



The Advocate Aspect

Family Support Center and Kids First Children's Advocacy Center – January 2012
Programs of Rural Resources Community Action – a non-profit agency

January is National Stalking Awareness Month

What is Stalking?

While legal definitions of stalking vary from one jurisdiction to another, a good working definition of stalking is *a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.*

- One in 6 women has experienced stalking victimization during her lifetime in which she felt very fearful or believed that she or someone close to her would be harmed or killed. Much of the stalking victimization was facilitated by technology, such as unwanted phone calls and text messages.
Dec. 2011 – Centers for Disease Control
- 81% of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner.
- 2/3 of stalkers pursue their victims at least once per week, many daily, using more than one method.

If you or someone you know is being stalked...we can help!

**24/Hr Help Line
684-6139**



January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

The President of the United States proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

The United States was founded on the principle that all people are born with an unalienable right to freedom – an ideal that has driven the engine of Americans progress throughout our history.

We know that forms of slavery still exist today. The victims of modern slavery have many faces. They are men and women, adults and children. Yet, all are denied basic human dignity and freedom. Victims can be abused in their own countries, or find themselves far from home and vulnerable. Whether they are trapped in forced sexual or labor exploitation, human trafficking victims cannot walk away, but are held in service through force, threats, and fear.

- Child/Human Trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world. Child/human trafficking is the world's second largest criminal enterprise, after drugs. *U.S. State Department*
- As many as 2.8 million children run away each year in the U.S. Within 48 hours of hitting the streets, one-third of these children are lured or recruited into the underground world of prostitution and pornography. *The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*
- The average age of entry for children victimized by the sex trade industry is 12 years. *U.S. Department of Justice*

We need to join together and protect victims and prosecute traffickers.

STOP IT. STOP IT. STOP IT.

STALKING: KNOW IT. NAME IT. STOP IT.

NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH JANUARY

<http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org>

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
VICTIMS OF CRIME
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A Year to Remember



Many people in our county joined us in our

It's Time...To Get Involved
campaign

engaging bystanders in sexual violence
prevention



Our Volunteers
were celebrated at
a
Picnic in the Park



**Story Time for Kids during the month of April –
Child Abuse Awareness Month...was a huge
success!**

The kids loved having “Famous” people read stories to them!





Spring and Fall Volunteer Training brought us many new volunteers



Alison Price ran 100 miles to raise money for Family Support Center



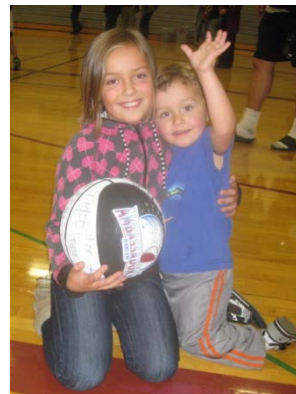
We said Goodbye to Stephanie and Shamra!



We said Hello to Colleen and Dianna!

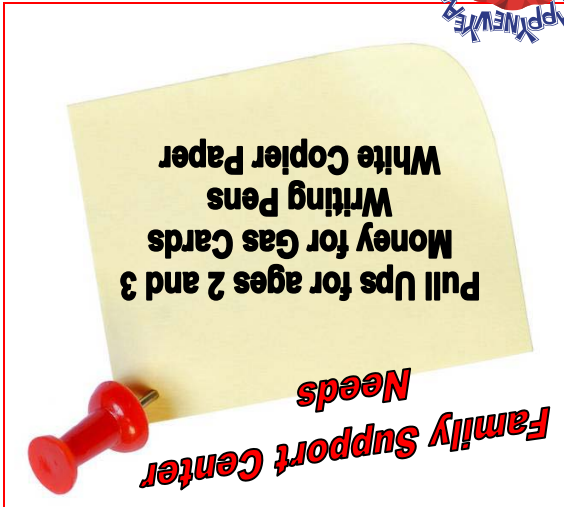


Casey Gwinn speaks at our 12th Annual *Women Making a Difference* Luncheon...our most successful year yet!



We welcomed the Harlem Ambassadors for a Kids First Fundraiser Basketball Game





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“Service is the rent we pay for living...it is the true measure, the only measure of our success. Think of those people who have paved the way for you and those who are counting on you to pave the way for them.”
Marian Wright Edelman

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