

Green Hills Women's Shelter

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the GHWS

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March is National Women's History Month



National Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the many important contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. The setting aside of March as National Women's History Month is a fairly new notion however.

In 1980, only 31 years ago, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8th

National Women's History Week, and by 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale needed to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March as National Women's History Month. And so, March 1987 was declared to be the first official National Women's History Month by the United States Congress. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.

The Green Hills Women's Shelter is proud to take part in celebrating National Women's History Month, and we pay homage to the many brave women who have struggled throughout history to further women's causes and rights.

You too can honor these women by helping on a local level to change the lives of women right here in your community - volunteer at the shelter, or make a monetary contribution. Many women deal with abuse daily, and live in silence. If you, or someone you know, are currently living in an abusive relationship, urge her to contact our shelter hotline at 800-942-0649. We are here to help.

Famous Female Firsts

1587 - Virginia Dare is the 1st female child born to English settlers on US soil

1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell is the 1st US woman to receive her medical degree

1892 - The 1st female presidential candidate, Victoria Woodhull is nominated

1920 - the 19th Amendment gives women the right to vote

1964 - Haven House, the first "modern" women's shelter in the world, opens in California.

1981 - Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the 1st female supreme court justice

1983 - Dr. Sally Ride becomes the 1st US woman to go into space

2008 - Hillary Clinton becomes the first woman in U.S. history to win a presidential primary

Educational Presentations Offered

The Green Hills Women's Shelter is happy to offer educational presentations to local groups or organizations on a variety of shelter and women's rights related topics.

If you are interested in scheduling a presentation from the staff of the

GHCAA Green Hills Women's Shelter for your organization or group, please contact (<http://www.greenhillswomensshelter.org/contact.php>) any one of the three shelters, and we will be happy to arrange a time to further discuss your needs.



Help Us Bring Alice to the GHWS

The Green Hills Women's Shelter needs your support. The Shelters are actively seeking donations in order to purchase a new client management software called Alice.

Alice is designed specifically for use by domestic violence shelters. The program offers a complete client database and reporting solution for domestic violence and sexual assault agencies. Alice would greatly simplify the task of collecting and reporting data on client demographics and activities that many funders require.

Other agencies have reported how the addition of Alice to their toolbox has helped make the operation of their shelters smoother and has helped them free up valuable time for client interaction that was previously spent doing paperwork.

GHWS is hoping to raise enough funds to purchase the software, licenses for each of the three shelters, and three new computer systems for each shelter to run the program on. Our goal is \$4,000.

If you would like to help the Green Hills Women's Shelters reach this goal by donating to the Alice Fund, please send your check, cash, or money order to:

Green Hills CAA
c/o Tammy Taylor
1506 Oklahoma Ave
Trenton, MO 64683

Be sure to note in the memo line that the donation should be used towards the purchase of the Alice software. All donations, in any amount are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Make a Difference - Volunteer

Volunteers are a very important part of the Green Hills Women's Shelter. We truly appreciate the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers!

Each Shelter currently has a wide

variety of opportunities available for volunteers. If you are interested in lending your time to the shelter, an interest survey and application form are available online at: www.greenhillswomensshelter.org

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:

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Thank You!

~ Chillicothe Shelter News ~

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)



Developed in 2010 by Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, in partnership with the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing and Master of Public Health, the SANE Power-Point presentation and flyer are intended to help Missouri nursing schools address sexual violence care in the clinical setting by encouraging nursing students to become SANE-certified.

If you have an interest in sharing the program with your nursing students, or becoming Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner certified, please contact a member of our shelter staff and/or MCADSV (www.mocadsv.org).

This promotional program, which includes presenter notes, provides MCADSV members with information they can use to promote SANE training as an aspect of nurses' health care education. In addition, this program reinforces the important role nurses can play in service to their communities by increasing informed responses in the healthcare setting to patients who have been or have a history of being sexually assaulted.

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Shelter Needs List

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

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Size 4 Diapers
- Towels and wash clothes
- Cleaning Supplies
- Deodorant
- Batteries AAA and AA
- Light Bulbs
- Mops and Brooms

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

Annual Community Health Fair

The Green Hills Women's Shelter will be setting up an informational booth at the Annual Community Health Fair at the Chillicothe High School on March 26th from 7:30am to 10 am.

If you would like to learn more about the Shelter and the services it

provides to area women and children, please be sure to stop by!

If you have an event coming up that you feel the Shelter might be an asset to, please contact our staff. We're always available to share information about our program.

Website Provides Online Resource

The Green Hills Women's Shelter has developed a website containing information about the shelter and its services. The website has resources

for not only those suffering with domestic violence, but also for those wishing to learn, donate, or volunteer.

Please visit us online at:

www.greenhillswomensshelter.org



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Trenton FAX: 660-359-3297

Chillicothe Shelter: 660-707-0042
Chillicothe FAX: 660-707-1693

Cameron Shelter: 816-632-4900
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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.