



Quarterly Newsletter 2016

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April – Victims Awareness
Month
May – DSS Shelter Tours
June – Beginning of Summer
Break

Upcoming Events:

August 6th: 10am-3pm Parent's Expo @ Greenwood Mall

September 30th: A Night of Music for Meg's House

September 30th: A Day of Action with United Way volunteers

Most Needed Items:

Gift cards for a variety of needs

Paper Products

Laundry Detergent

Cleaning Supplies

Meg's House serves McCormick, Edgefield and Greenwood counties. The sole purpose of Meg's House is to provide safe emergency shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence.



Executive Director Thank You

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for helping make 2015 another successful year at Meg's House. We could not do what we do for victims of domestic violence without your help. We need community volunteers and positive partnerships to provide the women and children that we serve with services.

Last year we provided services and programs to 2454 individuals. We could not have done this without you. We are always grateful and in need of the help from the community.

Here are a few program highlights:

Crisis calls: 1181

Adult community presentations: 578

United Center Walk-ins: 134

Individual therapy sessions: 115

Teen Community presentations: 62

Several individuals obtained permanent housing

Again, thank you for all your support and your help. We take pride in our mission, our accomplishments, and with your continued support we can continue to better serve domestic violence victims and their dependent children.

Sincerely,

Alice Hodges, PhD

Executive Director

DSS

Serving Children and Families

During the month of May, Meg's House DSS Liaison Kim Simmons set up shelter tours and educational presentations for local DSS offices. The tours were provided for DSS offices McCormick, Edgefield and Greenwood County, Meg's House service areas. The shelter tours provided the staff of DSS an insight of shelter living for domestic violence victims. They were also informed of the new requirements for GAMES, Project HOPE and Operation IMPACT, Meg's House homeless transitional housing programs. The presentations educated the staff on the signs of domestic violence as well as how to respond to the victims.

Adult Support Group that is provided every Tuesday at 11 am and 5 pm is open to the public. DSS uses this resource for their families so they can attend group counseling to educate and empower women on their direct needs. Meg's House staff and the DSS case managers work closely together to build strong cases for the families of McCormick, Edgefield and Greenwood.

DSS SHELTER TOUR PARTICIPANTS

-  Kim Simmons
-  Malinda Searles
-  Caylia Fortenberry
-  Shirley Walker
-  Jennifer Robinson
-  Ameshia Harris
-  Tara Johnson
-  Laverne Moss
-  Grescencia Zellars
-  Fannie Stevens
-  Robbie Seigler
-  Verteema Chiles
-  Synetae Gilchrist
-  Faye Grawford
-  Robin Smith
-  Sharon Allen
-  Moronda Tally

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS

The month of April was Victims Awareness Month. The importance of victims' awareness is to gain trust with victims to restore their hope for healing and recovery. Our Lander University interns Michaela Coats and Dorlisa Evans advocated on victims' behalf by sponsoring a community Block Party. The Block Party was held April 9th, 11am – 3pm at Greenwood High Apartments. This event was a huge success with many generous donations from local businesses that provided door prizes, arts & crafts, games and bounce houses. A special thank you to the Lander University Art Department, Self-Regional Healthcare, Belk and Jumping Jax who provided the items listed above. There were also educational classes on services that local organizations provide as well as fire safety and a tour of the fire truck provided by the Greenwood Fire Department.

As a victim it is often hard to focus just on the self, such as the mind and body. During hardships it is physically and emotionally draining. On April 14th Self Regional Prevention and Wellness Services provided health screenings for the program participants of Meg's House. The Self Regional staff educated the participants about making healthy choices and how to improve bad health decisions. The health screenings focused on cholesterol, blood pressure and body fat analysis.



Interns Dorlisa Evans (left) and Michaela Coats (right) who planned the Block Party

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