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Victims with Disabilities Face Unique Challenges

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When Anita left her abusive husband Ed, she found that escaping his violence would not be easy. She moved her two children into an apartment and sought expert advice on how to start a new life. She obtained an order of protection, a divorce, and full custody of her children. As she struggled to free herself from Ed, he began stalking her. Anita finally moved to a new city and even changed her name. Yet one afternoon when she picked up her children, Ed was waiting outside the school. Alarmed and frustrated, she prepared to flee again. Anita's plight is hardly unique. Abusers often become stalkers. And stalkers tenaciously pursue their victims. Yet Anita's story is somewhat unusual. In her case, the stalker had little trouble finding his ex-wife because she has a disability: she is deaf.¹ To locate Anita, Ed (who is also deaf) simply contacted the Social Security Administration to "inquire" whether the Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) checks his children receive as his dependents were reaching them. In answering Ed's question, the agency gave him Anita's new address.

Victims with Disabilities

Anita's difficulties in escaping her ex-husband suggest the complex challenges that stalking victims with disabilities face. Stalkers may target these victims because of their disabilities or exploit their disabilities in committing crimes. Victims face formidable burdens in protecting themselves, unique barriers to reporting, and difficulty accessing or receiving victim services. Approximately 20 percent of non-institutionalized Americans have a disability.² And people with disabilities suffer alarming rates of victimization. Women with disabilities experience the highest rate of personal violence—violence at the hands of spouses, partners, boyfriends, family members, caregivers, and strangers—of any group in our society today.³ Of the 200 women with physical and cognitive disabilities who responded to a 2002 survey, 67 percent reported having experienced physical abuse, and 53 percent of the women reported having experienced sexual abuse.⁴ Some researchers believe that 90 percent of people

with developmental disabilities will at some point in their lives be the victims of sexual assault and that only 3 percent of these crimes will be reported.⁵

Vulnerability to Stalking

Given the level of physical violence experienced by people with disabilities, as well as the established link between intimate partner violence and stalking,⁶ it is highly probable that people with disabilities experience significant levels of stalking. While the Stalking Resource Center has found little research to establish the prevalence of stalking among people with disabilities, our experience suggests that stalking is likely to occur in this population. In this article, we attempt to lay the groundwork for such research, to elicit feedback from providers who may have served such victims, and to explore the best ways to help them.

Offender Manipulation

People with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to stalking because they are sometimes perceived to be easier to control than other victims. "The balance of power in all abusive relationships shifts very subtly," says Debora L. Beck-Massey of the Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities in Denver, Colorado, "so more and more of the control, decision making, and options slide toward the batterer's side." Abusers of people with disabilities often control victims' access to basic necessities such as food and transportation to increase their dependence. If the relationships end, these abusers are particularly well equipped to stalk the victim. They have access to a significant amount of personal information, such as bank account numbers, passwords, and Social Security numbers, which they can use to take money from victims or to prevent them from accessing their funds. They are familiar with victims' work arrangements and any special transportation systems victims use. These controlling behaviors, as part of an overall pattern of conduct, produce substantial emotional distress and are likely to cause fear in the victim.

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Frontlines

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition, Seventh Circuit Solicitor's Office, Spartanburg County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Spartanburg County Department of Social Services, Spartanburg Public Safety Department, and Spartanburg Sheriff's Office invite you to attend



The 12th Annual Balloon Vigil
to recognize past and present domestic violence
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Thursday, October 1, 2009

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Jennifer O' Shields & Sylvia Stahley Outstanding Speakers Award 2008-2009 Campaign

The 2008-2009 United Way of the Piedmont recognized local volunteers and companies for their involvement in the community during its annual meeting Thursday evening, June 18, 2009 at Cleveland Park. SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition: Cherokee County Sexual Assault Victim's Assistance was one of ten agencies to receive the award for Program Excellence. This is awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding performance in service provision, programmatic outcomes and organization efficiency. The Sylvia Stahley Outstanding Speaker's Award was given to Jennifer O' Shields, Education Director with SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition for the 2008-2009 United Way Campaign.



SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition would like to WELCOME.....

