



CRA INSIGHTS

Information to grow with



Fundraising Designer Purse Bingo

We are very excited! Over 300 people attended our Purse Bingo Fundraiser held on Wisconsin deer hunting opener, November 17th. Our event was graciously hosted by Cricket's Bar & Event Center, Amery, WI. Players vied for their chance to win a designer handbag. We also had raffles for all of the remaining purses as well as a \$1,000.00 Travel Voucher.

All proceeds are going toward the purchase of a passenger van for the shelter to transport survivors & their families.

We are happy to announce that with proceeds donated by 100 Women Who Care & SMRMC Clinic, as well as all of the proceeds from this event, we are able to purchase our van!!!!

Thank you to all of our volunteers, sponsors and participants for helping to make this event a success!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Wisconsin deer opener 2019 for our next event at Cricket's!

FREE INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION

Increase your
understanding of
Domestic Abuse

An Advocate from CRA
will walk you through
the dynamics of
Domestic Abuse.
Learn why it happens
& how you can
support a survivor of
domestic violence

**To sign up your
agency or
organizations, call
Deanine at CRA,
715-825-4414**

About CRA

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noun

a place giving temporary protection from bad weather or danger.

History

Community Referral Agency got its start from a former police officer from Luck, Wisconsin. Terry Hanson and his wife, Jenny became aware of the problem of Domestic Violence in Polk County and recognized a great need for the services an organization like CRA could offer. Terry & his wife ran a safe home out of their own residence and began to educate the people of Polk County to the needs of families experiencing violence in their homes. In 1979, with the help from volunteers, Terry organized a Board of Directors, incorporated and Community Referral Agency was born.

ADVOCACY IS NOT ABOUT TELLING A SURVIVORS WHAT TO DO. IT IS ABOUT PROVIDING A SURVIVOR ALL OF THE OPTIONS OPEN TO THEM.

In the early years CRA only served Polk County until 1983, when a group known as "Task Force on Domestic Violence in Burnett County" joined forces with CRA. For several years, an all volunteer staff at CRA offered advocacy services, a 24-hour crisis line and safe homes in the two county area.

Today

CRA's current facility is in Milltown. It was built in 2001 as a Domestic Violence shelter. Because of the support of Polk & Burnett Counties, CRA has grown from the safe bed that Terry and Jenny provided in their home to what we have today. Today, CRA includes a 20 bed shelter, and with the addition of cribs and toddler beds can house about 25 survivors a night. At any given time, about half the shelter residents are children

1 IN 5 CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EVERY DAY.

OF THOSE 20 %,

90 % EXPERIENCE ABUSE THEMSELVES..

Besides bed and bath facilities, the shelter provides a shared kitchen, a well stocked pantry, laundry facilities and houses our Polk County offices.

More than just a shelter

OUR MISSION IS TO ELIMINATE DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND IT'S NEGATIVE EFFECTS IN OUR COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING SHELTER AND SERVICES THAT PROMOTE PEACE, JUSTICE AND SAFETY.

Community Referral Agency is more than just a shelter. While it is true that we provide a safe environment for survivors and their families, we also provide other services for those in shelter and also for those not needing shelter, but need help navigating their legal and medical systems.

WE PROVIDE

- 1 A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR SURVIVORS & THEIR FAMILIES**
Our shelter is a 20-24 bed secure facility. We provide private, accessible and respectful living space for singles or families with a well stocked shared kitchen and laundry facilities. CRA also provides as well as new clothing, personal items, and gently used furniture for a new residence.
- 2 EDUCATION**
Advocates are available 24/7 to offer information on life skills, housing, employment & support groups
- 3 CRISIS SERVICES**
Advocates on staff to provide support, educate and aid survivors with options for assistance with legal, medical, human services or other agencies
- 4 SAFETY PLANNING**
Advocates work with survivors to develop a safety plan, whether at home, in shelter, at work or in a new residence
- 5 CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES**
Our Child Advocate offers one on one child advocacy, Parenting group, G.I.R.L.S Group at local schools & a Family Unity Night
- 6 LEGAL ADVOCACY**
On staff Advocates extend support and information (only) on Temporary Restraining Orders, Family Court, Judicare Assistance, and Domestic Violence Education
- 7 MEDICAL ADVOCACY**
CRA works with county Sexual Assault Response Teams to provide support and options throughout the medical & legal process. After a sexual assault, a CRA advocate will offer to be present during a SANE exam.
- 8 SUPPORT GROUPS**
CRA offers a number of support groups in Polk, Burnett & Barron counties. Please see our complete calendar on our website crashelter.org
- 9 COMMUNITY**
Part of CRA's mission is to help eliminate violence in our communities. We offer presentations regarding our services and education on topics related to domestic and sexual violence awareness to schools, community organizations, church groups and other service providers.
- 10 WEBSITE: CRASHELTER.ORG**
Our website provides information, education, our support group calendar & upcoming fundraising events.

