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LeeShore Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Successful

The annual board meeting was a tremendous success. Approximately 101 people attended the event, and we thank you. It was an emotional night with speakers paying homage to the allies of LeeShore we have lost in the last year, Patti Bland and Ann Dooley-Krogseng. Thank you to our guest speakers Peter Micciche and Donna Walker, Alaska's First Lady who graciously sent us her speech on video. For those who missed the delicious prime roast and roasted turkey, from Kenai Catering, the Award recipients are;

- The Polaris Award** (Volunteer of the Year): Jenni Giles
- Mt. Redoubt Award** (Staff Member of the Year): Michele Johnson
- The Anchor Award** (Outstanding Business): Sportsman's Warehouse
- Safe Harbor Award** (Person of Distinction): KPD Officer Paul Cushman

Thank you to all and see you next year!

From Left to right: Summer Lazenby (President), Marti Slater (Vice President), Jeannie Young, Jennifer Joanis, and Mike Dimmick (Treasurer), Nicki McTrusty (Secretary) was unable to attend.



Above: Yvette Combs accepting the Anchor Award from Jeannie Young on behalf of Sportsman's Warehouse.





Alaskans Choose Respect

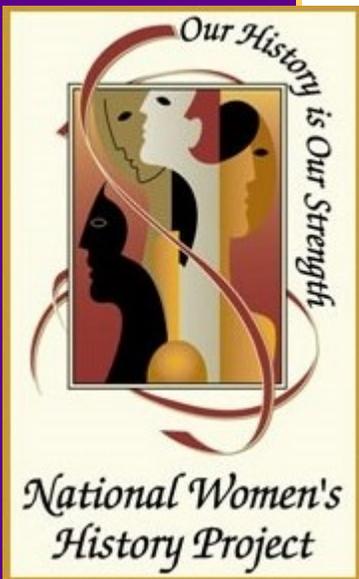
The LeeShore Center cordially invites you to join us for an “Alaskan Choose Respect” Awareness Event in March (date to be determined) in support of state wide efforts to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault. Meet us in Kenai on the Frontage Road in front of the clock tower at Leif Hansen Park at noon and walk to the Kenai Visitors and Cultural Center. Refreshments will be served until 2 pm.

For more information contact the Education and Training Assistant at 283-9479.



Your efforts and participation will help educate and put an end to domestic violence in our community.

National Women’s History Month



March is National Women’s History Month, and March 8th is International Woman’s Day. The 2016 theme is *Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government*. Which honors women who have shaped America’s history and its future through their public service and government leadership.

Although often overlooked and undervalued, collectively they have dramatically influenced our public policy and the building of viable institutions and organizations. From championing basic human rights to ensuring access and equal opportunity for all Americans, they have led the way in establishing a stronger and more democratic country. Each of these public leaders succeeded against great odds.

The diversity of their experiences demonstrates both the challenges and the opportunities women in public service have faced. Their ability to use the art of collaboration to create inclusive solutions and non-partisan policies, as well as their skill and determination, serve to inspire future generations. Find out more by visiting <http://www.nwhp.org/> to find an event or to learn about the sixteen, 2016 honorees.



Meet Our Board

Jeannie Young is a new board member. In 2009, Jeannie waved goodbye to her best friend, Sarah Parks, as she headed into the airport after a wonderful vacation in Idaho. A few short hours later, as she waited for her next flight, she received a phone call that took her breath away and broke her heart. Sarah was found dead in her home, she and her unborn daughter victims of domestic violence.

Jeannie felt like she was living in a Lifetime movie. She immediately drove back across the country and found herself in a whirl of police and FBI interviews. The case was picked up by the media and viewed by the nation. Unfortunately, Jeannie and her husband lost more than one friend that day. Sarah's husband Silas was a close friend for many years. He is now serving 40 years in prison. Sarah's unborn child will never get to play with Jeannie's own children.

The entire community lost that day; elementary students lost their teacher, their church community lost a devout and outwardly happy couple, and friends and families lost love. Nothing is without its silver lining though. The positives to come out of this ordeal were that the local university started a deeper push against domestic violence, people on a national level had more awareness of domestic violence, and Jeannie realized she needed to honor Sarah's memory by sharing her story, helping people and working hard to lend a hand when she can.

Jeannie is happy to be serving on the Board and looks forward to a wonderful new year.



Jeannie Young

27th Radiothon was a Tremendous Success

The LeeShore Center is very grateful for the generous community support during our 27th KSRM Radiothon fundraiser on September 14th. Cash and in-kind contributions pledged during Radiothon are used to support the Agency's services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in our local community. Total cash and in-kind donated is more than \$ 40,000 to date.

The success of our fundraising event was made possible by the hard work of many individuals who graciously gave of their time and energy to help. While we were on-air at KSRM providing information and education on domestic violence, sexual assault and LeeShore services, LeeShore board members were busy in the community, collecting donations and pledges.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to all those who helped make our fundraising efforts such a success: Summer Lazenby, Jennifer Joanis, Marti Slater, Nicki McTrusty, Mike Dimmick, Nate Kiel and the Kenai Brown Bears. Our special thanks to those who participated as Radiothon guest speakers: Coach Geoff Beauparlant (Kenai River Brown Bears Hockey), Lisa Roberts (United Way), June Harris and Marge Hays.

