

# SOSshelter

Serving domestic violence survivors and  
the community since 1979

## news

### Fall 2011

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We're also on Facebook.

September brought massive flooding to Broome County and surrounding counties. While the shelter and the administrative and advocacy building came through with just some leakage, many of our neighbors were not so lucky, including A New Hope Center, the domestic violence agency in Tioga County.

Damage from the flood was visible throughout the communities. And so were great kindness and hard work. Neighbors got to do more than wave as they pulled out of driveways. They encouraged each other, shared equipment, and kept each other informed. People arrived with hot lunches for workers and residents. The Red Cross and Binghamton University partnered in sheltering people displaced by the flooding. Local broadcasters quickly put together a relief effort—partnering with United Way as the distributor of funds. Churches provided food and clothing, meeting some essential needs. Crews from fire departments across New York State arrived—a welcome sight for many residents. Friends and family members arrived at damaged houses and did whatever was necessary. Hauling debris, tearing out walls, cleaning out water and muck. Cities, towns, and villages coordinated in the removal of all the damaged items sitting curbside. So many people who have done so much.

Over our 32 years, the SOS Shelter has experienced the compassion of this community. And that same spirit has been evident over these last few weeks. There will be much more to do as people put their lives back together. I'm convinced that the struggle will be lessened by the kindness, hard work and generosity we've witnessed.

Rebecca Allerton  
Executive Director

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## IRA Charitable Rollovers: one way to help

Taxpayers age 70½ and older are required to make annual distributions from their IRAs which are then included in the taxpayers' adjusted gross income (AGI) and subject to taxes. The IRA Charitable Rollover permits those taxpayers to make donations directly to charitable organizations from their IRAs without counting them as part of their AGI and, consequently, without paying taxes on them.

A donor's total combined charitable IRA rollover contributions cannot exceed \$100,000 in any one year.

*Eligible Charities.* Charitable contributions from an IRA must go directly to a public charity that is not a supporting organization.

*Eligible Retirement Accounts.* Distributions can only be made from traditional Individual Retirement Accounts or Roth IRAs.

*Directly to the Charity.* Distributions must be made directly from the IRA trustee payable to the public charity.

*No Gifts in Return.* Donors cannot receive any goods or services in return for charitable IRA rollover contributions in order to qualify for tax-free treatment.

*Written Receipt.* In order to benefit from the tax-free treatment, donors must obtain written substantiation of each IRA rollover contribution from each recipient charity.

*Consult your tax advisor for further information.*

(Thanks to Esserman & Pelter, LLP for providing this information)

## Broome Go Purple! shine the light on domestic violence

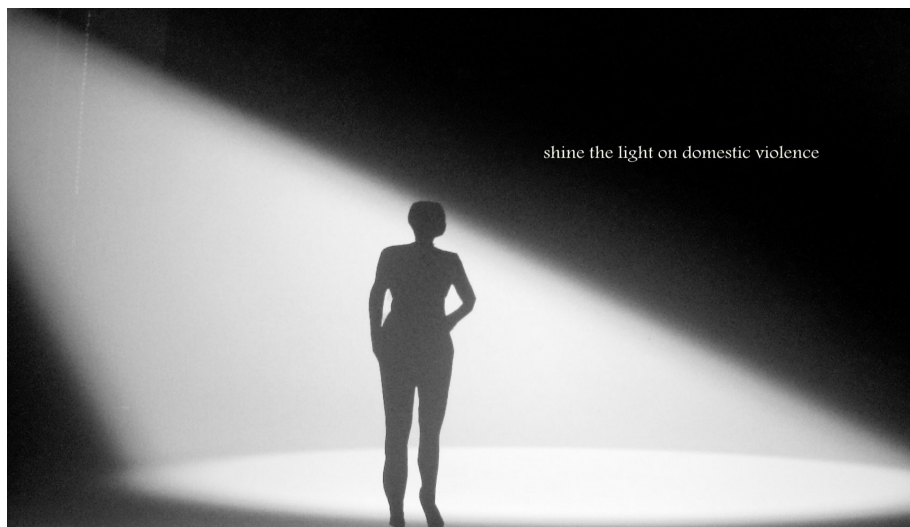
For some twenty years, purple has been the color associated with domestic violence awareness and prevention. In October which is nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness month, the Broome County Family Violence Prevention Council is launching the local BROOME GO PURPLE Campaign to bring awareness to issue of domestic violence.

