

# CONNECTIONS

The Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse, Inc.

Fall 2017

## Upcoming Events

- **October 2nd (10am):** Domestic Violence Awareness Month kicks off with a proclamation at the Douglas County Government Center Atrium followed by the planting of purple flags. #PaintYourTownPurple. Sweet treats will be served. **FREE**
- **October 2nd (evening):** Leave your porch light on to show solidarity for victims and survivors.
- **October 5th (9-11:30am), October 10th (11:30am-12:20pm):** *Why Do They Stay?* The Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Team, in coordination with CASDA, will be facilitating this nationally recognized training at the Douglas County Government Center Room 270 (Oct. 5) and WITC Conference Center (Oct. 10); RSVP to [jaramy@casda.org](mailto:jaramy@casda.org). **FREE**
- **October 5th-7th (1-6pm):** Harborview (East End) Super One hosts our annual fall donation drive to benefit CASDA's Emergency Shelter Program. Drop by to donate or say hi!
- **October 19th:** "Wear Purple Day" to support those affected by domestic abuse. Purple ribbons and other accessories count!
- **October 25th (5:30-8:30pm):** *Why Do They Stay?* domestic violence training will be held in the UW-Superior Yellowjacket Union Great Room, followed by a panel discussion. Includes **REFRESHMENTS. FREE.**
- **Throughout the month:** Indulge in a purple sweet! Area bakeries will have purple treats on various days throughout October. Watch CASDA's Facebook page for details! **Also, visit CASDA's Facebook page daily in October** for a new story or statistic regarding domestic violence!
- **Throughout the month:** Look for purple in **Bayfield County**, too! The Bayfield County Sheriff's Department, Iron River Police Department, Courthouse Clerk of Courts Department and Washburn Police Department have all agreed to show support for survivors of violence again this year with purple lights and flags!
- **December 31st (7pm):** **SAVE THE DATE** for CASDA's annual New Year's Eve "Behind the Mask" Gala at Barker's Island!

Find CASDA online at [www.casda.org](http://www.casda.org), [www.facebook.com/CASDAorg](https://www.facebook.com/CASDAorg), and <https://twitter.com/CASDASuperior>.

## PROVIDING HOPE

### CASDA's Mission:

to provide supportive services to individuals hurt by domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse as we advocate for a community effort to end violence.

## 2016 CASDA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

- served 146 individuals
- provided over 706 hours of direct services to victims and survivors of domestic violence
- received 175 Immediate Response Program calls from law enforcement (Superior Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff's Department)
- contacted 189 victims via phone and/or mail through the Immediate Response Program
- The Superior Police Department and Douglas County Sheriff's Department received 585 domestic violence-related calls in 2016
- 80 children were present during domestic violence incidents reported to CASDA
- 131 women and 93 children were served by CASDA's Emergency Shelter Program, which provided 5,526 nights of safety



# FALL INTO GIVING

## DONATION DRIVE

OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup> (THURS-SAT)

1:00PM-6:00PM

HOSTED BY HARBORVIEW (EAST END) SUPER ONE FOODS

2202 E 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET

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## CASDA IS IN GREATEST NEED OF:

### Gift Cards

(any \$ amount)

### Non-Perishable Food Items

(cereals, sugars, sauces, boxed items, oils, canned vegetables, healthy snacks, flour, condiments, canned soups, nuts, trail mixes, peanut butter, etc.)

### Household Cleaners

(disinfectant sprays, all-purpose cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, pine sol, laundry detergents, bleach, dryer sheets, dish soaps, glass cleaners, sponges, etc.)

### Household Items

(deodorant, Ziploc bags, pump hand soaps, razors, lotions, garbage bags, toilet paper, paper towels, facial cleansers, Kleenex, etc.)

### Over the Counter Medications

(Advil, Tylenol, Tums, adult cold meds, Benadryl, kids' fever/cold meds, etc.)

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All donations benefit women and child survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse residing in CASDA's Emergency Shelter. For more information, please call 715-392-3136.





## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

On Monday, October 2nd at 10:00am in the Douglas County Government Center Atrium, Domestic Violence Awareness Month kicks off with both a mayoral proclamation and a series of brief remarks by local professionals, such as Superior Police Chief Nicholas Alexander, whose jobs give them unique, first-hand insight into how this serious issue impacts our entire community.

Following the proclamation, we will be placing flags in the front lawn of the Courthouse. The public is encouraged to come participate in these activities! Flags will be available at the proclamation or at CASDA (while supplies last) to display on your own lawn or wherever you want to make your support more visible. That evening, leave your porch light on in recognition of victims and survivors.

