

# The Stepping Stone

Winter 2011

*The Stepping Stone* is a newsletter published quarterly by Someplace Safe, Inc. We are a non-profit social service agency and are committed to serving survivors of domestic violence.

## AVAILABLE SERVICES

24-HOUR Crisis Hotline  
Emergency Shelter  
Crisis Intervention  
Legal Advocacy  
Women's Individual &  
Group Support Services  
Children's Individual &  
Group Support Services  
Community & School  
Education Programs



All services are accessible by calling:

Someplace Safe, Inc.  
330-393-3003 or the  
24-Hour Crisis Hotline  
330-393-3005  
[www.someplacesafe.org](http://www.someplacesafe.org)

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THE  
DATE

## Someplace Safe's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Just Desserts

Come celebrate with us on  
Friday, February 11, 2011

At Leo's Ristorante  
7042 East Market St

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Lots of opportunities to take something home from the silent auction, basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, and thrilling live auction.

Take II will be back to entertain us again this year.

There are new and tasty vendors along with some of your past favorites.

Cash bar & wine styles

Tickets are \$25.00 per person  
or \$40.00 per couple.

For tickets and information  
call 330-393-3003

# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

*Message from Cheryl Tarantino,  
Executive Director, Someplace Safe Inc.*



As we embark upon another new year, there is plenty of excitement and momentum building. After only six months, I continue to be amazed by the compassion and dedication of the staff and board of directors, as well as the generosity of the many “friends of Someplace Safe”. To date, we have received over \$16,000 from our annual appeal. While this is extremely helpful, we are faced with continuing federal, state and local funding cuts. We are constantly looking at creative ways to save costs and raise additional funds to cover our daily need for services.

The demand for all services is growing. In 2010, Someplace Safe answered calls from 1,709 victims of domestic violence, which is up 21% from just two years ago. We provided shelter to 120 adults and 79 children, which is also up over 20% from 2009.

We are making strides in providing new resources and assistance to all clients. We are forming partnerships and collaborations with several agencies such as Beatitude House, Community Solutions, New Start Treatment Center, and Ohio Health One Mobile Health Clinic.

A few urgent needs exist beyond those noted in the wish list on the back cover. I am a firm believer that we should communicate those needs in hopes that, through prayer and contemplation, a solution will become evident.

1. **8 Passenger Van**: We are one of the only shelters in Ohio that does not provide transportation for clients. Transportation needs include taking children to school, clients to doctor and counselor appointments, and the pickup and transfer of residents from hospitals, police departments and other shelters. There is no public transportation in Trumbull County. Removing this barrier would immediately help clients gain access to the services they so desperately need.
2. **Upgraded Security System**: Our security system is over ten years old. Many cameras and monitors need replaced, as well as an update to the main system to include recordable cameras and panic buttons throughout the building. Someplace Safe is not a hidden location, so security of staff and residents is of utmost importance.
3. **Server**: We have outgrown our server capacity. A more powerful system is needed to upgrade the number of users and programs that we can run. The most important need is that our system cannot handle new server software which is important to provide better security to our workstations and sensitive database information.

**Thanks once again for all the kindness and support that we are blessed to receive.  
I hope 2011 is a great one!**

# Love or Abuse:

**When do Teen Relationships Cross the Line?**

Training meets the state HB 19 requirements for teen dating violence teacher and school personnel training.

1.5 social work CEUs pending

1.5 counseling CEUs pending

Teacher certificates for CEU purposes available.

Parents and other professionals welcome.



Johanna Orozco

Tina Croucher, age 18, loved to sing. She was the youngest of four children and a part-time college student in Ohio. In 1992, an abusive ex-boyfriend broke into her family's home and shot and killed her. Tina's parents never saw it coming.



Tina Croucher

Johanna Orozco, in 2007, ended the relationship with her long time high school boyfriend. He raped her and later shot her in the face with a shotgun. Johanna survived. After 9 surgeries she now works with the Cleveland Domestic Violence Center raising awareness around teen dating violence.

Join us to learn more about the difference between healthy teen dating and relationships that turn emotionally or physically violent. Most importantly, learn what parents, professionals and schools can do to prevent teen relationship abuse.

Johanna Orozco along with Tina's parents, Jim and Elsa Croucher, will share their experiences and what they have learned about teen dating violence. The training will cover the warning signs of abusive relationships, the new state mandate for teen dating violence education in schools and local resources available to support your efforts.

