

Camden County Women’s Center



A Newsletter for Friends of CCWC

"We cannot
ALL SUCCEED
if half of us
are held back."
-Malala Yousafzai
Age 17

The Camden County Women's Center (CCWC) is under the umbrella of NJAC, a private 501 (c) 3 organization. CCWC is dedicated to assisting survivors of domestic violence build violence-free lives, and to reduce domestic violence through community education initiatives.

Services are provided to residents of Camden County without regard to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, gender, color, creed, or disability.

All services are free and confidential. Call or recommend our hotline to someone in need and begin the healing process.

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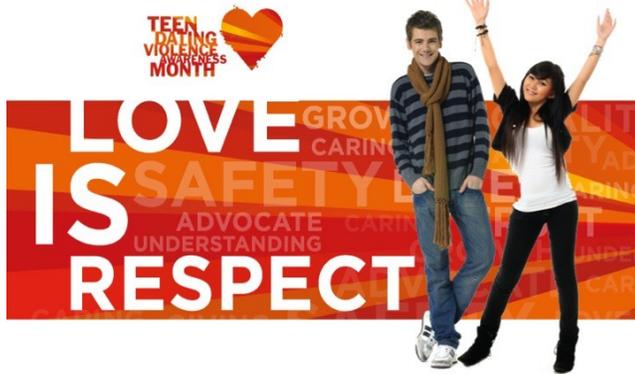
CCWC SPOTLIGHT: SEPHORA-CHERRY HILL MALL



Sephora of Cherry Hill Mall was honored as Volunteer of the Year by the New Jersey Association on Correction during the Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2014. Sephora, represented by Store Director Keith Shelly and Assistant Scott Serota, pictured left alongside CCWC Program Supervisor Nancy Hutchinson and NJAC Board President Charley Flint, received this prestigious award in recognition of their hard work and dedication to the Camden County Women’s Center during their corporate “Values InsideOut Program.” The nationwide “Values InsideOut Program” operates annually from May 1st through November 30th and allows each affiliate store the opportunity to connect with a local nonprofit. Sephora of Cherry Hill Mall selected CCWC and, through a coordinated effort, actively participated in supporting our fundraising efforts, helped to

increase awareness about the issues surrounding domestic violence in our community, and volunteered to help out wherever they were able. Through this program and their efforts, Sephora raised approximately \$6,000 for CCWC. Sephora of Cherry Hill Mall and its incredible staff have donated hundred of beauty products to our clients and offered free make-up sessions for clients going on job interviews. The store continuously opened its doors to CCWC staff and hosted many Saturday community education, fundraising, and successful book signing events. Additionally, staff at Sephora of Cherry Hill Mall worked closely with CCWC on the Allstate Purple Purse Challenge, the #CMYBEAUTY Campaign, and Dessert Night 2014. We thank Sephora of Cherry Hill Mall for their friendship, generosity, and perseverance.

FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH



This February, start talking about **healthy relationships!**

One in three teens will experience dating violence and two-thirds of them will never report it. Abuse crosses all social, economic and ethnic boundaries, devastating a young person's health and safety. Dating violence hurts victims, families, friends, schools and communities.

It's time to break the cycle.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in February brings together organizations and individuals nationwide to highlight the need to educate young people about dating violence, teach healthy relationship skills and prevent the devastating cycle of abuse.

Join the National Youth Advisory Board for loveisrespect.org and thousands of other dating abuse advocates to spread the message to your social networks and help promote healthy relationships.

Additionally, you can take action on February 14 and read the National Respect Announcement to a classroom, youth group, or before meetings. You'll be raising awareness of teen dating violence and the resources to end it.

Love has many definitions, but abuse isn't one of them.

If you or someone you know has a question about a relationship, healthy or unhealthy, visit loveisrespect.org or text "loveis" to 22522.

For more information, visit www.teendvmonth.org.

NJ STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A-1310/S-1630: Requires persons placed on probation for a DV crime to attend professional domestic violence counseling from either a private source or a source appointed by the court. Last action was taken on 3/17/14 where it was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Contact your state legislator or Judiciary Chair Sen. Scutari, 908-587-0404 about this bill.