New Staff
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New Board Members

Ed Bintondo
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**United We Stand...Putting the Pieces Together
 (An Interpersonal Violence Conference)
 Friday, October 2, 2009**

8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Marriott Spartanburg at Renaissance Park

Featured Speaker : Kelli Scurry, LMSW
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Topics include:

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Ministers are eligible for scholarships to this conference.

Registration Fee is \$60.00; Additional fee after September 18, 2009: \$10.00

Fee includes light continental breakfast, handout materials, refreshments, lunch, and certificate of attendance.

Deadline for registration is September 19, 2009;

No refunds will be made. Substitutions are accepted and encouraged.

**For more information contact Marlene Evans
 at 864.583.9803 or 1.800.273.5066.**

Therapy Team Wish List

Bags of play sand, Crayons / Magic Markers, Small bags of marbles, Smooth glass bits or Stones, Colored gel pens, Coloring books, Self-drying clay (air dries in kiln), Oil / Chalk pastels, Children's safety scissors, Construction paper, Art paper - all colors/sizes, Tempera paints & brushes, Glue sticks, Baby dolls & doll clothes, Little Plastic Toys (animals, bugs, people), Bubbles, Small TV/VCR Combo



Ed Bintondo (far left) New Board Member and with Wal-Mart Field Operations Region 48, presented a check for \$20,000 from Wal-Mart to Lynn Hawkins, Executive Director, for the new shelter.



From left to right: Lynn Hawkins, Executive Director; Susan Beauregard, Intern at Converse College, and Geri Hurlbut, Director of Art Therapy at Converse College.

Art Therapy Project inspired by Finding Voice:

This project was done by the Art Therapy students last year (academic year 2008/2009) in response to the Finding Voice project hosted by Converse. It was present in the lobby during the production, and individuals entering and leaving the program were invited to contribute to the wall-hanging by choosing a strip of fabric and placing it on the tapestry in any way they choose as a way of supporting the individuals who have experienced domestic violence. The center circle is made up of strips of fabric from an old wedding gown and other white dresses worn at past weddings. This area reflects the hopes and dreams of the marriage that are torn and shattered by domestic violence, and also the idea that "fabric" of these dreams can be re-woven into something new and beautiful. This piece was created with the idea that it is ever growing and changing, and each person who comes for a safe place to be and recover can continue to add something of their own to represent the rebuilding of their lives from the tatters they left behind.



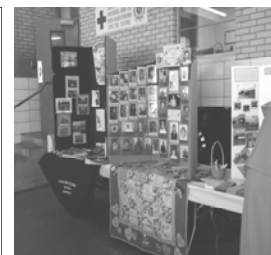
Congratulations go out to our Volunteer Coordinator Karen Martin-

Wilkins and her family on the birth of her first son, Ethan Isaiiah Wilkins. Ethan was born on July 2, 2009 @ 3:32am. He weighed 7 lbs./0.7 oz. and measured 19" long.



Spartanburg Public Safety Department Victims' Rights Week "Day of Prayer" April 27, 2009

The "Day of Prayer" is a collaborative effort within the Spartanburg Community for citizens, victims, law enforcement, and service providers to come together to show their support, encouragement and remember victims of crime.



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Protection Problems

Stalking victims often have great difficulty protecting themselves and their families. They may have to change their entire lives-move to a different community, change jobs, alter their physical appearance, and even change names-all to avoid their offender's next move. "For stalking victims with disabilities," said Beck- Massey, "the very systems they rely on for support-for transportation, financial support, or services-may increase their vulnerabilities." Ed used the SSDI system to track Anita because she relied on SSDI support for her children. A victim with a disability living in government-subsidized housing may find it impossible to move quickly, even to escape a dangerous situation, because of six- to twelve-month waiting periods for apartments in such facilities.

Barriers to Reporting and Receiving Services

Stalking victims with disabilities confront the same barriers to reporting the crime (such as fear of not being believed) that most victims face. In addition, victims with disabilities have to contend with physical or social isolation, impediments to communication or mobility, or physical or financial dependence on a caregiver who may also be the perpetrator. For example, a victim who is housebound because of her disability may never sufficiently escape her caregiver to be able to report her victimization to law enforcement.

