

# Survivors, Inc.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Christina Simpson, Esq.

**Vice President:** Jim Holler Jr.

**Secretary:** Carol Miller

**Treasurer:** Pat Myers

### Directors:

Kareema S. Griest

Kimberly Walker

Jacqueline Hollabaugh

Jennifer Hansen

Janice Rhoads

Scott Hill

### Honorary Members and Founding Mothers

Carolyn Nunemaker

Jennifer Weaver

## Inside this issue:

Governor Signs Act 78 of 2006 2

January is Stalking Awareness Month 2

Observances of Domestic Violence Awareness Month 3

Holiday Wish List 3

Recycling for a Cause 3

Quarterly Statistics 4

Quarterly Donors 4

“Rape: A Girl’s Story” 4

Advocate Spotlight 5

Volunteer Opportunities 5

Volunteer of the Quarter 5

Volume 1, Issue 1

Winter 2006

## Thoughts from the Executive Director

It is with much pleasure and anticipation that I begin my journey at Survivors, Inc. as the new Executive Director. My career has been focused on striving for social justice, believing that if oppression exists anywhere then no one is safe. The dedication and talent of those involved in the organization impressed me from my first contact with Survivors.

I come to Survivors with many years of service working with folks who often were impacted by domestic or sexual violence each day, through my past work with adjudicated/delinquent youth and work with those infected with HIV disease. I have seen first hand the impact of violence on families, on children, on our communities.

I look forward to meeting many new people in the coming weeks, months and years. It is my earnest desire to be of service by providing the

foundation for Survivors to continue increasing in capacity and to find the resources necessary so the fight against domestic and sexual violence will move forward, and that the agency can advance the mission in the most effective way possible.

In the few weeks since my official start date (10/12/2006), I have witnessed firsthand many things wonderful, empowering, and compassionate. I have also gotten a clear look of the larger need, and the tasks that lie ahead of us. Please join us actively in the days ahead, and thank you for the earnest support the agency has received over the years.

We would not be here without the support of the community, and the recognition of those in Adams County that battering and rape are not acceptable.

Together we can work to create a world where violence



**Terri Hamrick Kessel, Survivors' new Executive Director, can be reached at 334-0589 ext 22 or via email at [terri@survivorservices.org](mailto:terri@survivorservices.org).**

of any sort is unthinkable. One person at a time.

Please join us for an Open House on December 12, 2006 from 4pm-7pm at our new Administrative Office location at 26A Springs Ave in Gettysburg.

## Homeless for the Holidays

Each year it happens. The children awake Christmas morning bright eyed and filled with excitement. They rush down from their rooms to check under the Christmas tree. Santa Claus really was able to find them, and their worries vanish for a day - they are filled with joy.

To the children residing in our

shelter, it's a magical moment. But the rest of us know the magical moment was due to the love and compassion of our community. Their outpouring of love for these youngest victims of domestic violence spreads through the shelter as the mothers watch often with tears in their eyes as the children open their gifts, knowing that someone took the

time to care about their children.

I witness this scene year after year, this outpouring of love and support for victims of domestic violence. My heartfelt thanks for those who care about others.

Sincerely,  
Kay Quigley, advocate

”...her  
estranged  
husband  
barricaded  
himself inside  
their home  
with their  
youngest child  
and set the  
house on  
fire...”

## Governor Signs Act 78 of 2006

Pennsylvania House Bill 1632 (Act 78 of 2006), amending the Unfair Insurance Practices Act, was passed unanimously in both the House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Rendell on July 7, 2006. The law, which went into effect on September 5, establishes additional protections for victims of domestic violence.

Prior to Passage of Act 78, property and casualty insurance policies typically denied claims resulting from an "intentional act" by a named insured. This exclusion was designed to deter insureds from intentionally damaging their own property in order to receive a financial gain. However, this caused victims of domestic violence severe hardships when batterers damaged property.

The prime sponsor of Act 78 was Representative George Kenney (R) who became interested in the issue when one of his constituents found herself and her children homeless after her estranged husband barricaded himself

inside their home with their youngest child and set the house on fire in 2001. The insurance company filed a federal lawsuit, claiming no obligation to pay the \$60,000 in property damage because the batterer deliberately torched the house, even though the wife was completely innocent.