Facts about CRA in 2017

- Advocates had 9944 client-service contact hours in just Outreach Clients
- 5 out of 10 women in our shelter were abused by a current or former intimate partner
- CRA provided 6029 bed nights for survivors and their families
- A total of 38,787 direct service miles were provided
- 1195 Hotline Crisis calls were answered and helped
- 18,087 meals were provided to shelter residents and their families
- CRA provides services to both men and women who are in need of domestic violence or sexual assault services

Most all of these statistics are reporting much higher in 2018 and the year is not quite over.



Donations needed in shelter

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Sometimes a survivor will only be able to leave their home safely with the clothes on their back. While in shelter they will need basic items to restore their quality of life for themselves and their children. You can view a larger ["WISH LIST"](#) of needed donations on our web page. The items listed here each month are things we are in immediate need of.

If you are able to help out and drop off a donation, you can do that right at the shelter. If you would rather make a monetary donation, you can mail the donation check to: CRA

PO Box 365

Milltown, WI 54858

December Donation requests

- XL fitted twin sheets
- Laundry Soap/dryer sheets
- Drawstring FLEX garbage bags
- Batteries- AA & AAA
- Cold medicine, Cough Syrup & drops
- Baby wipes & disinfectant Cleaning Wipes
- Christmas wrapping paper, tape etc



Donations are greatly appreciated and help us to carry out our commitment to survivors and their children.

Call our 24/7 Crisis Line, 800-261-7233 for help.

Community

Education

CRA works to increase the communities awareness about domestic and sexual violence through community outreach. Part of CRA's mission is to help eliminate violence in our communities, and with that in mind, we offer presentations regarding our services and education on a variety of topics related to domestic and sexual violence awareness to schools, community organizations, church groups and other service providers. If you are interested in learning more about the cycle of violence and how to help stop domestic violence and sexual assault in your community, Call us at **715-825-4414** to find out more.

Support Groups

All groups are held every week unless noted.

Please call to sign up 715-825-4414

POLK COUNTY GROUPS:

MONDAY'S:

Amery S.T.A.R.S. Group: From 4-5 pm
(Surviving Trauma Advocacy Resource Support)

TUESDAY'S:

Osceola S.T.A.R.S. Group: From 6-7 pm
(Surviving Trauma Advocacy Resource Support)

WEDNESDAY'S:

Milltown Parenting Group: from 1-2 pm
Milltown S.T.A.R.S. Group: from 2-3 pm
(Surviving Trauma Advocacy Resource Support)
Domestic Violence Education Class: from 10-noon
every other Wednesday

THURSDAY'S:

Milltown Family Group: Dinner from 5-5:30pm
F.U.N. Family Group Milltown: from 5-6pm
Milltown S.T.A.R.S.: from 6-7 pm
(Surviving Trauma Advocacy Resource Support)

Burnett County – 715-349-7272

Burnett County Group: from 4-5 pm on Monday

Barron County – 714-651-4969

Barron County Group: from 5:30-6:30 on Thursday

Our Elves have gathered up some Christmas wishes of the boys and girls in shelter & outreach that need a little Christmas cheer. If you can donate any of these specific gifts, please drop off at the Milltown shelter.

DEAR SANTA!

Legos, Duplos, JO JO Siwa (Young Singer) items, Bubble Guppies, Willie Wishers (Smaller American Girl items), Barbies & Accessories, My Life doll with horse, Super Hero Items, Puzzles, Shopkins, Minions, LOL, Twilight Book Series, Percy Jackson books (Greek Mythology) Base balls, soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, portable phone chargers, headphones, handheld video games, Winter Hats, Board Games, Card Games, Bluetooth Speakers, Boys body wash sets, Hoodies for boys, Boys flannel pants, socks, Music CD's, Hunting or fishing items



your donations are greatly appreciated

NOVEMBER 2018

CASH DONATIONS

Renee Nanez	H.E. Rice
Patricia Steingrubel	Danny Wheeler
Kathleen Savela	D.M. Person
Chanda Elliot	Luann & Larry Ebersold
Julianna Kannenberg	Jeannie Swanson
Tamara Twedt-Close	Molly Engstrom
Pamela Peterson	Margaret Tolbert
Eva Nagel	Jennifer Turrentine
Julie Hall	Cherrise Miller
Ilene Weber	Shirley Albrecht
Ann Majerus	Carla Phillips
Rose Collins	Barabara Sweet
Kathleen Dorma	Carol Brogger
Maragret Lincoln	Nancy Cambell
Beverly Kimball	Elaine Wilson
Lynn Stromberg	Avion Accounting
Karen Howe	Anderson Construction
Donna Ehrenberg	Craig O'Brain
Chris Moeller	Amy Thorsen
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Janice Oeffler
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West Immanuel WELCA
Grace Lutheran WELCA
United Methodist Women
Zion Immanuel LWML



*Thank
you!*

to all who
made our
purse bingo
event a
success

100 WOMEN WHO CARE

The new Polk - Burnett Women Who Care group held their second meeting in which three different Non Profit's vied for the donation of \$100 per member. Members vote on the Non Profit they feel best deserves the groups contribution. The Non Profit with the most votes received the entire donation.

With 70 members, the purse of \$7,000.00 was awarded to Community Referral Agency. This donation will be put towards the purchase of a passenger van to use for the survivors at the shelter!

THANK YOU 100WWC!

