



The Advocate Aspect

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National Runaway Prevention Month

November is National Runaway Prevention Month...what is National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM) you ask?

NRPM is spearheaded each year by the National Runaway Safeline (NRS) and National Network for Youth (NN4Y).

Their goals are two-fold:

1. To raise awareness of the runaway and homeless youth crisis and the issues that these young people face.
2. To educate the public about solutions and the role they can play in ending youth homelessness.

The facts:

Between 1.6 and 2.8 million youth run away in a year. If all of these young people lived in one city, it would be the fifth largest city in the United States. These numbers are unacceptable, particularly when you consider the fact that many of these young people will end up on the streets. These are not bad kids; they are good kids in bad situations.

Here at Rural Resources Victim Services, we know that there are many reasons a child may run away from home...child abuse, domestic violence, and many others...we are here to help intervene with children in those situations by providing resources, safety and support. If you know of a young person who has run away from home because of abuse, call us, we can help!

24/hours – 1-844-509-SAFE



Waffle Watch

Waffle the Therapy Dog in training is doing great. She's currently learning the commands "visit" and "say hi." Visit means that she stays put and waits for a person to approach her. This is important for people who may be unsure of dogs and for small children. Say hi means that Waffle approaches the person to say hi, but only after instructed to do so. The most fun command Waffle is learning, is "hug." It's exactly what it sounds like and it's that wonderful! Curbing Waffle's enthusiasm is the key part, though. She really likes to lean and hug people! Waffle was 8 months old on November 10th.



Thursday, December 10th is World Human Rights Day
Give the gift of Hope, Dignity, Freedom, Equality, Peace and Prosperity to those around you on December 10th!

Volunteer Happenings



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- The Annual Volunteer Training was a great success! Thank you to all who attended.
- Each year Rural Resources Victim Services receives funding from the cities of Kettle Falls, Chewelah, and Colville. I'd like to thank Peggy Healey, Linda Kendall and Danny Hutcherson for accompanying staff to the City Council Meetings and sharing their experiences as volunteers.
- Welcome Jill Leferink! Jill is our newest volunteer, and has already jumped in with both feet. She is helping out in the office, playing with children during our bi-weekly support groups, and spending time mentoring one of our teen clients.

Staff Happenings

Effective Tuesday, November 10th, the Republic office now has a Receptionist/Intake Coordinator...Welcome to Dianna Sage.

Dianna actually worked at the Republic Office in the past when it was Connections, and then went to work for the Republic Police Department...we now have her at the new Rural Resources Victim Services Office in Republic and we look forward to working with her.

Education Round-up

Marcus Cider Fest

Did you stop by our booth at the Marcus Cider Fest this year? Waffle, Alex and Dorothy Bernheim (volunteer) were there providing information on our services and spreading the word about our new name.



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Victim Proof

In conjunction with our annual fundraiser, Wo+men Making a Difference, Tom Thelen provided assemblies at four Stevens County schools. Tom brought a positive message of how to become "victim-proof" to Wellpinit Middle School, Mary Walker Jr. and Senior High (Springdale), Valley Middle School and Colville Jr. High Schools.



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WSCADV Annual Conference

Suzi and Alex presented at this year's Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference. They discussed reproductive and sexual coercion. When Suzi and Alex asked the room of advocates who was willing to take the challenge to start conversations about reproductive and sexual coercion, everyone raised their hands! That was a great moment!

Stewards of Children

Did you know that there is a new Stewards of Children child sexual abuse prevention curriculum? The Valley Grange does! Alex provided a training to a group of school employees and community members in October. We're going to try to make this a quarterly reoccurring event at the Valley Grange. Thanks for setting this up, Theresa Carr! If you are interested in receiving this training in Ferry or Stevens County, give Alex a call: 509-684-3796.

Love Like This

October was a busy month. To honor Domestic Violence Action Month, we shared WSCADV's Love Like This campaign on our Facebook page throughout the month.

Fun Stuff Behind the Scenes

What you might not see, is some really fun stuff going on behind the scenes. Club SPHYR (Students Promoting Healthy Youth Relationships) has picked back up at Jenkins High School. If you are a middle or high school student at Jenkins, contact Meredith Kirry to join the club. Also in the works is our sexual assault prevention project. Alex is hard at work creating programming for this. We are excited to be able to expand the project this year. Stay tuned for more updates on this! And last, but not least, we continue our collaboration with the S.T.O.P. Coalition (Springdale Together on Prevention). Partnering with S.T.O.P. allows us to engage with Springdale residents on a more regular basis. The coalition's goal of addressing underage drinking and drug use meshes nicely with our mission of ending violence because substance abuse is a risk factor for perpetration of violence.

Keep up to date on our education programs by following us on social media. We're on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as @RuralVictimHelp.