You can participate and shine a light on the issue by being photographed wearing purple. Be creative! Purple ribbons, shirt, tie, shoes, jewelry, hair...? You can upload your own photo to [broomegopurple@gmail.com](mailto:broomegopurple@gmail.com). We'll post them on the Broomegopurple facebook page where people can like your photo. Oh, did we mention that the photos will be cropped to conceal identities?

The campaign will be launched on October 6th and some cropped photos will be on display at the Oakdale Mall from October 13th through the 19th. Participants whose photos are on display will have their name listed at that time. Anyone who wants can visit [broomegopurple](https://www.facebook.com/broomegopurple) on facebook and like their favorite photo. The identity of the person in the community whose photo has the most likes will be revealed on October 19th at the Oakdale Mall along with the other participants.

If you submit your photo please include an email giving us permission to post them on Facebook and use them at any display or event for Domestic Violence Awareness month. Include your name, phone number, email address and any organizational affiliation you'd like recognized. (The Family Violence Prevention Council reserves its right to edit or not use photo representations if the Council deems the photo or submission inappropriate.)

October 19th is wear Purple day all over New York state so wear your purple!



*You are cordially invited to join  
The Board of Directors and Staff of*

*The SOS Shelter  
at a  
Buffet Luncheon*

*Thursday, October 27, 2011  
12 noon—1:30 pm*

*Binghamton Club Ballroom  
83 Front Street  
Binghamton, New York*

*\$20 per guest  
Please RSVP to  
607-748-7453 or [events@sosshelter.org](mailto:events@sosshelter.org)*

*Payment may be made by check to SOS Shelter, Inc., PO Box 393, Endicott, NY 13761, or  
online at [www.sosshelter.org](http://www.sosshelter.org) and pay via paypal or at the luncheon. Please include your name  
and the name of guests and note payment is for luncheon. \$20 per guest.*

*For more information: Phone 607-748-7453 Email: [info@sosshelter.org](mailto:info@sosshelter.org)*

# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Shine the light on domestic violence

WHEN DID THE .....	GET THE WORD OUT
<p>A. first domestic violence shelter open in Chiswick, England?</p> <p>B. first domestic violence shelter open in the U.S. in St. Paul, Minnesota?</p> <p>C. U.S. Civil Rights Commission issue <i>Battered Women: Issues of Public Policy</i>?</p> <p>D. SOS Shelter open in Broome County?</p> <p>E. first Domestic Violence Awareness Month occur?</p> <p>F. United Nations recognize violence against women as a human rights violation?</p> <p>(see answers below)</p>	<p>You can create awareness about domestic violence and the services of the SOS Shelter by making as many copies of the poster on the opposite page as you like and distributing them throughout the community. Suggested places include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public restrooms</li> <li>• Medical offices</li> <li>• Hair salons</li> <li>• Places of worship</li> <li>• Community agencies</li> <li>• Laundromats</li> <li>• Campuses</li> </ul> <p><b>Please remember to ask permission to post!</b></p>

## *If*

*you belong to an organization and would like a presentation about domestic violence and the work of the SOS Shelter, call our administrative office at 748-7453 to request a speaker.*

*you'd like to be involved with the SOS Shelter as a volunteer, call our administrative office or email to [info@sosshelter.org](mailto:info@sosshelter.org).*

*you're interested in serving on our Board of Directors, send your resume to us at [info@sosshelter.org](mailto:info@sosshelter.org) or mail to SOS Shelter, PO Box 393, Endicott, NY 13761.*



# Help for victims of Domestic violence

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Confidential/secure residence for up to 20 women and children.

Food

Clothing

Transportation

Advocacy

Supportive counseling

Relocation assistance

Legal information

Court accompaniment

Court petition preparation

Children's activities

Assistance is also available to those who are not in shelter.