CASDA and the Douglas County Coordinated Community Response Team for Domestic Violence (DV-CCR) could not do their work without the feedback and partnership of everyone in our area who has either experienced or committed to learning more about the multiple consequences of domestic violence. Please join us, to help educate, listen and learn, and to help build a safer, more just community.

## COME LEARN WITH CASDA! WHY DO THEY STAY?

Don't miss your chance to participate in an enlightening exercise that will help you develop a new perspective on domestic violence. You can attend "Why Do They Stay?" for **FREE** at your choice of three Douglas County venues during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (**10/5, 10/10 or 10/25**. See **p.1 for details**.) All community members are invited!

Facilitated by CASDA and the Douglas County DV-CCR, "Why Do They Stay?" shares information interactively so that community members can personally feel and observe the steps and barriers often faced by victims of domestic violence when they attempt to leave their abusive partner. According to CASDA Executive Director Kelly Burger, "Domestic violence is a hard issue to understand. This activity allows people to walk in the shoes of a victim, think about what they would do in a similar situation, and come away with a much stronger understanding of what it's truly like."

### \*PLANT A PURPLE FLAG\*

Last year, CASDA began a tradition of painting the town purple during October to promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month. #PaintYourTownPurple gives businesses, groups and individuals an easy, highly visible way to draw attention to the issue of domestic violence. CASDA can provide flags and information cards to all who are interested. Post pictures of your purple flags on Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram, and tag them with #PaintYourTownPurple so others can find them. Showcase your support of a community effort to end violence!



# CASDA PROGRAM UPDATES

## Heart for the People Meets Community Need

Introduced in our spring 2017 newsletter, the new **Heart for the People** advocacy program (housed partially at CASDA and funded by a Duluth Superior Community Foundation Opportunity Gap Grant) has served 64 families in the Twin Ports area since November 2016. The program is currently assisting 45 families actively, and referrals continue to come in from various community providers, including CASDA, as well as from families already served.

Heart for the People helps parents navigate systems to secure or preserve a safe environment for their children. Often, the dynamics of domestic violence play a role in these cases. For instance, a young mother who had fled domestic abuse was summoned under a CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection and/or Services) petition for exposing her children to an unsafe situation. Emergency Shelter staff connected her to Heart for the People, whose advocates helped bring to light and explain relevant aspects of the case to the mother's court-appointed attorney at her initial hearing. The court dismissed the case and found the children were safe and sufficiently cared for by their mother.

## CASDA WELCOMES NEW INTERNS

Joining CASDA's team this fall are **Brooke Hom** and **Abigail Imholte** from UMD's Psychology Program; as well as **Kylee Pass** and **Wyatt Thomas** from UMD's Social Work Program.

**Brooke** is an elephant enthusiast with an extreme chocolate addiction. She hopes to contribute to CASDA's mission in a human resources capacity and to positively influence the surrounding community.

**Abigail** is a tea-loving outdoorswoman who hopes to improve her writing abilities and gain experience in program administration while working with CASDA. Both **Brooke** and **Abigail** are interning with CASDA's Community Engagement and Administration Programs.

**Kylee** loves her eyeless hedgehog, Harvey, and enjoys hiking along the North Shore. She is excited about exploring a new field within the human services realm while hoping to make a lasting impact on someone. She is interning with CASDA's Emergency Shelter Program.

**Wyatt** is a musician with a minor obsession with his dog, Bella. He is hoping to make it into the female-dominated career of social work. He is interning with CASDA's Sexual Assault Program.



## COMING BACK AND MOVING UP!

CASDA is pleased to welcome back a former advocate and announce several staff promotions. Congratulations to all!

After working as a special education para-educator, former CASDA Shelter Advocate **Sherry Boock** has returned as our new **Children's Program Coordinator**, serving child and teen victims and witnesses of abuse. Sherry says this position allows her "to broaden my scope to not only support and educate children, but their families and the community as well."

Previously our Outreach Advocate, **Martina Tendrup** is now **Domestic Abuse Program Coordinator**, providing support, advocacy and referrals for survivors of domestic violence as they pursue their goals. Martina says: "I'm honored to be able to help people when they are working through difficult times. My hope is that someday work like mine will not be a necessity, and we will no longer live in a world that normalizes violence."

Our new **Outreach Advocate** is **Denise Selden**, who joined CASDA in 2016 as a part-time Shelter Advocate. In her new full-time role, Denise provides highly mobile support, peer counseling and information and referrals to long-term clients who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or child abuse. Denise says: "I'm excited about this new opportunity to assist women in empowering themselves."

