



SANTA BARBARA RAPE CRISIS CENTER
CENTRO CONTRA LA VIOLACION SEXUAL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY ADVOCATE MEETING:

Monday, August 13th, 2007, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This month's Advocate meeting will focus on providing counseling to women in the county jail. The facilitator will be Yesenia Curiel and she will discuss the county jail environment, inmates and working with staff.

~Yesenia Curiel, Crisis Intervention Coordinator



WELCOME FLOR!

Please join me in welcoming Flor Ulloa as our new Spanish Training Coordinator. Flor comes to us with a great deal of experience as she has served as a volunteer, as a Spanish speaking Hotline Assistant on weekends and has on two occasions stepped in to assist us in providing back up to the hotline during the week. She will start immediately and will be attending the CI Training that has just commenced in order to benefit from the wonderful training skills that Maria & Heather are offering SBRCC in the absence of the Spanish Training Coordinator. When offered the position, Flor very enthusiastically said she was ready for the challenge and said she will be bringing lots of enthusiasm to the position.

~Elsa Granados, Executive Director



CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!

SHAPE OF VOICE Youth Newspaper has offered SBRCC a page in its fall issue as a space for *youth* clients, volunteers, and supporters to express themselves.

We need contributions of:

- Poetry
- Testimonials
- Articles

- Photography
- Artwork

Contributions should address issues of sexual violence, oppression, and social justice. Contributions can be in English or Spanish, and can be made anonymously.

Contributions are due by Monday, August 27th, 2007.

Please share this information with clients, volunteers, and friends. For more information or to contribute, please contact me at: alena@sbrcc.net or (805) 963-6832, ext. 12

Thank you for making our voices heard as a community against sexual violence!

~Alena Donovan, Community Education Coordinator



SPEAKERS' BUREAU TRAINING

Here's your chance to overcome your fear of public speaking and help dismantle rape culture at the same time! Speakers' Bureau Training is open to all Sexual Assault Counselors. After the 12 hour training, you will be ready to give Sexual Assault Prevention presentations to middle & high schools, colleges & universities, parenting cooperatives, spiritual and religious organizations, and other community groups.

The tentative schedule for the upcoming Speakers' Bureau Training in ENGLISH is:

1. Monday, August 27th, 6:00-9:00pm
2. Wednesday, August 29th, 6:00-9:00pm
3. Monday, September 3rd, 6:00-9:00pm
4. Wednesday, September 5th, 6:00-9:00pm

Volunteers are required to complete all twelve training hours in order to join the Speakers' Bureau. Speakers' Bureau members make a one-year commitment to the Community Education Program. If you are interested, please contact Alena at alena@sbrcc.net or 963-6832 ext. 12.

~Alena Donovan, Community Education Coordinator



4th ANNUAL GREAT AMERICAN WRITE-IN

SBRCC is a member of the Santa Barbara Pro-Choice Coalition, and we encourage you to join us for the Great American Write-in, a letter writing campaign and large-scale lobbying effort in recognition of **Women's Equality Day**. The theme of this year's event is "*Equal Access to Reproductive Health Care!*"

Saturday, August 25th, 2007

1pm - 3pm

Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Central Library

Call 963-2445 x147 for more info

- ☞ **Make your voice heard:** SBRCC and other community organizations will provide participants with information about current legislative issues and opportunities to send letters to elected leaders advocating for policies concerning equal access to health care, support for sexual assault survivors, violence prevention initiatives, and programs promoting justice, equality, and inclusion.
- ☞ **Learn our Legacy:** Access to safe, respectful reproductive healthcare is a fundamental human right - and an ongoing battle. At the event, you can mark your place in history as we create a visual timeline reflecting the continuing struggle for reproductive justice.
- ☞ **Stand up for Choice:** After you sign letters, Stand Up for Choice! Join us at the corner of State & Anapamu streets to raise your voice in support of reproductive freedom from 1:30-2:30pm.

~Alena Donovan, Community Education Coordinator



SAVE THE DATE for CHOCOLATE DE VINE!!!

Please save the date for SBRCC's Chocolate de Vine event to be held **Saturday November 3rd, 2007, 7-10pm** at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Tickets are \$55 advance, \$65 at the door and \$95 for the VIP reception 6-7pm. Come and mingle with your friends and enjoy wine and delicious chocolate creations made by local chefs.

~Hilary Kleger, Development Director



HELP PLAN THE CHOCOLATE DE VINE EVENT

SBRCC will be presenting an exciting new event this fall: Chocolate de Vine. The event is slated for Saturday November 3rd, 2007 at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Additional volunteers are needed to plan and organize the event as well as volunteer during the event. Current vacancies include: Food & Beverage Chair, Logistics Chair, Entertainment Chair, Decorations Chair, and Volunteer Chair. Additional people are needed to help solicit donations for the event. Meetings will be held every other Wednesday at 5:30 pm at SBRCC. Meeting dates include: August 15th, August 29th, September 12th, September 26th, October 10th, and October 24th. Committees may hold additional meetings. Chocolate and other refreshments are served at all meetings. Please join us! Tell a friend! For more information, please call Hilary Kleger at 963-6832 x 13.

~Hilary Kleger, Development Director



GOOD SEARCH: HELP SBRCC BY SURFING THE WEB

There is a new search engine called GoodSearch. They donate advertising proceeds to the non-profit of choice. You simply do your internet search through GoodSearch and designate Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center. To begin your search, go to www.goodsearch.com and write in Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center under "who do you goodsearch for?" click "verify," then start your search.

Please use goodsearch - powered by Yahoo!- instead of other search engines when you need to search the internet. Please use responsibly. If they suspect our users are abusing it - we could be removed. Please spread the word! The more people that use GoodSearch and designate SBRCC - the more the money will flow.

~Hilary Kleger, Development Director



OUTREACH HELP NEEDED!

If you're interested in helping to conduct outreach for the upcoming Crisis Intervention Training in English, please contact Katie ASAP. This can be another rewarding way to give back to the community and ensure training of future Advocates. Please contact me at katie@sbrcc.net or 963-6832 x 19.



SELF-DEFENSE HELP NEEDED!

Advocates are needed to be present at SBRCC's Self-Defense Workshops for Women to be available for survivors and loved ones in the group to speak with during and after the class. Advocates may choose to actively assist with the class, or just be present in the office in case a participant would like to talk.

Advocates are needed for the following dates:

- **Saturday, September 8th, 10am-2pm**
- **Saturday, November 3rd, 10am-2pm**

If you would like to help, please contact me at 963-6832, ext. 12 or alena@sbrcc.net. Thank you!

~Alena Donovan, Community Education Coordinator



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

As you may have noticed from the purple reminder signs around the office, the end of the quarter & financial year meant that statistics entry was pending, as grant reports are due. Here are some statistics that as volunteers you may be interested in...

Over **40 advocates volunteered 8,511 hours** of their time to end sexual violence. Other volunteers working towards this goal include board members, committees, long-term counselors, office support & speaker's bureau. Over **120 volunteers gave 14,997 hours** over the past fiscal year...wow!

Thanks everyone!

~Penni Louise, Office Manager



DONATE OLD CELL PHONES

Did you know you can support SBRCC by donating your used cell phones? The agency receives a financial contribution for each phone we collect, so please tell your friends and family to drop off their old and tired cell phones at our office.

~Ofelia Cervantes, Receptionist