



The Voice

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Newsletter

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

~ Margaret Mead

NO MORE |

TOGETHER WE CAN END
DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Empowerment

Involvement

Joy

WHY

wellness

Generosity

VOLUNTEER?

Humanity

COMMUNITY

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Voices Uniting To Promote Change

A Message from Patricia Rella, Voices Against Violence Board President

Abuse affects everyone. It is not a private matter. In the presence and aftermath of abuse, the whole community suffers, including the children of survivors, friends and families, and employers.

Voices Against Violence relies heavily on the generous support of our local community. Many individuals and businesses have been showing their support for years by regularly participating in our awareness events, donating time, services or skills, and making financial contributions. Each act of kindness and altruism brings us all closer to a community free of violence. Voices is grateful to be a part of this supportive and important network. We appreciate all gestures by those who have chosen to unite their voice towards eliminating domestic violence and sexual assault. You really do make a difference!

As part of a new initiative, we have been inviting businesses to partner with us and soon you will see posters hanging in the establishments that have chosen to enter into a mutually

beneficial relationship with Voices. If you, or a business owner you know, is interested in joining this growing group, please contact our office for more information.

Whether you are a business owner or an individual in our community, you can unite your voice with the many others who believe there is never an excuse for domestic violence or sexual assault. Together, let our collective voices send a resonating and powerful message: no more silence, no more violence.

We are always looking for more supporters and volunteers. There is much to be done and there are many ways to show you agree with our mission. Volunteering at Voices is a meaningful and rewarding endeavor and we could use your help right now. Call our office to find a way to show your support.

Patricia Rella

Thank You to Our Business Partners

A-bit Computer Systems

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Blissful Lotus

Bond Auto Parts, Inc

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Church of the Holy Spirit

Dunkin Donuts

G H Pizza

George's Seafood

Hats Against Hate

Holy Trinity Parish

Lucky Dog Tavern and Grille

M'N'M Scoops

Manny's Downtown Pizza

Meredith Village Savings Bank

Mid-State Health Center

North Country Quilters

Plymouth Elks

Plymouth Optical Shoppe

Plymouth State University

Psi Beta Gamma

Stoppe Managements, SDEV LLC

SwissJust

The Mill Fudge Factory

Village Pizza and Grill

Waterville Valley Resort

Whale's Tale Waterpark

White Mountain Jazzercise

And to all who donated to our annual auction and 2014 Winter Ball

Thank you to our Volunteers

June was Volunteer Appreciation Month

Every small act of kindness shown by our volunteers changes our community for the better, and we could not meet the needs of our clients without their help. The ways in which they give are immeasurable, but here are some of the most essential ways that our volunteers have helped us in the past year:

Working on our Board!

Giving rides to clients!

Making referrals!

Helping move clients into new homes!

Taking "On Call" shifts!

Shelter Maintenance!

Working outreach events!

Beverly Seavey Award

At our **2014 Winter Ball** at the Common Man Inn in February, Voices presented **Aimee Kolomick**, from Genesis Behavioral Health in Plymouth, with the **Beverly S. Seavey Community Service Award**. Each year the staff at Voices gives the award to a member of our community who has demonstrated an active role in carrying out our mission: to end the cycle of violence.

As a therapist at Genesis, Aimee not only provides outstanding services to victims, but works closely with Voices' advocates to address the safety needs of the victim and increase support for the family.

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Upcoming Events...

- **Fall Volunteer training**
Call our Volunteer Coordinator, Tina E., for dates and information
- **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!**
Watch for local Dine Out events!
- **The Clothesline Project**
Plymouth Town Common
October 9th All day
- **Candlelight Vigil**
Plymouth Town Common
October 9th at 7:00 pm

Wish List

- Laundry detergent
- Socks for women and children
- 1 Booster seat for an older child
- Pots and Pans
- Metal baking sheets
- Queen sheet sets
- Gas Cards
- Movies DVD & VHS (not blu-ray)
- Queen comforters and blankets
- 30 gallon Trash bags
- Snowshoes
- Children Snow pants (sizes 5T – teen)
- Mittens, gloves, and winter hats
- Prepaid laundry cards
- Gift certificates: Hannaford's/Wal-Mart

**To donate any of these items,
please call
536-5999**

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Reaching Out
Speaking Out

Since 1981 Voices Against Violence has been reaching out to and supporting victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking. Our advocates provide understanding, information, and support to victims, survivors, and non-offending family and friends. Our services include a 24-hour Crisis Line, Court Advocacy, Police and Hospital Accompaniment, Systems Advocacy, Emergency Shelter, Support Groups, and Education and Outreach. Domestic and sexual violence can take many forms including physical abuse, mental abuse, sexual assault, verbal threatening, and name calling. It can affect anyone at any time: friends, coworkers, relatives, children, teens, men, and women. By acknowledging the existence of domestic and sexual violence and stalking in our communities, we can raise awareness of the problem and enable both victims and witnesses to take action and break the cycle of violence.

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