

SOS Shelter News

Summer

2009

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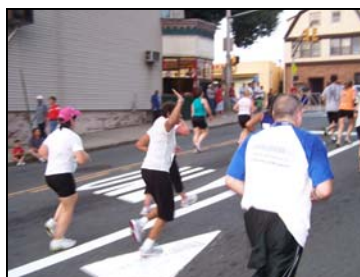
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Carole M. Cassidy

MISSION STATEMENT

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 the long-term needs.

April Johnson, Director of Advocacy, participates in the Verizon Wireless Corporate Classic 5K Run

Linda Hodges and her husband, Jim, cheered her on from the crowd. April said "Thanks Linda for the pictures, of course a picture paints a thousands words, I would just like to say that I felt proud and honored to be in the Verizon Wireless Corporate Classic 5k Run For Hope Line Phones. JERSEY BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICE, INC. is the official charity beneficiary of the Verizon Wireless Corporate Classic. I could not believe that there were over 4000 runners. Out of the 4000 runners, I ran the 3.1 mile run in 34:53.9, and I placed 2089 out of all the runners and I placed 1569 out of the female runners. I said that I would not probably run another race, but for this cause, I would run and continue running for Domestic Violence." Thank you all for your support! Congratulations April! YOU DID GREAT!!



Come on out and support the SOS Shelter at our Annual Walk Against Violence, and this year we've added a **5K Run!** We're very excited about expanding this event, and look forward to your support. For more information and to register online at www.sosshelter.org.

SOS Shelter's Annual 5K Run/Walk and Stroll
Sunday, September 13, 2009
Otsiningo Park Pavillion
Registration begins at 9:00 am
Run/Walk starts at 10:00 am

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2009-10**

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SOS Shelter Welcomes...

Kelly Palmer
Substitute Staff

Celebrating Staff Anniversaries

1 year

Nicole Doyle, Operations Manager

8 years

Patricia Ericksen, Executive Director

18 years!

Flo Pacifico, Residence Aide



**Thank you for
your commitment
and dedication!**

SOS Shelter receives \$41,315 grant

New York State Office of Children and Family Services announced that SOS Shelter is the recipient of CPS/DV grant. The money will be used for home visits, training and other programs to support the work of SOS to enhance child safety in situations involving battered spouses and their children. Congratulations to Pat Ericksen, Carrie Norton, Nancy Macko and Linda Hodges for a job well done! Special thanks Terry Cortese-Green for your expertise and guidance during the grant application process. We appreciate your time and efforts!

“One Call at a Time” Cell Phone Community Collection

Donation of your used cell phones could save a life! SOS Shelter collects used cell phones to be handed out to our clients so they can dial 911 in the event of an emergency. We also recycle phones that are not useable. For more information, please contact Linda, Advocacy Assistant at 607-748-5174.

Thank you!!

Binghamton Senators Fans
Binghamton Simulator Company
Binghamton University Women's Student Union
Empower Federal Credit Union
Endwell Baptist Church
GHS Credit Union
ME High School Participation in Government Class
JC Penney
Levene, Gouldin & Thompson
Spectra Products
UE High School
And
Numerous Individuals!



2009 Goal

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming Events

Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally July 31st - August 2nd

In honor of the SOS Shelter's 30th Anniversary, **Binghamton Simulator Company** sponsored a tent for us to display our Clothesline Project. Visit the SOS Shelter tent and walk through the Clothesline Project. The project displays shirts designed by survivors and families/friends of victims of violence. The shirts hang side-by-side to "*Break the Silence*" and to bear witness to violence against women. The project focuses on providing healing for survivors, educating the public, and providing solutions through individual action to prevent violence.

For the children we have butterfly craft and coloring projects.

Bring your used cell phones. Drop box will be available at the SOS Shelter tent.

While you're there, enter a chance to win a "Balloon Ride for Two" for a \$10 donation.

Rogers Service Group donated a "Balloon Ride for Two"! Only 500 tickets will be sold. Proceeds

benefit the SOS Shelter, Inc. Drawing will be held on Sunday August 2nd at 7:00 pm. The lucky winner and their guest can take their balloon ride anytime in the next year. **Rogers Service Group** will mail the gift certificate directly to the winner. The winner's name will be posted on our website after the Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally.

Thank you **Binghamton Simulator Company** and **Rogers Service Group**!



SOS Shelter, Inc.— Celebrating 30 years of service as Broome County's sole domestic violence shelter. In October, 1979, the SOS Shelter opened its doors in a house that had been donated by the First Presbyterian Church in Endicott, NY. Its minister, Rev. Andrew Mann saw the need for a Shelter for battered women and their children; he contacted some fellow minister and business men in the community and made it happen. The mission of the Shelter was, and continues to be, "to assist families who experience, or are threatened with, domestic violence and to increase the community's awareness of this pervasive problem". The house was renovated by the work of many volunteers and when it was ready to open, it could house 13 women and children. Due to the publicity it had received, there was a waiting list before it opened its doors. At first it provided just basic service—a safe place to stay, food, clothing, counseling and child care. In 1989, with the help of a grant from HHAP, we were able to purchase and modernize a larger facility that could house 20 women and children in seven bedrooms, each with its own bath. The church allowed us to continue to use the original building for our advocacy office. In the year 2000, we were given a house, which we sold and used the money to buy a separate building for the Advocacy Office. In October 2001, we moved the administrative office to the advocacy building to provide more space for counseling and privacy in the Shelter building.

