoltz Toyota Scion of DuBois donation benefits shelters

**Churches:**

- Beechtree Union
- Church of Our Savior
- First Baptist Church
- First Church of God
- First English Lutheran
- First United Methodist
- First United Presbyterian
- Mount Zion Lutheran
- Mount Zion United Methodist
- Episcopal Church Women
- United Church of Christ
- Saints Cosmas Damian Church
- Steffey United Methodist
- St. John's Reformed
- Timblin United Methodist
- Valier United Methodist
- Woodland Avenue Methodist
- World Day of Prayer Committee

**Businesses:**

- Buck's Pizza
- Clearfield Bank and Trust Company
- Christ the King Manor
- Cristini's Auto Wrecking, Inc.
- Galbraith's Furniture
- Goodwill Industries of North Central Pa, Inc.
- Miller Brothers Furniture
- Nichole's Niche
- Sears Holding Company
- Stoltz-Toyota Scion of DuBois
- Wal-Mart Supercenter

**Organizations:**

- American Legion, John Jacob Fisher Post 62
- Brockway Orient Club
- Circle of Hearts
- Curwensville B. P. W.
- DuBois Central Catholic School
- DuBois City Police
- Groundhog Club
- Independent Political and Social Club
- Jefferson County Area Agency on Aging
- Masonic Lodge
- Punxsutawney Christian School
- Punxsutawney Area Middle School
- Rotary Club

**Foundations:**

- Brookville Area United Fund
- Clearfield Area United Way
- DuBois Area United Way

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

In memory of Paula R. Carr

- Julia A. Marchiori

In memory of Wayne Pifer

- Wayne Pifer Trust

In memory of Traci Ann Raymond

- County Market, Philipsburg

Memorials provide a meaningful tribute and help Crossroads continue to shelter, support, and advocate for victims of domestic violence.

**We sincerely thank you!**

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