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## New Ramp at Advocacy and Administration Building

The Advocacy and Administration Building has a new ramp! Community Development Block Grant funds through the Town of Union funded the replacement of the old ramp—which also included improving access by replacing the sidewalk with one that has the appropriate curb cut and pad. Solar light caps will improve visibility and safety.

## Conscious Discipline Series at Broome County Public Library

The Early Intervention/Prevention Committee of the Broome County Family Violence Prevention Council is hosting a series on Conscious Discipline at the Broome County Library on Thursdays from Sept 15 through November 3, from 12pm-1pm. Shelter Manager Carrie Hyde will be one of the presenters.

## Help for the Holidays

We always welcome help around the holidays—yes, they'll arrive before we know it! You can help by:

- ◇ holding a food drive through an organization to which you belong, your place of business or worship, neighborhood, or as a way to honor a friend or family member. (See the list on the opposite page for suggested items.)
- ◇ donating gift cards. This is the most flexible way to help the families we serve—allowing them to enjoy something many of us enjoy—choosing gifts for our loved ones.

Call Rita at our administrative office for more details, 748-7453.



### FOOD DRIVE AT THE GREATER BINGHAMTON AIRPORT

The TSA and US Airways sponsored a food drive at the airport for the shelter. What bounty! Thanks to all who donated and the TSA and US Airways for sponsoring the drive and transporting the food.

# Non-monetary Donations

Due to staffing schedules and volunteer availability, donations can only be accepted on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** at the SOS Shelter's administration office, between the hours of 9:00 AM – 4 PM. Please contact us at (607) 748-7453 for more information, to make alternate arrangements, or to ensure we can accept your donations.

Cell phones can be dropped off at the SOS Shelter's administration office at any time. There is a cell phone drop box on the porch near the front entrance. Cell phones can also be donated at various drop boxes in Binghamton, Johnson City, and Endicott. Please contact the Advocacy Assistant at (607) 748-5174 for additional information.

Gift cards and gas cards are always appreciated and can be used to meet many needs.

## SOS Shelter Needs List

### Special Items

New children's car seats  
Baby monitors

### Clothing and Personal Items

New bras  
New underwear  
New socks  
New toiletries  
New tooth brushes  
New hairbrushes  
Children's diapers  
Tampons/sanitary pads

### Household Supplies

Dishwashing liquid  
Laundry soap  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Paper napkins  
Sponges  
All-purpose cleansers  
Mops  
Brooms  
Dustpans  
Scrub brushes  
Bowl cleaners  
Bowl brushes  
Buckets  
Cleaning cloths  
Furniture polish  
Alarm clocks  
Towels  
New pillows

### Non-perishable Food Items

Cereal  
Crackers  
Fruit snacks  
Canned fruit  
Canned vegetables  
Flour  
Sugar  
Baking mixes  
Rice  
Spaghetti sauce  
Pasta  
Boxed dinners  
Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Juice boxes  
Bottled or canned juice  
Iced tea mix  
Cocoa or hot chocolate mix



#### SOS SHELTER DONATION FORM

CLIP AND RETURN TO:  
SOS SHELTER, P.O. BOX 393, ENDICOTT, NY 13761

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to support SOS Shelter services for victims of domestic violence

Donation is in the honor of (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Donation is in memory of (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

WE ACCEPT MASTERCARD AND VISA.

VISA #: \_\_\_\_\_

MASTERCARD #: \_\_\_\_\_

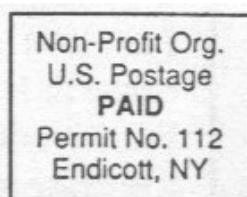
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For your convenience you may also make donations securely online through PayPal at [www.sosshelter.org](http://www.sosshelter.org) on the "make a donation" page.

The mission of the SOS Shelter, Inc. is to assist families who experience, or are threatened with domestic violence and to increase the community's awareness of this pervasive problem. The primary focus of the Shelter is to provide supportive and secure surroundings for a woman and her children, facilitate their solution of the immediate problems, and aid in planning for their long-term needs.

## MISSION STATEMENT



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- To update your mailing address
- If you receive more than one newsletter
- Would like to receive your newsletter via email

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