

Once again, Roundy's Foundation provided support to Advocates by generously donating gift cards to be used for food for shelter residents and those in need in their own homes. This year's cards totaled \$4,500, which will pay for a large portion of our fresh food needs.

Pictured from left to right are Barb Fischer, Advocates' Executive Director, receiving the gift card presented by Colleen Stenholt and Jan Voichick from Roundy's Foundation.

We also depend on additional monetary and non-perishable food donations from many groups and individuals in the community. Thank you very much for your generosity.



Our Children's Support Group had a great time creating a very colorful poster which was sent to Roundy's to show their appreciation. The 8' x 3' original consisted of various colored handprints on white paper.



Thank you

Thanks to the Port Washington Woman's Club for holding a baby shower benefitting Advocates' clients!!!



If you fed the meter or found a parking ticket on your windshield while shopping at Bayshore Town Center, we hope you know that the money went for a good cause. Advocates was one of six area non-profit organizations chosen by the

Bayshore Community Foundation Fund Governing Committee to receive proceeds from the 2010 Change for Charity Meter Program. From November 2006 to the end of 2009, the foundation has supported local charities with over \$750,000.



Thank you

Due to space restraints, we are only able to feature a few of our many generous donors/supporters in this issue. All donors will be listed in our Annual Report. Thanks so much for your vital support to Advocates.

SUMMER 2010

Prevention Through Education

Prevention education is one of the many services provided by Advocates of Ozaukee. Presentations and workshops address the important issues of dating and domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment, and bullying. Most often, these presentations are done in the middle schools, high schools and churches throughout Ozaukee County.

We believe that the message about the severity of dating and sexual violence and the importance of education is reaching the community. Listed below are the numbers of youth who have attended at least one of these workshops or presentations. This number is outstanding, especially when compared to previous years.

First half of 2010	2,200
All of 2009	1,540
All of 2008	1,412

Nationally, 1 in 3 teenagers report knowing a friend who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their boyfriend or girlfriend.

Along with prevention, these presentations have also led to intervention, providing a safe opportunity to disclose abuse and reach out for services. There have been several occasions where an adolescent has approached our Outreach Director after a presentation and asked to speak in private or called the following week to say that they heard "Mary from Advocates" speak at their school or church and are in need of services.

Prevention and education services are not just available to children and adolescents. In fact, we encourage teachers, social services agencies, parents, and all of those who care about the safety of children to educate themselves on how to help establish and maintain healthy relationships.

If you are interested in scheduling a presentation or would like more information, please contact Mary Knetter, Sexual Assault Victim Services Director/Outreach Services Director, at (262) 284-3577.

Many Ways YOU Have Helped

Most of our newsletters have contained information on cost free ways to help. As we all know, every little bit helps. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help with these programs and the businesses that make them possible. Keep it coming! If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call.



- **Cell phone collection** - earned \$4,630 since 2003 plus phones used by clients
- **Sentry** and **Pick N' Save** rebates - \$578 since 2007
- Charitable Checking, currently with **Cornerstone Community Bank** - over \$1,200
- Your donations of clothing, household supplies and furniture have helped many families with a fresh start in lives without abuse.



It's in the Numbers: Domestic Violence in Ozaukee County

One of the most prominent national statistics regarding domestic violence (DV) is that one in four women will be a victim in her lifetime. This month, Advocates completed its 2009/10 United Way of Greater Milwaukee report on services. The report shows that Advocates served several hundreds of clients during that 12 month period.

Often people assume that these people come from the city next door, but it is our experience that DV is taking place in every community. From July 2009 through June 2010 the individuals we worked with were from:

56 - Mequon/Thiensville
20 - Cedarburg

37 - Fredonia/Waubeka
67 - Grafton

20 - Belgium
65 - Saukville

139 - Port Washington

These are the number of people who came forward to talk about the abuse they have suffered. We know that DV is one of the most underreported crimes nationwide, so we know these numbers don't truly reflect the depth of the issue.