**Thursday, February 24, 2011**

- 9:00 am** Registration
- 9:30-10:30 am** Keynote by Jim and Elsa Croucher and Johanna Orozco
- 10:30-10:45 am** Break
- 10:45 am-12:00 pm** Teen Dating Violence Prevention Professional Training
- Location:** YWCA Warren, 375 North Park Ave, Warren, OH 44482
- Fee:** \$35 per person  
Pre-Registration required, space is limited. Deadline February 18, 2011.  
College students with ID attend for \$5, pay at door
- Register online at:** [www.thetinaproject.org](http://www.thetinaproject.org) or call 330-929-3382 for information

Hosted by:



The Tina Project™

A collaboration of Northeast Ohio organizations that deal directly with victims of violence, working within our communities and schools to address the issue of teen dating violence. To learn more visit [www.thetinaproject.org](http://www.thetinaproject.org).

## Here's Some Good News!!!



The Ohio Health Community Medical and Dental Mobile Center will be visiting our site the first and third Tuesday of every month from 12-2. It started on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The unit has two exam rooms and a Doctor. This service is also available to support group and legal clients if needed and the residents of Beatitude House. Walk up service is also available. The van will be parked outside in our lot. Currently they will be prepared to handle sickness and physicals. Please call ahead to schedule immunizations at 330.393.3003. Dental and OB/GYN services coming soon!

### Meet our New Staff Member

Theresa L. Lyden has joined the team of Someplace Safe Inc. With her she brings over twenty years of experience. She holds a bachelors degree in Community Health Education from Youngstown State University.

Experience that Theresa brings to Someplace Safe includes many years of non-profit work experience. She worked at Peter Lowe International a non-profit organization. Her territory was United States and Canada where she worked with World Leaders, in promoting them for motivational seminars throughout the country. The proceeds from the events were given to local charities and organizations. Theresa also worked for United Way Youngstown/Mahoning Valley as their Development Officer. In addition to work place campaigns, she organized and implemented many fundraisers for the agency including a Dinner with Jim Tressel, Disney on Ice at the Chevy Center and Golf Outings. Theresa was recognized at year end and given an award as "Top Associate" for exceeding her goal.

Outside of work Theresa has always been very active within the community in which she lives. She was commissioned by the Mahoning Valley District Board of Health to serve on the Pace committee for a Protocol for Assessing Community Evaluation. She has served her community through the Austintown Junior Women's League for the past ten years and is the current President. She is also a member of the Holborn Herb Growers Guild where she holds an executive position as the recording secretary.

Theresa likes to be active and involved, enjoys helping those in need, caring for others and strives to make a difference. She is looking forward to the opportunity to also "make a difference" at Someplace Safe.



**PACKED HOUSE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS**



**Live in Concert**  
**St. Patrick's Day –**  
**March 17th**  
W.D. Packard Music Hall



**Packed House Productions has chosen  
Someplace Safe to be the Charity for this event.  
For information and tickets go to:**

<http://www.packedhouseproductions.net/>

# National Center for Victims of Crime Applauds White House National Stalking Awareness Month Proclamation



The National Center for Victims of Crime and its Stalking Resource Center applaud President Obama's proclamation designating January 2011 as National Stalking Awareness Month. As the first President to issue a National Stalking Awareness Month proclamation, President Obama has focused national attention on a serious crime that affects 3.4 million Americans a year. Stressing the challenges in recognizing and combating stalking, the

proclamation states the Administration's commitment to protect stalking victims and educate the public about the crime.

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## Stalking Facts

### STALKING IN AMERICA

1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States.

1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime.

77% of female and 64% of male victims know their stalker.

87% of stalkers are men.

59% of female and 30% of male victims are stalked by an intimate partner.

81% of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner.

31% of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also sexually assaulted by that partner.

The average duration of stalking is 1.8 years.

If stalking involves intimate partners, the average duration of stalking increases to 2.2 years.

61% of stalkers made unwanted phone calls; 33% sent or left unwanted letters or items; 29% vandalized property; and 9% killed or threatened to kill a family pet.

28% of female victims and 10% of male victims obtained a protection order. 69% of female victims and 81% of male victims had the protection order violated.

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### STALKING & INTIMATE PARTNER FEMICIDE\*

76% of femicide victims had been stalked by the person who killed them.

67% had been physically abused by their intimate partner.

89% of femicide victims who had been physically abused had also been stalked in the 12 months before the murder.

79% of abused femicide victims reported stalking during the same period that they reported abuse.

85% of attempted femicide cases involved at least one episode of stalking within 12 months prior to the attempted femicide.

54% of femicide victims reported stalking to police before they were killed by their stalkers.

\*The murder of a woman

McFarlane et al. (1999). "Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide." Homicide Studies.