**You're Invited to our
30th Anniversary Celebration &
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Kick-off Luncheon
Friday, October 2nd, 2009
Binghamton Club
Doors open at 11:30
Program starts at Noon**

For more information and to register visit our website: www.sosshelter.org.

SOS Shelter is going green!

Printing and mailing costs have increased, and we need your help. It is our goal to decrease the number of newsletters we mail quarterly. We are requesting from our loyal community to assist us in reducing costs. **Please email info@sosshelter.org and ask to be added to our email list. Type: NEWSLETTER in the Subject line.** We have also upgraded our website to include more information, stories and photos. For your convenience you will be able to **register for events**, and make your donations securely online using Pay Pal. Visit www.sosshelter.org.

We're hiring...

We are currently hiring 2nd & 3rd Shift Residence Aides. If you're interested in applying, please visit our website www.sosshelter.org, click on Employment and download the application. Send your completed application and resume to SOS Shelter, Inc., PO Box 393, Endicott, NY 13791 or fax to: 607-748-5166. Call 607-748-7453 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Shelter Scoop

Authors: Carrie Hyde, Shelter Supervisor & Nicole Doyle, Operations Manager

Summer is here and the shelter is buzzing! The census has been up for the past few months with many clients needing shelter. With an increased census comes an increased need for donations from the community. As always, the community has risen to the call for help and donated to support the shelter program. The SOS Shelter staff would like to thank everyone who donated. Some of the recent donations have included paper towels, toilet paper, paper cups, paper plates, plastic utensils, napkins, and many other disposable items as requested for this month's focus. These items have many uses which range from use in the shelter by the clients to the clients using them when they discharge. In August, the focus will center around the theme of Back to School, and the shelter will be collecting notebooks, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, glue, backpacks, book bags, lunch boxes, glue sticks, staplers, hole punches, and school supplies, as well as gift certificates for hair cuts, shoes and new (or gently used) children's seasonal clothing.



A 'Note of Thanks' from a Survivors

"Thank you so much form all the help,

kindness, consideration you all showed throughout my stay. I couldn't have asked for better staff.

Thank you Linda V., Tawni, Flo, Alyson, Bobbi-Jo,

Krista, Becky, Carrie and Leigh." - A.R.

"I wanted to check in with you to let you know how I'm doing.... I no longer talk to my abuser. It feels

great to be free of that burden.... I love you ladies!

Thank you for everything!" - C.A.



Shelter Operations & Donations

Donations can be dropped at the Administration Office, 1201 E. Main Street in Endicott between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, on Tuesday and Thursday. If you need to make alternate arrangements, please contact Nicole, our Operations Manager at 786-3540. **For health and safety reasons, we are no longer able to keep donations dropped on our front porch.**

The following is a list much needed items by month:

August – Back to School

Back packs and school clothes, Notebooks, Loose Leaf Paper, Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Markers, Color Pencils, Erasers, Paints, Construction Paper, Glue Sticks, Glue, Scissors, Rulers, 2 Pocket folders, Back packs, Binders, Pencil Cases, and Lunch Boxes

September – Sweaters & Sweats and Food Drive

Sweaters/Sweats and lounge wear—all sizes for women and children
Canned goods and non-perishable food items

October – Gift Cards & Coats

Phone cards, Wal-Mart, Target, Giant, Price Chopper, VISA, MasterCard and AMEX, scarves, hats, mittens, coats, snow boots

November – Thanksgiving Food Drive

Children's books and games (for all ages), Gift cards from Wal-Mart, Giant and Price Chopper for Thanksgiving Baskets. Adopt a child/family during the Holidays

December – Holiday Wishes

Pajamas, Robes, slippers, socks and underwear for women and children of all sizes. Gifts, Books and toys for children of all ages.

It takes a Community...

Thank you to ALL the individuals, organizations, clubs, churches and supporters for your ongoing support and generosity! It is only through your kindness that we are able to provide the much needed personal care, food, clothing and household items for our clients and their children. **You truly make a difference!**



SOS SHELTER DONATION FORM

CLIP AND RETURN TO:

SOS SHELTER, P.O. BOX 393, ENDICOTT, NY 13761

PHONE 607-748-7453

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ **Donation is a gift in the honor of (please print)** _____

_____ **General donation to support SOS Shelter services for victims of domestic violence.**

_____ **Donation for special occasions for shelter women and children i.e. holidays, birthdays,
Mother's day**

_____ **Donation to transportation fund for women and children i.e. Dr. App, court app,
re-location**

_____ **Donation is in memory of (please print)** _____

WE ACCEPT MASTERCARD AND VISA.

VISA #

MASTERCARD#

Exp Date

Please contact us:

- To update your mailing address
- If you receive more than 1 newsletter
- Would like to receive your newsletter via email

Call 607-748-7453 or email info@sosshelter.org

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