Formerly a part-time Shelter Advocate, **Kim Keskinen** has been promoted to full-time **Overnight Advocate**. She will continue to serve as a resource for our shelter residents as they work to process the trauma they have endured and start moving toward a future of greater safety and self-sufficiency.

**Joanne (Jo) Sanders**, our capable Case Manager for two years, has a new job title to fit her varied responsibilities more closely: **Shelter Program Coordinator**. In addition to helping shelter residents work toward their goals, Jo develops the shelter training program, contributes to grant reports, coordinates our three annual donation drives and much more!

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES (TWO+ YEARS)

Kelly Burger (Executive Director): 26 years

Kim Marble-Follis (Bayfield County Outreach Advocate): 14 years

Dana Doyle (Director of Program Services): 9 years

Ruth Hunter (Shelter House Manager): 5 years

Jill Hinnars (Community Engagement Coordinator): 5 years

Joanne Sanders (Shelter Program Coordinator): 4 years

Amber Popplewell (Sexual Assault Program Coordinator): 4 years

Martina Tendrup (Domestic Abuse Program Coordinator): 4 years

Connie Gaier (Shelter Advocates): 3 years

Kim Keskinen (Shelter Advocate): 3 years







## Golf Scramble Helps Survivors Meet Needs and Move Toward Safety

A few years ago, a distraught woman pulled her car to the side of the road and called our 24-hour help line. She was fleeing her abuser and seeking help. She mentioned in passing that things had gotten so bad, she had run out of her house in bare feet. When she arrived at CASDA, she was grateful to acquire a donated pair of sandals so she could begin focusing on larger issues such as her immediate need for safety. Her escape took place in summertime, when a pair of sandals could make all the difference. But what if she had fled in January?

On July 28th, golfers from our community took a stand against domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse by golfing at Nemadji Golf Course to benefit CASDA. Our annual “Socks for Survivors” Golf Tournament draws attention to the basic necessities provided by our agency to victims and survivors of violence, who often arrive at CASDA without the simplest, most practical items, such as socks. We have a blast playing up our event theme, with many golfers and volunteers sporting the most eye-catching socks they can find. Several players also donated socks so that the next victims arriving at our agency with little more than the clothes on their backs can stay warm and take care of their feet as they contemplate next steps.

A day spent golfing in the sunshine is always fun! Even better is when the event supports something larger, in this case CASDA’s services for individuals and families hurt by violence. Thank you to all who participated, whether as a sponsor, planner, golfer, volunteer or donor! Please save the date for next year: **Friday, July 27, 2018.**





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Thanks, also, to golfers, Nemadji staff, our volunteers and everyone else who helped make CASDA’s 2017 Socks for Survivors Golf Scramble a success! Your generosity will help support services to adult and child survivors of abuse, as well as a community effort to end violence. Please contact CASDA if you do not see your name listed!

The Head of the Lakes United Way’s mission is to unite caring people and mobilize resources to empower individuals and strengthen communities. Each year, more than 500 local workplaces and thousands of individual donors participate in United Way’s Community Giving Campaign. This campaign supports local health and human service programs, such as CASDA, that create real, lasting change for individuals and families in our region. Participating in this program helps businesses raise their public profile while assuring our partner agencies can focus on their clients. For more information contact Michelle Hargrave at 218-726-4771.

## Seeking Silent Auction Donations for 2017 “Behind the Mask” NYE Gala

Can you help make this December’s New Year’s Eve Gala our best fundraiser ever? If you can donate a one-of-a-kind experience, work of art, gadget, game or other enticing item that our masked guests would enjoy bidding on for CASDA’s benefit, please let us know! Contact [jill@casda.org](mailto:jill@casda.org) for more information, and visit our web site ([www.casda.org](http://www.casda.org)) or Facebook page for updates. Also...please save the date (12/31) for this night of dancing and fun, and keep an eye out for tickets to go on sale a little later this fall!



The fact that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month does not mean that CASDA turns a blind eye to the other two issues at the heart of our mission: Child Abuse and Sexual Assault.

Since January 2017, CASDA has provided on-call hospital advocacy to 33 victims of sexual assault, our Sexual Assault Program has served 171 people, and our Children’s Program has assisted 73 individuals.

To learn more about CASDA and ALL the issues addressed by our agency, visit us on Facebook or at [casda.org](http://casda.org). Contact [jill@casda.org](mailto:jill@casda.org) for a list of speakers and speaking topics. CASDA would love to present at your next group or business meeting!

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