A-1579/S-1918: Creates self-defense justification for victims of domestic violence. Last action was taken on 4/28/14 where it was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Contact your state legislator or Judiciary Chair Sen. Scutari, 908-587-0404 about this bill.

S-995/A-1677: Establishes a program to facilitate the reintegration of certain domestic violence victims, who have been convicted and incarcerated for committing crimes against their abusers back into the community. This bill has passed the Senate. Last action was taken on 9/11/14 where amendments were requested along with second reading to the Assembly Women and Children Committee. Contact your state legislator or Women and Children Chair Asw. Lampitt, 856-435-1247 about this bill.

A-1953/S-2480: Requires police to determine if the person arrested has had a domestic violence restraining order entered against them. Last action was taken on 10/14/14 where it was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Contact your state legislator or Judiciary Chair Sen. Greenstein, 609-395-9911 about this bill.

A-2154/S-553: Permits a domestic violence victim to testify against an alleged abuser via closed circuit television in prosecutions for a crime or offense involving domestic violence. Last action was taken on 4/28/14 where it was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Contact your state legislator or Judiciary

DESSERT NIGHT 2014

Over 200 people came together on October 29, 2014 to celebrate *Women of Courage* during Camden County Women Center's Dessert Night 2014. They shared cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and most importantly, desserts, while visiting with old friends and making new ones at Tavistock Country Club in Haddonfield, NJ.

Everyone enjoyed the basket auction, bidding on over 40 items with 3 grand prizes.



"What I enjoyed best about the Dessert Night Fundraiser was that it not only raised funds for a wonderful

and caring organization, but it also honored the courageous women that strive for a better future day in and day out," said Lena Haaf, first time Dessert Night attendee.

Thank you to everyone who helped out, contributed, attended, and supported Camden County Women's Center on this very special night.

New Partnership Announcements!

CCWC would like to thank the following outstanding agencies, companies, and individuals for their assistance and generosity over the past couple months. We look forward to a long-standing collaboration with you in servicing our clients.

- Southern NJ Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women
 - NJ American Water
 - Empire Beauty School
 - Collingswood Women's Club
- Haddonfield Police Department
- UMW Greater NJ Conference
 - Rutgers University
 - Distributing Dignity

CCWC's

wish list

- New women's undergarments (All Sizes)
- Diapers (All Sizes)
- Baby Wipes
- Bottled Water
- Healthy Snack Packs
- Children's Juice Boxes
- Projector
- Inspirational Books

We encourage companies and individuals to arrange collections based on our wish list. Call us at 856-963-5668 to partner with us today and make a difference in your community.



We want to say thank you to our recent, extraordinary donors!

Bath and Body Works—Voorhees Town Center

J.T. Teen Support Group

Winslow Township

Airborne Systems North America

Katie Watts

Margaret Sheperd

Anthropologie

Stephanie Greenleaf



Domestic Violence Response Team Volunteer Recruitment

We are seeking volunteers for our Domestic Violence Response Teams. For more information about the program, please contact Hilda Massenburg at 856-963-5668 ext. 761 or email: hmassenburg@njaonline.org

Thanks to all who donated and participated in the Allstate Foundation Purple Purse Campaign for CCWC, we are proud to announce our Financial Empowerment Classes.

Beginning on January 8, 2015, clients of CCWC will complete this 5-session program following the **Moving Ahead Through Financial Management** curriculum with efforts towards helping survivors of domestic violence move from safety to long-term security.

Again, thank you for helping CCWC raise over \$5,000 through the Purple Purse Campaign!

**It's not your fault.
You're not alone.
Help is available.**

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Visit us online at:
www.camdencountywomenscenter.org



CCWC is a program of the New Jersey Association on Correction "Helping People With a Past, Build a Future"

If you or someone you know is in need of immediate assistance, CALL 24/7 I-856-227-1234 "SPEAK UP"

DONATIONS

The generosity of our individual and corporate donors allows CCWC to provide necessary services to victims and survivors across Camden County.

To make a tax-deductible donation to CCWC, complete the form below, visit our website www.camdencountywomenscenter.org to make a Paypal donation, or call 856-963-5668.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF: \$ _____

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ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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