## 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STALKING

1. Stalking is a crime.  
Stalking is a series or course of conduct directed at a specific person that places a reasonable person in fear for her or his safety. It is against the law in every state. Stalking across state lines or in federal territories is illegal under federal law.
2. Stalking happens to many people.  
1.4 million people are stalked every year in the United States.  
1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime.
3. Stalking can be very dangerous.  
76 percent of women killed by their intimate partners were stalked by these partners before they were killed. All stalkers should be considered unpredictable and very dangerous.
4. Stalking is harmful and intrusive.  
Stalking victims often lose time from work or never return to work, and some even relocate to regain a sense of safety. Many suffer from anxiety, insomnia, and severe depression as a result of being stalked.
5. Stalking can happen to anyone – not just celebrities.  
The vast majorities of stalking victims are ordinary people. Furthermore, most stalkers are not strangers, but known by their victim.
6. Stalking can occur during a relationship, after a relationship, or in the absence of a relationship.  
Stalking often begins during a relationship. Stalkers may keep the victim under surveillance or threaten her or him. Others begin stalking after the victim has ended the relationship, and the stalker feels desperate to maintain or regain control. Still others become fixated on a victim without ever having had any relationship with the person. All forms of stalking are unpredictable, and all should be considered dangerous.
7. Technology can be used to stalk.  
Although newly developed technology enhances our lives, it can also empower criminals. Cell phones, computers, and surveillance equipment are just some of the technologies stalkers use now.
8. An effective response to stalking includes the entire community.  
Police, prosecutors, advocates, educators, reporters, neighbors...everyone can and should play a part in stopping stalking. Working together, we can make victims safer.
9. You can make a difference.  
Visit [www.ncvc.org/src](http://www.ncvc.org/src) to learn more about stalking and how to fight it.
10. Help is available.  
If you or someone you know is being stalked, call Someplace Safe at 330-393-3005 or call 1-800-FYI-CALL for assistance.

## WE HAVE BEEN REALLY BUSY AROUND HERE



### KENT STATE, October 27, 2010

This year for Domestic Violence Awareness month, Kent State Trumbull Campus displayed "The Clothes Line Project", tee shirts designed by Domestic Violence victims to get their message out, "The Silent Witnesses", life size wooden cut outs of actual victims with their stories on them. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, there was a bake sale held and proceeds went to Someplace Safe. A very big thank you goes to Jacob Roope, Enrollment Management & Student Service Advisor from Kent State who organized and facilitated the events. Thank you, Jacob. See you next year!

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY, 2010



Members of the Blessed Sacrament Men's Group built five picnic tables, two for Someplace Safe and three for Beatitude House.



The Junior Women's League of Warren did a thorough cleaning of the Office and the Shelter and put up curtains.

There were 32 volunteers from who came on Make A Difference Day from Starbuck's, The Junior's Women's' League of Warren, The Juniorettes, The Elks, and members of the Believers' Christian Fellowship who cleaned up the back yard, pressure washed and painted the shed, pressure washed and repaired swing set, built a sandbox, and planted spring bulbs. Master Gardner Joyce Hamilton and intern Master Gardner Ginger Macali, along with others, created an island and planted mums in the front yard around our sign.

## EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

In the last issue of the newsletter we had a story about Chris Ridal, a Boy Scout who chose us as a project for his Eagle Badge. He made 100 "Welcome Packages" for the new arrivals at the shelter. On November 27<sup>th</sup> I attended his Eagle Scout Service. Here is a picture of Chris and I at the event. A very nice event and dinner. Congratulations! Job well done.





## KINSMAN SCHOOL DONATION

Cody Foster is a student at Joseph Badger High School. After a class project in Amy Jo Middleton's Literature class, he decided to do a food drive for us. It was one of the largest school food drives we've had. Pictured from left to right are Sergeant Bruce McAfee, United States Army, Cody Foster, Brandin Hill and Greg Sutliff.