Act 78 will provide for the following:

1. Expansion of the definition of abuse in the Unfair Insurance Practices statute to include property damage and establish a statutory prohibition against an insurance company's refusal to pay automobile and homeowners' claims arising out of abuse to an innocent claimant when an abusive partner intentionally causes the property damage.
2. Requires insurers to notify a victim of abuse that an investigation for losses could result in contact with other "insureds," which could include the batterer and that, if requested, the insurer will not disclose the location of the domestic violence victim.
3. Requires insurers to notify the victim of abuse at least 14

days prior to instituting any legal action against the insured alleged to have caused the loss.

4. Will allow insurers to not renew coverage or impose a surcharge on the insured that caused the loss, but not until six months following payment of the claim or the policy's renewal date.
5. Requires insurers to provide the innocent coinsured with the national domestic violence hotline number.
6. That payment of a claim to a victim of abuse will constitute payment as to all other insureds under the policy as directed by the statute.

Legislative Support Senator Gib Armstrong (R), Lancaster, Senator Patricia Vance (R) Cumberland County, the Governors Policy Office and the Insurance Commissioner were instrumental in assisting with passage of Act 78. The PCADV and the Women's Law Project of Philadelphia have worked together over the last twelve years both state and nationally to obtain these important protections for victims of domestic violence.

-Nancy Durborow, PCADV



## January is National Stalking Awareness Month

Stalking can happen to anyone. 59% of female stalking victims and 30% of male stalking victims are stalked by their intimate partner (Stalking Resource Center), usually in the course of trying to end a relationship. Stalking involves a series of behaviors which cause the victim emotional distress and fear.

Stalking is a crime in Pennsylvania. The two elements of the crime are:

1. There must be at least two

matter how close or far apart in time they occur, and

2. The victim must experience reasonable fear of serious bodily injury or substantial emotional distress.

Stalking behaviors include acts such as:

- sending unwanted letters, cards, e-mails, flowers or other gifts
- watching or laying in wait for someone at home, work or school
- following by foot or car

- repeatedly contacting by phone or mail
- harassing via the internet

The District Attorney's Office would make the decision to file stalking charges in criminal cases and would use the newly adopted county-wide stalking protocol as a guideline.

For more information on other measures of safety for victims of stalking, please call our free and confidential hotline at 334-9777 or 1-800-787-8106.

## Observances of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On the night of October 18, community members came together in the Ballroom at Gettysburg College in a night of remembrance and recognition of those who have survived domestic violence.

The 7th annual Domestic Violence Awareness Night, co-sponsored by the Domestic Violence Task Force and the Gettysburg College Women's Center, focused on the children who grow up witnessing domestic violence in their households. Liberty Township Police Chief Jim Holler spoke of his experiences responding to domestic disputes where children were in the home. He urged the

audience to help other community members realize that domestic violence does exist in Adams County and that its effects on children are profound.

Several young artists performed throughout the evening. Among them were the Gettysburg College Children's Choir, Gettysburg Dance Center, Keyless Entry, an acappella choir from Gettysburg High School, and UpScale, an all-female acappella choir of Gettysburg College students.

T-shirts created by children in counseling at Survivors were displayed in an effort to show the devastation experienced by children exposed to violence.

Perhaps most telling was the story of survival presented by Dayna Johnson-Moser. Dayna told of her violent relationship and the abuse that her two then young daughters lived with until she was able to leave. Dayna read a narrative written by her youngest daughter about what it was like to have an abusive father.

Kareema Griest received the Community Recognition Award from the task force for her time and advocacy for victims of domestic violence.

Kareema, also a domestic violence survivor, is on the Board of Directors at Survivors and is a student at HACC Gettysburg campus.