Victims are also vulnerable to stalkers' exploiting their disabilities to avoid criminal justice intervention. For example, a stalker may escape being investigated as a suspect by posing as a concerned friend checking up on a victim. Or, if a victim has a developmental disability and an investigating officer finds two differing versions of events-one from a woman who seemed confused and another from a coherent, ostensibly concerned "friend" of the victim-the officer might be easily convinced that the victim was not victimized at all. Stalkers can also pressure victims to drop charges by threatening them in ways that, absent the context of a disability, might seem less malignant. For example, by canceling a victim's food delivery or transportation to a crucial doctor's appointment, a stalker can remind the victim that he can control her life.

Stalkers can also exploit the victims' reliance on assistive technologies, such as Text Telephone (TTY) machines and e-mail.

For example, a stalker who is able to hack into the victim's e-mail or gain access to her TTY machine can pose as the victim to interfere with communications with her victim advocate or the police department (e.g., posing as the victim, the stalker requests that the police discontinue their investigation of the stalking case).

Identifying Needs and Providing Effective Services

For all stalking victims and victim advocates, recognizing the problem is half the battle. Criminal justice professionals and victim service providers must first know who in our communities may be at most risk for being victimized. Then, to improve their responses, they must identify the barriers to reporting crime and accessing services for these victims.

Conclusion

Victim advocates, criminal justice agencies, and disability rights workers should take a closer look at the complex and challenging needs of stalking victims with disabilities. Researchers would benefit from studying the incidence of stalking among these victims, and victim service providers and criminal justice professionals could use the resulting knowledge to improve their response to victims with disabilities. The Stalking Resource Center would appreciate hearing from providers who have worked with such victims, and we welcome information on appropriate best practices, protocols, or policies. To share information with the SRC or to learn more about stalking, please contact us at src@ncvc.org.

1 The Stalking Resource Center (SRC) recognizes the unique culture of the deaf community and the desire of its members to be independently identified. However, for the purposes of this brief article, the SRC adopts the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) definition of an individual with a disability as "a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, ...who has a history or record of such an impairment, or ...who is perceived by others as having such an impairment." Examples included in the ADA definition include orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, as well as many other conditions.

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- T-Shirts
- Slide-On Shoes
- New Underwear
- Shorts
- Socks
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- Flip-Flops
- Mouthwash/Rinse
- Tooth Brushes
- Toothpaste
- Combs & Hair Brushes
- Children's Books

Shelter Wish List

- Twin Size Bedding, Pillows, Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo & Conditioners, Towels & Wash Cloths,
- Deodorant, Small Plastic Cups & Bowls, Baby Bottles & Baby Wipes, Diapers (all sizes), Velcro Diapers (for potty training), Canned Vegetables & Meats, Fruits (in natural juices)
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We appreciate your help.

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- Children's Scissors / Pencils (No. 2)
- Calculators / Poster Board
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- Notebook Paper—wide/college ruled
- Pocket Folders / Index Cards
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- *Hand Sanitizer (desperate need)
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Holiday Sponsor Form

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition invites you to give a special gift this year to that "person who has everything" by making a cash contribution as a holiday gift in honor of friends and/or family members. Cards acknowledging your gift will be sent to your loved one! Make this a truly joyous and peaceful time in the lives of others.



The Holiday Season is a special and exciting time. However, for battered women, their dependent children, and victims of sexual assault it can be a source of great pain. If you are interested in providing Christmas to a woman, child, or family affected by domestic/sexual violence, please fill out this holiday sponsor form.

Individual Name/Company Name/Organization Name _____

Contact Person if Company/Organization: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (W): _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Fax #: _____ Best Time/# to call during the day: _____

Please indicate the number of individuals you (or your group) would like to sponsor
_____ **Woman (en)** _____ **Child (ren)** _____ ***Family**

If you prefer a certain age range for a child, please indicate age: _____

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Please check one of the following:

You (or your organization) will make arrangements to deliver the gifts to the SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis office no later than Wednesday, December 11, 2009.

You (or your organization) will need for a SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition representative to arrange for pick-up of gifts.

