

Green Hills Women's Shelter

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National Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, Green Hills Women's Shelter encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making our community a better place for families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and communities.

"April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children," said Tammy Taylor, Program Director "Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to promote the five

protective factors, in every interaction with families, is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect."

In support of these efforts, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, its Child Welfare Information Gateway, and the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and the Center for the Study of Social Policy/Strengthening Families have created *Strengthening Families and Communities: 2011 Resource Guide*. The guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to strengthen families, is available online at www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/guide2011

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities during the month of April and throughout the rest of the year, contact any one of the three Green Hills Women's Shelter locations, Trenton, Chillicothe, or Cameron or visit our website: www.greenhillswomensshelter.org

Five Protective Factors

Research shows that five important factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. These factors are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents

If you, or someone you love, is living with an abusive situation, please contact the Green Hills Women's Shelter. We are here to help! Call our 24-7 hotline number at 1-800-942-0649. No child should ever have to live with abuse or neglect.

Fast Facts About Domestic Violence



Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States, more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.

Three to four million women in the United States are beaten in their homes each year by their husbands, ex-husbands, or male lovers.

One woman is beaten by her husband or partner every 15 seconds in the United States.

In 1992, the American Medical Association reported that as many as 1 in 3 women will be assaulted by a domestic partner in her lifetime -- 4 million in any given year.

85% of domestic violence victims are women. 25% - 45% of all women who are battered are battered during pregnancy.

Police report that between 40% and 60% of the calls they receive, especially on the night shift, are domestic violence disputes.

Battering occurs among people of all races, ages, socio-economic classes, religious affiliations, occupations, and educational backgrounds.

A battering incident is rarely an isolated event. Battering tends to increase and become more violent over time. Many batterers learned violent behavior growing up in an abusive family.

Domestic violence does not end immediately with separation. Over 70% of the women injured in domestic violence cases are injured after separation.

1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men have been stalked in their lifetime.

Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.

Children who witness violence at home display emotional and behavioral disturbances as diverse as withdrawal, low self-esteem, nightmares, self-blame and aggression against peers, family members and property.

30% to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.

The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.

There are 16,800 homicides and \$2.2 million (medically treated) injuries due to intimate partner violence annually, which costs \$37 billion.

One in ten calls made to alert police of domestic violence is placed by a child in the home. One of every three abused children becomes an adult abuser or victim.

The average prison sentence of men who kill their women partners is 2 to 6 years. Women who kill their partners are, on average, sentenced to 15 years.

Nearly three out of four (74%) of Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence. 30% of Americans say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year.

These are some alarming statistics, aren't they? GHWS is working to change them - please help the Green Hills Women's Shelter make home a safer place to be. Contact us for more information.

Yes! I would like to help the Green Hills Women's Shelters! Please accept my donation & use it to further your mission.

\$50 \$25

\$10 \$1

Please apply my gift toward the following:

Trenton Shelter

Chillicothe Shelter

Cameron Shelter

ALICE Software

Most Needed Area

Please send donations to:

Green Hills
Women's Shelter
1506 Oklahoma Ave
Trenton, MO 64683

Thank You!

~ Cameron Shelter News ~

Clinton/DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force

Over four years ago, a need was recognized in Cameron. During a meeting of the Police Advisory Board, its members concluded that domestic violence was a problem in the Clinton/DeKalb county area that needed a solution, as was the lack of available shelter for women and children facing domestic violence.

A concerned group of business owners, volunteers, and community leaders and members came together and decided to make a positive change in their community. They realized the immediate need for a Domestic Violence Shelter within their community. Due to our operation of two very successful Women's Shelters in Trenton and Chillicothe, Green Hills Community Action Agency was then contacted to assist with the Cameron project.

In 2009, a house inside Cameron

city limits was purchased with the help of fundraisers, tax credits, and donations. Shortly after, in October 2009, the new location began offering shelter services to women and children in the Cameron area.

The Clinton/DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force was formed to offer assistance to the shelter when needed. The Task Force helps out with fundraising, event planning, and repairs.

Mary Jo Eiberger, Chair of the Clinton/DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force, *"I have been amazed by the support of the entire community. This shelter is not just the work of one or two people, it is the result of the whole community coming together to achieve a goal."*

For more information, contact the Cameron Shelter at 816-632-4900.

Shelter Needs List

This month, the Shelter would greatly benefit from these following items:

- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Diapers; Size 3,4,5
- Pillows
- Sheets; Full and Twin
- Towels and Wash Clothes
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Pots and Pans
- Cleaning Supplies
- Deodorant
- Light Bulbs
- Mops and Brooms

Volunteers/Ambassadors Needed



The Cameron Shelter needs you! We are seeking volunteers to help out at the shelter. If you are interested in becoming a shelter volunteer, even if it is just a few hours a week, please contact Laura by calling 816-632-4900

We are also conducting a Shelter Ambassadors Program, which has been highly successful. As a part of the Ambassadors Program, shelter

staff and volunteers go out into the community to share information and make presentations about the shelter to local and area community groups, churches, schools, and other interested parties.

By becoming a volunteer for the Green Hills Women's Shelter, you'll be helping to improve the lives of local women and children in the Cameron area.

We offer a deeply heart-felt thank you to everyone who currently volunteers or has helped as a volunteer in the past!

Thank you to all the generous donors who help us continue to help others!



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Our Shelter

Green Hills Women's Shelter is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing services for victims of domestic violence & sexual assault. This program provides services to residents of the Missouri counties of Caldwell, Clinton, DeKalb, Linn, Carroll, Livingston, Chariton, Mercer, Daviess, Putnam, Grundy, Sullivan, and Harrison.