Fighting fair



2015 Annual Wo+men Making a Difference Luncheon Raises \$47,446.00

WOW...this community really stepped up and agreed to **Be the Change** when they attended and donated to the services provided by Rural Resources Victim Services at our recent Wo+men Making a Difference Luncheon.



Thanks to all of you!

Wo+men Making a Difference committee: Becky Marshall, Mary Beth Bronowski, Tom Drake, Shannon Kubesh, Linda Tills, Suzi Fode, and Laurie Cole; the **Team Leaders:** Vicky Floener and Rita Garrison; the **Table Captains:** Theresa Brooks, Carol Monasmith, Marcia Perkins, Rey DeVeau, Maria Fox, Gilda Dixon, Anahlise Whiting, Terry Jones, Patty Erdman, Eileen Bach, Kerry Summers, Dorothy Bergin, Elisha Verrett, Cindy Montgomery, Molly Cashion, Suzie Gotham, Cheryl Lipp, Liz Shaw, Betty Anderson, Sherri Dotts, Jennifer Hall, Lorrie Sampson, Vicky Floener, Amanda Hallam, Amy Hall, Tom Drake, Missy Stalp, Lyni Smith, Lynn Mydland, Veronica Mallery, Shannon Kubesh, Linda Cox, Amanda Six, Sarah English, Lisa Ward, Emily McBlair, Myriah Pazereckas-Roy, DeAnna Hurst, Dave & Suzy Raines, Angela Bridegam, Linda Norris, Michele Sakurai, Tom O'Brien, Greg Knight, Deanna Dell, Leanne Pomrankey, Mark Newbold and Ida Hildebrand; **Table Sponsors:** Banner Bank, Boise Cascade, Delta Dental of Washington, Kubesh's Site Mixed Concrete, Maria E. Fox DMD, PLLC, Dave & Suzy Raines, Mark & Judy Newbold, Providence Health & Services-Stevens County, REMAX Select Associates, and Vaagen Bros. Lumber, Inc.; the **Underwriters:** KeyBank, Providence Health & Services, Chewelah Associated Physicians, Columbia Cedar, Country Chevrolet, Haney Lumber & Supply, Hewes Marine Company, John Ochs/Steve Cox Memorial Fund, McKellar Sculpture Studio, Vaagen Bros. Lumber, Academy Mortgage, Boise Cascade, Hancock Forest Management, Maria E. Fox, DMD, PLLC, Northshore Financial Group, Rich Richmond Logging, Ryan Endeavors, Stevens County Title, Wells Fargo, Yellow Pine Mini Mart & Car Wash, Aiken & Sanders, Cole's Custom Cleaning, Colmac Coil, McGrane & Schuerman, and Valley Drug Company; **Time and Services donated:** AAUW, Chewelah Independent, Colville High School Culinary Arts Class Students, Kim Eggers, KCVL/KCRK Radio, The Statesman Examiner, NE County Fair Royalty-Karsyn Pierce, Cassie Carsten & Kinzie Moss, Miss Kettle Falls-Laurale Hildebrant, Rita Garrison, and Lori Roberts; **Speaker:** Tom Thelen; and our valued guests – we couldn't have done it without you! **Thank you and we will see you next year!**

The gift of helping the Elderly

Sometimes when you find someone who has a beautiful gift of helping those in need...they move on to help those in need in other ways.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Sharon Cording who has been wholeheartedly working with the Elderly in our community as our Victims of Crime Advocate. It dawned on her that she has been working so hard to help the elderly in our community, that she wanted the opportunity to be more available to her own aging parents...she is very honored to be in a position to do that.

Sharon is leaving us at the end of November...so if you would like to say goodbye and thank her for doing such good work in this community, come by the office before she leaves.

Our staff here at Rural Resources Victim Services can't thank her enough for joining us when we really needed her and for being an advocate for the people. We will truly miss her.

Thank you Sharon!



Rural Resources – Republic

It's official, Rural Resources Victim Services, Housing/Energy, and Community Living Connections are now in the same building at: 42 Klondike Road, Republic, WA Stop by and say Hi!



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Let's Be Friends



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We have new Waffle trading cards in! I mean...uh...we have new marketing materials in!

The cards list our toll-free helpline number and social media address on the back. There are 11 different Waffle photos on the opposite side. We hope that these cards are so darn fun that people hang on to them and have our helpline number for those times you just can't plan for.

If you would like a Waffle card, stop by one of our office locations. Better yet, pick up two: keep one and give one to someone else!



Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Diapers & Wipes

Snacks for clients

Bottled Water

Reading Glasses for clients to use

Dog Toys for Waffle (tough chew toys, etc.)

XL dog Halloween Costumes (butterfly wings, etc...they will be on clearance now).

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