I would like to make a contribution as a holiday gift in honor of: _____

Donor Name & Address _____



Would you (or your organization) be willing to provide food at Thanksgiving for a family?
YES / NO (please circle one)

For more information, contact Karen Martin-Wilkins @ 864.583.9803. KMW Received Copy _____




Once Christmas Sponsor assignments have been made, our Christmas Coordinator will mail, email, and/or fax further detailed information about the individual(s) sponsored. If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer O'Shields @ 864.583.9803 or 1.800.273.5066 or @ jennifer.oshields@shrc.org.

***Return Form To: Jennifer O'Shields @ SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition
236 Union Street ~ Spartanburg, SC 29302 or Fax to 864.583.9611***

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Wish List Mailed To Sponsor: _____ Date Wish List Faxed To Sponsor: _____ # Clients Sponsored : _____
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The Silent & Live Auctions
OCTOBER 9, 2009
at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Proceeds benefiting...

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Combating the Campus Rape Crisis

College is back in session, and that means it's time for a lot of ineffective pageantry on rape prevention. Don't our young women deserve better?

Jaelyn Friedman ~ September 9, 2009

The college students are back. They're in the grocery stores, stocking up on Top Ramen. They're at IKEA, buying oddly shaped pillows for their dorm rooms. Very soon, they'll be at parties, doing things that would give their parents full-on coronaries. And that means it's time for a classic college ritual, adult-style: freaking out about the safety of our girls.

At about this time every year, adult anxiety about sexual assault reaches a tipping point and gives way to an avalanche of advice to young women from campuses, commentators, and parents alike: Don't hook up! Don't dress provocatively! Watch your drink! Actually, don't drink at all! Always stay with a friend! Don't stay out too late! Don't walk home alone! Etcetera, etcetera, ad nauseam. And every year, it fails to work. A 2007 Department of Justice-funded trend analysis of rape studies over time revealed that rates of rape haven't declined in the past 15 years -- in fact, they may be increasing.

Why hasn't it worked? Perhaps it's because making rape prevention the responsibility of young women teaches students that guys can't be expected to be responsible for their own actions. Not surprisingly, that results in student bodies eager to let rapists off the hook and campus policies (like the one recently implemented at Tufts that forces victims into "mediation" with their rapists) that treat rape as an unfortunate disagreement instead of like the violent crime it is. Make no mistake about the danger of these equanimous attitudes -- in his 2002 landmark study of 1,882 male college students in the Boston area, Dr. David Lisak demonstrated that most campus rapes are perpetrated not by well-meaning boys confused about consent but by repeat-offender sociopaths who know exactly what they're doing. Treating rape like an unfortunate but understandable miscommunication doesn't just deny victims justice and downplay the traumatic nature of the experience -- it allows rapists to remain free to rape again and again. Meanwhile, we set an impossibly high bar of behavior for young women -- one that they're bound to miss at some point, because, just like the rest of us humans, young women sometimes choose short-term pleasure over the abstract possibility of risk. And when a guy rapes a young woman while she's violating the Rules of Safety -- let's say she's at a party and dancing and she's flirting -- what follows are questions about her behavior, how much she'd been drinking, how she might have led him on.

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SH-RCC THRIFT STORE!!

Your tax-deductible donations are needed for SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition Thrift Store. Our clients shop there for free and profit sales from the public goes to support SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition programs and services. Donations can be dropped off at the Thrift Store, Monday thru Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pickup is available only for furniture and large household items. If you need to schedule a pickup, please call Steve Hames at 864.583.9803.



Spartanburg County Medical Society Alliance, Inc. presented SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition with a grant award of \$2,000.00 for prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines for clients.

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Rape on campus is a very real problem. Cautious estimates suggest that nearly one in every 10 female college students will be raped while she's at school. With an estimated 18 million students attending college in the U.S. this year, that's (conservatively) over 150,000 young women who'll be raped while at college this year alone. That's a public health crisis. It's time to start treating it like one.

What would it look like if colleges did just that? For starters, they would provide in-depth programs on healthy sexuality and sexual safety, instead of getting by with a pamphlet and an hour demonstration at orientation. Schools would stop telling girls to mind their liquor so they don't "get themselves" raped and start teaching young men that alcohol is never an excuse to "get away" with anything. They would offer bystander training, so that all students on campus know what it looks like when someone's sexual boundaries are being violated and what to do if they see that happening. They would teach students that the only real consent is the kind that's freely and enthusiastically given, removing the "she didn't exactly say no" excuse that too many rapists hide behind. And their campus policies would support prevention, recovery, and justice, not dismissiveness, victim-blaming, and denial.