The responsibility for recognizing, reaching out, and speaking out against domestic violence is all of ours. Someone you know, in your church, your bowling league, or your workplace is a victim. Please stand up for them by recognizing the issue of domestic violence as a community problem. Talk about it at your civic group meetings, churches, and among your co-workers. **The best weapon against domestic violence is the collaborative and loud voices of the community declaring it to be unacceptable.**

Barb Fischer, Executive Director

Volunteers

As Volunteer Manager, I am extremely fortunate to have so many great people that make my job easier because of their dedication and support. I would like to recognize the following volunteer groups who have been extra busy this summer.

We have had many clients recently who have been without transportation of their own so our transportation volunteers have been a very big help. They have taken clients to counseling appointments, to medical clinics, eye appointments, to school, to work, and apartment hunting. The clients have told staff how much they enjoy their time with these volunteers.

Another important group is our Childcare and Children's Support Group Volunteers. Volunteers have provided childcare at the shelter for Moms who have had counseling sessions, doctor's appointments, and appointments to apply for assistance and jobs. Clients can be overwhelmed with so many things they need to take care of in order to start their life over without the abusive partner. Having volunteers provide childcare gives them the break they need to get things done. Our Children's Support Group Volunteers are also vital to our Tuesday and Thursday nights. These volunteers assist our Children's Group facilitator by participating in group projects and activities. The impact of the attention they give to our kids goes a long way.

Summer is high season for our Landscaping Volunteers. We have a faithful two-man team that keeps our grass cut and our lawn manicured. The Ozaukee Master Gardeners tend our garden beds and grounds. These volunteers keep us looking great on the outside which creates a welcoming and peaceful first impression to new shelter residents. Many clients and visitors remark how beautiful our property is.

Donations do not slow down in the summer so our volunteers stay busy picking up donations throughout the Ozaukee County area. Kohl's Department Store in Grafton also supports us by coming out once a month throughout the summer to sort clothing and housewares in order to keep our Hope Room stocked with new items. Our clients truly enjoy being able to utilize our donation center and continue to tell us about the great things they find for themselves and their children.

Our volunteers support our clients in many practical, necessary, and fun ways. The entire staff at Advocates is extremely grateful for all they do.

Cheryl Legel
Volunteer Manager/Advocate

We welcome Cheryl back to Advocates just in time to thank our volunteers!

In Memory of Barbara Schaezner

Barbara Schaezner, Advocates Co-Founder and Master Gardener, who through her foresight and caring, changed the lives of others. This is what is engraved on the bench that Advocates' Board of Directors decided to honor Barb's memory with. It is already being used daily by more women whose lives will be changed, thanks to Barb.

Other Ozaukee County Master Gardeners continue to keep the shelter gardens flourishing.

We extend our sympathy to her loved ones and very much appreciate the support of the many monetary donations that were made in her name.

Linda Armstrong & Mark Raderstorf
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Amy & Dave Winzenried

JOIN A SUPPORT GROUP

Groups are open to all women and their children experiencing domestic and/or sexual violence.

Domestic Violence

Tuesdays
6:30—8:00 p.m.

Children's Domestic Violence Support Group meets at the same time. It is open to children of all ages.

Sexual Violence

Thursdays
6:30—8:00 p.m.

Childcare provided.

**Call for more
information.**

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program at Potawatomi
Bingo and Casino.



Advocates is one of the
lucky agencies who will
split this year's jackpot in December.

Miracle on Canal Street's mission is to improve the
quality of life for children in southeastern Wisconsin.
Through funds raised from special bingo games and
the generosity of Potawatomi Bingo Casino guests, the
program focuses the joy of holiday giving onto those who
are the hope for the future.

Since its inception in 1994, Miracle on Canal Street
has contributed more than \$9.5 million to more than
300 non-profits. In 2009, 20 children's charities in
southeastern Wisconsin shared \$1,004,651. This year,
Miracle on Canal Street will be impacting even more area
children, as 30 charities will share in the funds.