## Holiday Wish List

Paper products: toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, paper plates, beverage cups

Non-perishable foods: cereal, boxed potatoes, boxed rice, canned goods, canned hams, canned tuna, coffee, creamer, tea bags, individualized drinks, frozen turkeys, frozen meats

New underwear for women and children in all sizes

2 or 3 white noise machines

Baby items: disposable diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 & 6), diaper wipes, Onesie shirts, sleepwear, baby monitors

Hair products for women of color

Magazine subscriptions

Restaurant gift certificates for Burger King, McDonald's, Wendy's, Arby's, Dairy Queen

Large white board

Conference table or board room table with chairs

2 and 4 drawer lateral file cabinets that lock

Batteries: AA, AAA, 9-volt

Miscellaneous items: gas gift cards, haircut gift cards, Wal-Mart gift cards, ice cream gift cards, Giant Foods gift cards, Weis gift cards, Kennie's gift cards

**Please call Shirly or Ivy at 334-9777 to make a wish list donation. Thank you!**

## Recycling for a Cause

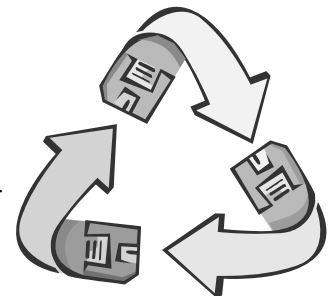
Survivors is collecting empty inkjet and laser cartridges as a funding project through The Funding Factory®, the nation's leader in fund raising through recycling. Each cartridge carries an individual point value which can later be redeemed for computers or other equipment. Thus far, Survivors has been able to obtain a computer monitor and an LCD projector

for power point presentations.

Used cell phones are also being collected for use by women who remain in their abusive relationships or who are trying to leave their batterer so they can call 911 in an emergency. The overflow of cell phones are sent to the Funding Factory® for points or to Shelter Alliance where they are refurbished and

sent to other county domestic violence programs.

Drop boxes are available at the Gettysburg Village Factory Stores Food Court, outside the entrance to the Gettysburg Hospital cafeteria, on the lower floor of the Courthouse by the elevator, and at Survivors' Administration Office. All donations are greatly appreciated.



## Quarterly Statistics: June - August 2006



### Domestic Violence

Adults and Children Sheltered	
New Adult Victims Served	103
Continuing Adult Victims Served	64
New Children Served	33
Continuing Children Served	
Number of Shelter Nights	314
Number of Children Counseling Hours	207.5
Number of Adult Counseling Hours	681.5
Number of Trainings and Programs to Community Groups & Schools	3
Number Reached	44

### Sexual Assault

Adult Victims Served	25
Child Victims Served	15
Significant Others Served	13
Adult Counseling Hours	216.5
Child Counseling Hours	87.75
Significant Other Counseling Hours	47.5
Number of Trainings and Programs to Community Groups & Schools	3
Number Reached	34

## Quarterly Donors

Survivors would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who made a donation to Survivors over the last fiscal quarter. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of sexual assault survivors and battered women and their children.

Beverly Bigham  
Judith Bullis  
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Jack Crist  
Fraternal Order of Eagles  
Diana Llauguet  
Richard Michael

Danielle Ott  
Janet Powers  
Cathy Sneeringer  
Temple-Inland Foundation  
Armando and Guadalupe Torres  
Christina Simpson and Phil Trostle

We would also like to extend our thanks to Jeff Hardman of Magic Touch in Orrtanna for donating the window coverings to tint our administrative office windows and provide additional privacy for those seeking legal advocacy and counseling services at Survivors.

*“Your  
generosity truly  
makes a  
difference...”*



## “Rape: A Girl’s Story”

A child torn away from her innocence  
Stripped of her life  
Thrown all too fast into a world of self-doubt and lies  
Think it’s all over, guess again  
Someone’s onto her again  
Looking her up & down  
Until he’s got her alone  
Think that it’s over  
Hell, think again

Everyday is another scare  
Everyday is another tear  
In this world she’s been forced into  
She can’t fight alone  
She has tried & tried  
And time after time she’s thrown aside  
Soon she realizes she is trapped  
In this world of depression, suicide, & illegal sex.

- Anonymous

## Advocate Spotlight

Survivors is pleased to announce that Remigia Sandoval was awarded the Eighth Annual Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Award on November 16. The award honors those who have shown outstanding commitment to enhancing the lives of victims of crime in Pennsylvania.

Remy was selected due to her extraordinary service through Survivors, Inc. where she has worked as a Quick Response Advocate since 1997. In addition to providing emotional support

and information to victims of both domestic violence and sexual assault, her outreach to the Hispanic community has involved maintaining contact with medical services, human service providers, adult education services, and the Mexican consulate.