A few schools are doing some of this already. But there's no systemic oversight into who's doing what, and all signs point to the fact that most schools are doing far too little. That's especially alarming when you consider that Title IX -- the federal law guaranteeing equal access to education for all genders -- requires schools to take strong, active steps to prevent rape on campus. That means they need to be implementing real policies that work, not just going through motions that make them look concerned.

All of us who care about the safety of girls ought to be doing the same. It's not even that hard. Imagine what would happen if each of us called a school we care about today and let administrators know that we're watching and that we expect them to do what we all should be doing: taking responsibility for rape prevention off of the potential victims and placing it where it belongs -- with the potential perpetrators and with the adults and institutions whose job it is to keep young people safe.

“Heartwarmers” Share Their Talents

Yvon Rucker and Joni Micals of Heartwork Designs started a project called "Heartwarmers" last January, appealing to friends and family to knit or crochet hats and scarves for the women and children served by SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition. Sue Owens, former director of Women's Division of United Methodist Church quickly agreed to participate and enlisted the aid of the Prayer Shawl the Ministry of United Methodist Church. Their phenomenal response has resulted in a contribution of over 550 "heartwarmers" for the project. Other friends and family members, Marcia Lavine of Charleston, Susi Cogdill of Campobello, Yvon Rucker of Gramling, Sarah Zimmerman of Florida, Peggy Baldwin of Marietta, GA, Judy Frazier of North Woods Farm, Fiber and Yarn in Campobello, Julie Miller of York, Joni Micals and Rema Keen of Campobello have all lent their talents to this project. Whether they were knitting, crocheting, designing and attaching message cards, or gathering and storing the gifts, they were sharing the work and the gift to others.

Yes, I want to help.

- \$95 to provide shelter for one night
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- I wish to make a gift of my own choosing _____
- I would like my gift to be made in honor/memory of:
 - In honor of _____
 - In memory of _____
- I would like more information about volunteer opportunities

- \$475 to provide shelter for five nights
- \$665 to provide shelter or seven nights

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

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Please make checks payable to **SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition**
 Mail to: 236 Union Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

- October 1, 2009** 12th Annual Balloon Vigil (5:30 pm - 6:30 pm)
Daniel Morgan Square, Downtown Spartanburg
- October 2, 2009** An Interpersonal Violence Conference
Registration: 8:30 / Program: 9:00 am - 4:15 pm
Marriott Spartanburg at Renaissance Park
- October 3, 2009** International Festival, Barnet Park
- October 9, 2009** 16th Annual Auction For A Cause (5:30pm-10:00pm)
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium-lower level
- October 14, 2009** 11th Annual National Health Cares About Domestic
Violence Day (HCADV Day)
www.endabuse.org/hcadvd
- October 19, 2009-
November 10, 2009** Volunteer Training (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)
*For more information contact Karen Martin-
Wilkins @ 864.583.9803 or 1.800.273.5066*
- October 24, 2009** **SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition 4th
Annual Yard Sale** 236 Union Street ~ Spartanburg
- November 26-27, 2009** SH-RCC Main Office, Satellite Offices, and
Courthouse Office Closed for Thanksgiving
(Shelter/Crisis Line Operates 24-hours)
- December 24-25, 2009** SH-RCC Main Office, Satellite Offices, and
Courthouse Office Closed for Christmas
Holidays **(Shelter/Crisis Line Operates 24-hours)**

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SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition Mission

SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition is a collaborative effort that exists to end sexual and domestic violence.

The Objectives of SH-RCC are:

- To build community awareness by providing Information on the dynamics and prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault/Abuse;
- To provide treatment and supportive services to child and adult victims of Sexual Assault/Abuse or Domestic Violence;
- To provide temporary emergency shelter to victims of Domestic Violence and their dependent children;
- To advocate at local, state, and federal levels on behalf of victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault/Abuse and to coordinate community resources to alleviate the suffering of these victims.

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