Thanks also to our on-air host Senator Peter Micciche, KSRM General Manager Matt Wilson for donating use of the KSRM facility and air time and Dr. Steve Hileman for his Radiothon poster artwork contribution.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, thank you all! We appreciate the generosity of businesses and community members in our local area. Thanks for supporting our efforts to end domestic violence and sexual assault in the Central Peninsula.



LeeShore's Wish List



HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

Liquid Dish Detergent Toilet Paper
 Laundry Soap Mops
 Paper Towels Brooms
 Dryer Sheets Color Safe
 Comforters Bleach
 Towels / Washcloths Pillows
 Twin Sheets / Twin Mattress Pads

Miscellaneous

Diapers / Pull ups Baby Wipes
 Phone Cards Gas Cards
 Alarm Clocks Batteries
 Gift Certificates (haircuts, etc.)

KITCHEN / COOKWARE

Dishes Pots and Pans Rice / Beans Flour / Sugar
 Glassware Baking Dishes Turkey / Ham Dry Soup Mix
 Kitchen Towels Coffee Mugs Baby Food Formula
 Food Storage Containers Coffee / Tea / Creamer

TOILETRY ITEMS

Combs / Brushes Body Lotion Shampoo
 Toothpaste / Toothbrush Q-Tips Conditioner
 Tampons & Pads Hand Cream

CLOTHING (ADULT, TEEN, & CHILDREN)

Hats Gloves Scarves Socks Underclothes
 Boots Shoes Coats Sleepwear Slippers Robes



Tyann Reed and Fran Martin at the Community Awareness Workshop.



Fred Meyer Community Awards: Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to The LeeShore Center.

Log into your Fred Meyer account. Then you can search for us by our name or by our number: 94443. Then, every time you use your rewards card, Fred Meyer will make a donation to The LeeShore Center.



The LeeShore Center is in need of year round volunteers for crisis and non-crisis programs.

Volunteer Opportunities

We require all volunteers who work directly with our clients to complete the Community Awareness Workshop on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and other training relevant to the position. The LeeShore Center provides such training. The LeeShore Center is in need of year-round volunteers for crisis and non-crisis programs. We are currently looking for individuals who enjoy tracing pictures and coloring banners for our school presentations.

Non-Crisis Volunteer

Opportunities **Activities with women and children:**

Would you like to teach crafts, do cooking projects, demonstrations, story time for children, teach aerobics?

Fundraiser and Awareness Events:

Volunteers help out at the Choose Respect Event in March.

Handy Person:

Is your best friend your toolbox? Do you have a garage full of building materials that aren't being used? We could always use a volunteer to help with the electrical, plumbing, and carpentry. Donations are also very much appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer, call the Education and Training Assistant at 283-9479



Upcoming Events

March (Date TBD)
Alaskans Choose Respect

Community Awareness Workshop
April 11th through the 15th

The Run for Women
August 13th

Office Closures:
January 1st
February 15th
March 28th

Class Schedule



Tuesday - Domestic Violence Support Group 1:00 - 3:00
The group is for women who are currently in an abusive relationship or who have experienced domestic violence in the past.

Thursday - Parenting for Women 1:00 - 3:00
An educational support group focusing on child development, logical and non-violent consequences for behavior and how to be a kind, yet firm parent.

Friday - Changing Patterns 1:00 - 3:00
An educational support group for women experiencing negative emotional patterns in their daily lives, which may be due to victimization (domestic violence/sexual assault) or substance abuse.

There is a \$5.00 fee for each class; however, fee waivers are available.
Contact The LeeShore Center at 283-9479.

January—Stalking Awareness Month

January 2016 marks the 12th anniversary of National Stalking Awareness Month. However even with all the progress made, 7.5 million people are still stalked in the United States.

The Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime partnered with the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, in observing National Stalking Awareness Month 2016. They have a wealth of resources to share with you. You can take an interactive quiz; download videos, fact sheets, guides, at <http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org>



You have the power to help “know, name, and stop” stalking in your community.

**Pick.
Click.
Give.**

Thank you for your support

It’s the new year, and time to sign up for your Permanent Fund Dividend. While you’re dreaming of the trip you’ll take, the toys you’ll buy, or the bills you’ll pay off, take a moment to think about all the good you can do for others. Last year the LeeShore Center received \$4,675.00. Thank you for your generosity.

If you give... and your neighbor does... and another... it will add up quickly. With one donation at a time, we can continue to support victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Doesn’t that make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside?



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Remember to Pick.Click.Give. when you apply for your PFD

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LeeShore is a member program of the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

LeeShore's Clothes Closet

The LeeShore Center has a clothes closet available to everyone in our community.

Hours are: Open to Public - Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Drop off donations - Thursday and Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Please call 283-9479 for more information.

Volunteer Corner

Volunteer of the Quarter

The LeeShore Center announces Cheryl Anderson as Volunteer of the Quarter for **January - March, 2016**. Cheryl is a retired Biologist from Fish & Game that has volunteered in our clothes closet, with out school presentation support, Radiothon and attended our Community Awareness Workshop.

Congratulations and thank you Cheryl for volunteering!

If you would like to volunteer, call the Education and Training Assistant at 283-9479.

The LeeShore Center is proud to be a United Way agency.

