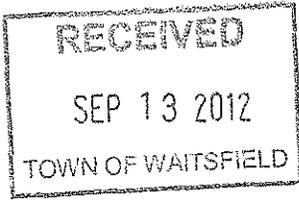


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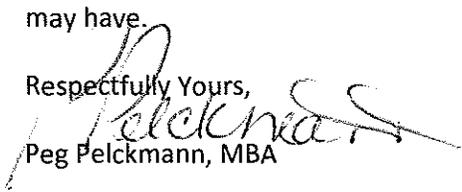
To Whom it May Concern,

The Sexual Assault Crisis Team would like to be placed on the Waitsfield ballot at town meeting. We are requesting the same amount as last year, \$250.00 (two hundred fifty dollars). I have enclosed our Annual Report for your convenience.

Although I can provide the number of victims served from Waitsfield , I cannot provide any other information about these victims. The reason I am unable to provide this information is due to a confidentiality policy we imposed on our advocates, and the promise we give the citizens who have been sexually assaulted that we will not give out any information without their permission. We do not want to re-traumatize victims if they are the only victims in the community and there is a possibility the offender might be advised of their location.

Please feel free to contact myself or the Executive Director, Bobbi Gagne, with any further questions you may have.

Respectfully Yours,


Peg Pelckmann, MBA

Case Manager/HR

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2011-2012 Annual Report

The Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT) is a private, non-profit organization that offers free of charge advocacy for male and female victims of sexual violence. This advocacy includes emotional support both one on one and groups, 24/7 emergency hotline, legal support, medical and hospital support, emergency overnight shelter support and shelter use for victims/survivors, their non-offending family members during the legal process including court, depositions, rape exam recovery, time before or after individual counseling sessions through private therapist, other times when victims/survivors need a private space or bed for an hour or a day. SACT also provides education around all sexual violence issues for Washington County Schools K-12 and colleges, service groups and other public organizations.

This year SACT is facing additional demands on our resources as we attempt to provide the services needed for male and female shelter residents who are leaving behind their homes, belongings and financial resources for medical, food and restart up cost. Victims and survivors not only look to us to provide food, emergency dental and or medical assistance but also look to us for transportation funds and relocation funds including rent deposits etc.. We have also found our shelter staff are having to provide assistance to people using our shelter to apply for or change location information for SSI and other resource needs. We are working closely with Norwich University and the Vermont National Guard Sexual Violence Response Coordinator to ensure returning soldiers and their family members, who are struggling with sexual violence issues, are offered all of our services to facilitate their transition to civilian life.

SACT operates using paid staff and during 2011-2012 we had five volunteers and seven part time stipend paid hotline staff from local communities who trained for twenty hours to provide confidential advocacy to victims by responding to hotline calls. During 2011-2012 SACT received 1899 calls for services including crisis calls for sexual assaults, requests for emotional support, hospital advocacy, criminal justice advocacy, information and referral, and requests for education and training. These calls for services were handled by both paid staff and volunteers. During fiscal year 2011-2012 SACT provided services to 179 new unduplicated and 7 return clients. SACT served survivors who suffered from a variety of abuse, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, stalking, pornography and human trafficking.

SACT provided shelter for male and females survivors of sexual violence. SACT also provided shelter for male victims of domestic violence and for special needs victims, primarily those needing a handicapped accessible facility which allows the non-offending care provider to stay in shelter with the victim/survivor. During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, SACT provided shelter for 56 people, including 26 adult females and 13 adult males and 12 female children and 1 male children for a total of 744 bed nights. SACT remains dedicated to providing services to all survivors of sexual violence and remains committed to identifying new needs and meeting that challenge.