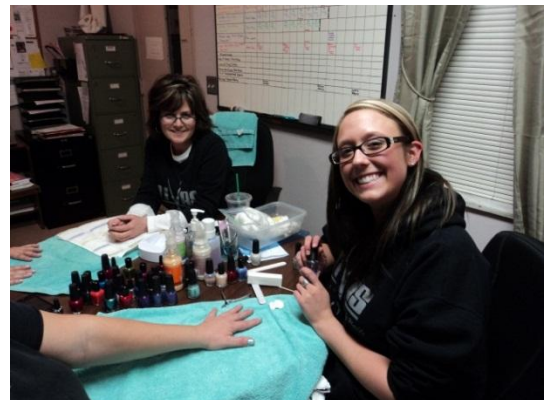
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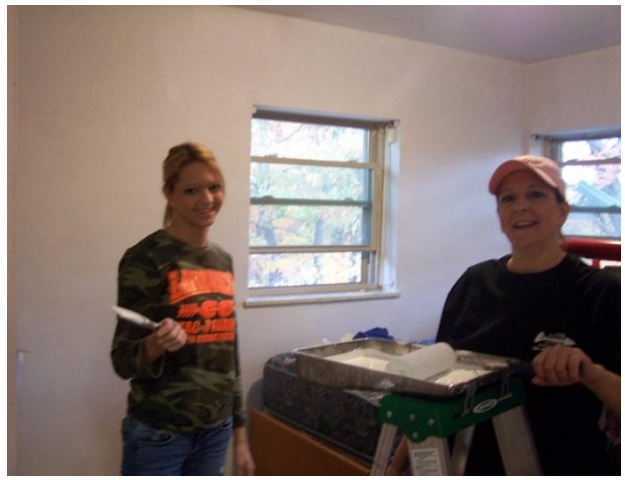
Dan Martins and a group of fellow students from Youngstown State University's SIFE group attended Women's Support Group Nov 29 to conduct a budgeting seminar for the group members. (SIFE is Students in Free Enterprise.) The students brought with them a truck load of donations (food, clothing, toiletries, and toys) that they had collected for the shelter. They plan to return to conduct a class on understanding investments.



## SPA DAY

Diva's Salon from Howland brought in 8 stylists and gave the clients and staff haircuts and styles, facials, and manicures. It was a very special day here because most of the time our clients can't afford these services. How wonderful to be pampered like this in December!





### **WARREN JUNIoretTES REFURBISH TWO BEDROOMS**

Starting out as a Make A Difference Day project, a local group of young women completed and dedicated two newly refurbished bedrooms in our shelter. Member of the GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Ohio Warren Juniorette Volunteer Organization painted, replaced the carpeting, furnishings, and window treatments in the two rooms. The girls raised the money for the project with donations from the Provisional Group of the Warren Junior Women's League and a tee shirt sale. They also got a \$200 grant for paint and supplies. Campbell Carpeting of Cortland and Brodie Installation and Carpeting donated the carpet and installation for one room, while a \$250 donation from the Make A Difference Day Challenge provided the means to install the new carpeting in the second room.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 2010**



This year's Holiday Party was a great success. We provided Christmas gifts for 86 women and 154 children by individual and corporate cash and gift donations. Gifts were picked up here at Someplace Safe on Saturday, December, 18<sup>th</sup>. Santa entertained the children while mom was able to put the gifts in the car. Through our Holiday Gift Tree Program, each woman and child were given three gifts that they had requested along with a gift bag for the family. Santa passed out age appropriate gifts from the Boardman High School Marching Band, who donated books purchased by a grant and a beanie baby wrapped in a handmade fleece scarf, to each child as they sat on his lap and gave their I-o-n-g list to Santa of what they were looking for under the tree this year.

Members of the Boardman High School Marching Band and the gifts that they made and donated for the Holiday Party.



## ***WE'RE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:***

**\*LAUNDRY DETERGENT, BLEACH, FABRIC SOFTENER**

**\*DISPOSABLE DIAPERS: SIZE 4 & 5, \*BABY WIPES**

**SPAGHETTI & SPAGHETTI SAUCE,  
CANS OF RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTI-O'S, SOUP, &  
SLOPPY JOE**

**\*MACARONI & CHEESE, HAMBURGER HELPER,  
TUNA HELPER, & BOXED MEALS**

**\*CANNED FRUIT, JUICES, MEATS, & TUNA**

**\*CEREALS, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY**

**\*PRESWEETENED DRINKS, COFFEE, TEA, AND SUGAR AND  
CREAMER**

**CONDIMENTS – MAYONNAISE, KETCHUP, MUSTARD**

**\*PASTAS OF ALL KINDS & INSTANT POTATOES**

**HAND SANITIZER, AND WIPES**

**ALUMINUM FOIL AND FOOD STORAGE BAGS OF ALL SIZES AND  
FREEZER BAGS, TRASH BAGS TALL KITCHEN AND LARGE SIZES**

**BED PILLOWS**

**BATTERIES OF ALL SIZES**

**\*CHILDREN'S AND ADULTS COUGH MEDICINES, ASPIRINS, AND  
BANDAIDS**

**SIPPY CUPS**

**\*DENOTES IMMEDIATE NEED**

**DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE, SO PLEASE ASK FOR OUR TAX I.D. NUMBER FOR YOUR  
RECORDS.**



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All services that Someplace Safe, Inc. provides are free of charge.

If you need assistance in obtaining a Civil Protection Order or need Court accompaniment, please call 330-393-3003 for an appointment with one of our Legal Advocates.

**We believe in the philosophy that everyone is entitled to  
a life free of violence!**