Being a naturalized US citizen herself, Remy has aided other immigrant women in obtaining work permits and social security cards and has helped many work towards establishing citizenship for

themselves and their families.

Remy sits on the Latino Task Force, an affiliate of Healthy Adams County, and also serves as a board member for SCAPP (South Central Community Action Programs). She recently helped to establish "Manos Unidas", an information and referral service for Spanish speaking community members.

We at Survivors are proud of Remy's accomplishments and thank her for her dedication to victims of intimate violence.



## Volunteer Opportunities

With the holiday season upon us, we are in need of helpers to aid with preparations. If you are interested in gift wrapping, writing letters on behalf of Santa, or sorting donations, please call Ivy, our Children's Advocate, at 334-9777.

April is recognized nationwide as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The activities held to commemorate the month are planned by a committee of people from all sects of the

community. We are looking for additional members to bring new ideas and contacts to the group. Our first meeting is on Friday, December 8 at 2:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Gettysburg College Women's Center on N Washington St., across from Community Banks. Please call Lisa Nevada at 334-0589 for additional details.

Survivors will begin its next volunteer counselor/advocate training on Saturday, January

27, 2007. Classes will meet on Saturdays from 9AM to 3PM on the Gettysburg College campus. The 63-hour state mandated program runs through April 14. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 fee for the course. All men and women dedicated to providing advocacy and counseling services to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse may contact Lisa Nevada at 334-0589, ext 25. Please call to register by January 25.

*"With the holiday season upon us, we are in need of helpers to aid with preparations."*

## Volunteer of the Quarter

Survivors would like to congratulate Danielle Ott on being our newest Volunteer of the Quarter. Dani, a dedicated mother of three, offers her time to help with tasks such as planning clergy trainings, distributing agency brochures, and leading activities at our children's support groups.

Dani completed her counselor/advocate training in the fall of 2005 and immediately began working to complete her

practicum and become a certified advocate.

Dani served as an outreach intern for the agency where she spent numerous hours contacting local businesses and medical offices to share information and literature about Survivors and offer employee in-services to educate the community about partner violence.

She also wrote letters to local

churches asking clergy to spread the word within their congregations that no one deserves to be abused and that help is available. With Dani's help, a clergy training is planned for the spring to provide further information about addressing domestic violence.

Thank you, Dani, for all you do for the children of Survivors and to raise awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.



Survivors supports those who experience domestic violence or sexual assault and strives to create a world in which violence against women and children is unthinkable.

Survivors, Inc.  
PO Box 3572  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Phone: 717-334-0589  
Fax: 717-334-3576

Email:  
survivors@survivorsservices.org

Nonprofit  
Organization  
US Postage Paid  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
Permit No. 56

We are on the web!  
[www.survivorsservices.org](http://www.survivorsservices.org)



### Survivors is a Community Club Awards Participant - How Does it Work?

When you shop at participating sponsors, turn in your receipts to Survivors. It's that simple! Survivors can then redeem those proofs-of-purchase to WGET in exchange for cash awards. Adams/Hanover area sponsors include: Agway of Gettysburg, Bair's Flower Basket, Battlefield Harley-Davidson/Buell, Cappella's Ristorante & Pizzeria, Clarks Bostonian Shoe Outlet, Dunlap's Restaurant & Bakery, Gettysburg Village Outlet Center, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Just Jennifer, Knouse Foods, Kuhn Bros. Oil Service, Little's Gas Service, Livelsberger Auto Group, McDonald's, The Medicine Shoppe/Laslow's Pharmacy, Snyder's of Hanover Factory Store, and Wogan's True Value Hardware & Variety Store. Please visit [www.wget.com](http://www.wget.com) and click on CCA for a full list of sponsors and bonus point coupons!

Donations are welcomed by Visa/MasterCard or check made payable to Survivors, Inc.: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Name (as it appears on card) \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

The official registration and financial information of Survivors, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free (800)732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. Our registration number is 3789.

Let us know what you think about the new face on our newsletter! E-mail your feedback to [survivors@survivorsservices.org](mailto:survivors@survivorsservices.org).

**HELP UPDATE OUR MAILING LIST: If you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, or if this newsletter is coming to your residence but not to an addressee currently living there, please let us know by calling our administrative office at 334-0589. Thank you for your help!**